

Going to a funeral



Coronavirus means we all have to stay a safe distance from other people who do not live with us.



To stop the disease spreading, we should not meet people in big groups.



6 people is the biggest group we can have, and everyone has to stay 2 metres apart.



If you hold your arms out to the side, that is about 2 metres.



Sometimes we want to meet in big groups for important events, like funerals.



The government has given some guidance to make funerals safer.



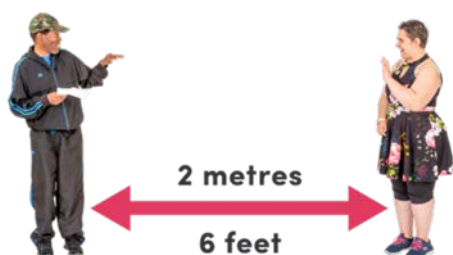
The group of people at a funeral should be as small as possible.



This might mean that only the person's closest family and friends can go to the funeral.



This is very hard, because it might mean other friends or family cannot go to the funeral.



To keep everyone safe, the people at the funeral must stay 2 metres away from each other if they do not live in the same house.



This is also hard, because it means hugs or holding hands with most people is not allowed at funerals at the moment.



Everyone at the funeral must wash their hands as much as possible.



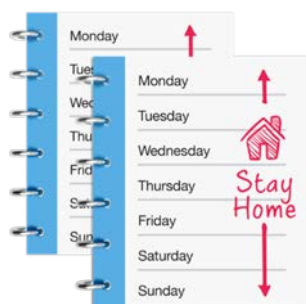
If you have coronavirus, or symptoms of coronavirus you cannot go to a funeral.



It is too dangerous for the other people, because you could give them coronavirus.



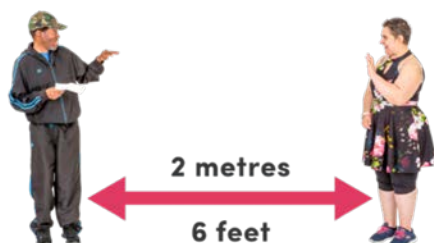
You could ask the people at the funeral to help you take part in the funeral on a video call.



If someone in your house has coronavirus or symptoms, you must have been isolated at home for 14 days before the funeral.



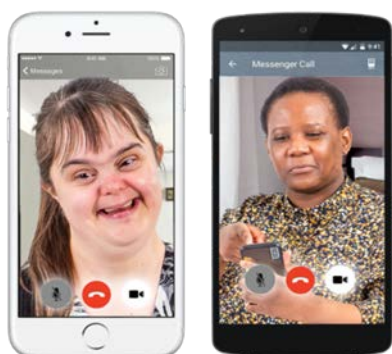
It might feel very hard to follow these guidelines if someone you love has died and you cannot go to their funeral.



But it is very important to follow the guidelines, to keep everyone safe.



If someone you know has died, it is a good idea to talk about your feelings with other people.



Together you can share your memories and support each other when you miss the person you have lost.