

Please find below funeral policy for England, Scotland and Northern Ireland during their current circuit breaker.

Gathering type	England	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Funeral Service	Up to 30 people (provided that it's taking place in a Covid-19 secure venue)	Up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance) *where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.	Up to 25 people.
Gathering to scatter ashes in crematorium grounds with prayers	Relates to a linked ceremonial, belief based or social event and can therefore take place with up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)	Relates to a funeral in a public place and can therefore take place with up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance) *where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.	None. No post funeral gatherings permitted with effect from 16 October for 4 weeks.
Gathering to scatter ashes in crematorium grounds	Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)	Relates to a funeral in a public place and can therefore take place with up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance) *where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.	None. No post funeral gatherings permitted with effect from 16 October for 4 weeks.
Memorial service at a place of worship prior to burial	If this is separate from the funeral ceremony, up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)	Relates to a funeral in a public place and can therefore take place with up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance) *where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.	Up to 25 people.
Memorial service at a place of worship 2 days after burial	Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)	Relates to a funeral in a public place and can therefore take place with up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance) *where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.	None. No post funeral gatherings permitted with effect from 16 October for 4 weeks

Memorial service at Covid secure venue following burial with light refreshments provided	Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue). Refreshment's would need to be table service only.	Relates to a funeral in a public place and can therefore take place with up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance) *where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.	None. No post funeral gatherings permitted with effect from 16 October for 4 weeks
Burial of ashes in a cemetery or churchyard	Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)	Relates to a funeral in a public place and can therefore take place with up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance) *where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.	None. No post funeral gatherings permitted with effect from 16 October for 4 weeks
Fireworks display where ashes are scattered within the fireworks. No refreshments provided.	Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)	Relates to a funeral in a public place and can therefore take place with up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance) *where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.	None. No post funeral gatherings permitted with effect from 16 October for 4 weeks
Jewish Shiva, at the home of the bereaved family.	Up to 6 or 1 household/bubble subject to local covid alert level.	Relates to a funeral but not in a public place, and not outdoors. Currently no indoor private gatherings, so only household members.	Only those from a linked household (up to a maximum of 10 from the 2 households)
Ritual washing of the deceased at family home.	Up to 6 or 1 household/bubble subject to local covid alert level. (care of the deceased guidance in effect advises against this due to requirement for trained supervision and sufficient PPE)	Relates to a funeral but not in a public place, and not outdoors. Currently no indoor private gatherings, so only household members. However, it is recommended that ritual washing of the deceased should take place at the funeral director premises.	Only those from a linked household (up to a maximum of 10 from the 2 households)

<p>Ritual washing of the deceased at funeral director's premises or other similar venue.</p>	<p>Relates to a ceremonial element of the funeral proceedings so up to 15 (in a COVID-19 Secure, risk assessed venue). Care of the deceased guidance must be followed and in practice the number and nature of those permitted to be present is likely to be a much smaller number than 15)</p>	<p>Relates to a funeral in a public place but currently maximum 6 people, 2 households* (cap advised by guidance)</p> <p>*where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.</p>	<p>Numbers to be determined by Funeral director subject to risk assessment, and 2m social distancing</p>
<p>Gathering at the family home with the coffin before going to the funeral venue.</p>	<p>6 or 1 household/bubble (although in practice funeral directors are likely to refuse bringing the coffin to the home)</p>	<p>Relates to a funeral but not in a public place, and not outdoors. Currently no indoor private gatherings, so only household members.</p>	<p>Only those from a linked household (up to a maximum of 10 from the 2 households)</p>
<p>Funeral reception (known as a "wake" in England) at the same venue as the funeral ceremony</p>	<p>Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue). Refreshments would need to be table service only.</p>	<p>Relates to a funeral in a public place and can therefore take place with up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance)</p> <p>*where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.</p>	<p>None. No pre/post funeral gatherings permitted with effect from 16 October for 4 weeks</p>
<p>Funeral reception (known as a "wake" in England) at family home.</p>	<p>Up to 6 or 1 household/bubble subject to local covid alert level.</p>	<p>Relates to a funeral but not in a public place, and not outdoors. Currently no indoor private gatherings, so only household members.</p>	<p>Only those from a linked household (up to a maximum of 10 from the 2 households)</p>
<p>Funeral reception (known as a "wake" in England) at a pub.</p>	<p>Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue). Refreshments would need to be table service only.</p>	<p>Relates to a funeral in a public place and can therefore take place with up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance)</p> <p>*where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.</p>	<p>None. No pre/post funeral gatherings permitted with effect from 16 October for 4 weeks</p>
<p>Family visitation of deceased person in the funeral home.</p>	<p>Up to 15 (in a COVID-19 Secure, risk assessed venue, in practice likely to be a much smaller number)</p>	<p>Relates to a funeral in a public place but currently maximum 6 people, 2 households* (cap advised by guidance)</p> <p>*where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.</p>	<p>Numbers determined by Funeral Director, subject to social distancing for separate households</p>

Funeral ceremony in a place of worship after ceremony at the crematorium where the coffin won't be present	Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)	Relates to a funeral in a public place and can therefore take place with up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance) *where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.	Up to 25 people.
receiving the coffin into a place of worship separate from the funeral ceremony (say the night before)	Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)	Relates to a funeral in a public place and can therefore take place with up to 20 people* (cap on numbers advised by guidance) *where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.	None. No pre funeral gatherings are permitted with effect from 16 October for 4 weeks
Receiving the coffin into the home prior to the funeral	within the home: up to 6 or 1 household/bubble (although in practice funeral directors are likely to refuse bringing the coffin to the home) within a funeral home: Up to 15 (In a Covid-19 secure, risk assess venue, in practice likely to be a much smaller number)	Relates to a funeral but not in a public place, and not outdoors. Currently no indoor private gatherings, so only household members.	Only those from a linked household (up to a maximum of 10 from the 2 households)