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TO: Interested Stakeholders

FROM: Governor Jay Inslee

DATE: June 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Phase 1, 2, and 3 Weddings and Funerals – Proclamations 20-25 and 20-25.4

This memorandum serves as the criteria for amending wedding and funeral activities already permitted under Phase 1, 2, and 3. This memorandum is effective June 19, 2020.

After consulting with stakeholders, we have developed the **Phase 1, 2, and 3 Religious and Faith-based Organizations – COVID-19 Requirements**. These requirements apply as long as Gubernatorial Proclamations 20-25 and 20-25.4, or any extension thereof, is in effect or if adopted as rules by a federal, state or local regulatory agency.

This memorandum applies to:

Non-religious wedding and funeral or memorial services. Wedding services are defined as the wedding ceremony and receptions that are co-located or adjacent to the ceremony. Wedding services do not include engagement parties, bridal/groom/couples' showers, bachelorette/bachelor parties, or rehearsal dinners. Funeral and memorial services are defined as the ceremony honoring a deceased person, including a wake, burial, cremation, or memorial service, located indoors or outdoors.

This memorandum stands in the place of any omission from and supersedes any conflicting provision in Proclamation 20-25's Appendix, "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers" and, to the extent applicable, amends the Governor's May 19, 2020, concerning fitness activities.

The activities described in this memorandum may resume immediately if:

- The wedding or funeral planners can meet and maintain all requirements needed to comply with the guidance for Phase 1, 2 and 3 [Religious and Faith-based Organizations](#); and
- If food is served at a reception for a wedding, funeral, or memorial service, the venue must comply with the guidance for Dine-in Restaurants and Taverns; and
- They conduct only those activities that are allowed under their county's phase status.

General questions about how to comply with safety practices can be submitted to the state's Business Response Center at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/how-you-can-help/covid-19-business-and-worker-inquiries>.

All other violations related to Proclamation 20-25 can be submitted at <https://bit.ly/covid-compliance>.