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Dear Funeral Directors,

Thank you all for the patience, understanding, and efforts to function differently that each of you has demonstrated during, not only, this remodeling period, but also the Global pandemic that we all continue to battle through.

With the remodeling project complete, the intent is to reopen the Chapel as well as the Pavilion at Loomis Hill for committal services under New York State COVID-19 Guidelines for Religious and Funeral Services.

The following highlights of the aforementioned guidelines, but not limited to, are expected to be regularly applied so as to minimize social interaction for the health and safety of Onondaga County employees and ALL visitors to Veterans Memorial Cemetery and Loomis Hill Cemetery:

- Committal Services, and burial procedures are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- 1-hour time blocks will be available at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 1:00 PM for Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel Services, and at 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 2:00 PM for Loomis Hill Cemetery Pavilion Services.
- Maximum capacities of 33 for an indoor gathering, and 50 for an outdoor gathering will apply, which will include all family and friends of the deceased in attendance, funeral home representatives, Officiant, and Military personnel.
- A "Contact Tracing Log", listing at the very least the name and telephone number of all individuals present, so that they may be contacted for contract tracing if necessary, must be submitted upon arrival at the cemetery.
- A distance of at least 6 feet must be maintained amongst all individuals at all times, unless safety or the core activity requires a shorter distance (e.g. pallbearing) or the individuals are members of the same household.
- Activities involving singing must be avoided unless 12 feet of separation can be provided between individuals or additional distancing or physical barriers can reduce transmission of respiratory droplets.
- When interacting with Onondaga County employees, representatives from the funeral home must wear an appropriate face covering.
- When handling the casket, pallbearers and/or funeral home representatives must wear gloves, and an appropriate face covering. If one does not have the aforementioned, it will be provided upon arrival at the cemetery,

Please do not hesitate to contact the cemetery office should you have any questions.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.