

Gathering type	England	Wales	Scotland
Funeral Service	Up to 30 people (provided that it's taking place in a Covid-19 secure venue)	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.
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)	Up to 30 people (provided that it's taking place outdoors or 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.
Gathering to scatter ashes in crematorium grounds	Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)	Up to 30 people (provided that it's taking place outdoors or 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.
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)	Numbers dependent on venue size (Person responsible for venue must put in place all reasonable measures to minimise risk of exposure to coronavirus at the premises, including ensuring that a 2 metres distance is maintained between people on the premises, other than those within the same household)	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.

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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)	Numbers dependent on venue size (Person responsible for venue must put in place all reasonable measures to minimise risk of exposure to coronavirus at the premises, including ensuring that a 2 metres distance is maintained between people on the premises, other than those within the same household)	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.
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). Refreshments would need to be table service only.	For the memorial service, numbers dependent on venue size (Person responsible for venue will be subject to a duty to take all reasonable measures to ensure 2 metres distance is kept between people, other than those within the same household) For light refreshments, up to 30 people with risk assessment reflecting social distancing measures	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.
Burial of ashes in a cemetery or churchyard	Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)	Up to 30 people (provided that it's taking place in 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.

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<p>Fireworks display where ashes are scattered within the fireworks. No refreshments provided.</p>	<p>Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)</p>	<p>Up to 30 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue)</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>Jewish Shiva, at the home of the bereaved family.</p>	<p>Up to 6 or 1 household/bubble subject to local covid alert level.</p>	<p>Any number of people from the same household</p> <p>or</p> <p>6 members of an extended household (not including children aged under 11)</p> <p>(but not permitted in areas under local restrictions)</p> <p>(Not permitted in areas with local restrictions)</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>

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<p>Ritual washing of the deceased at family home.</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>Any number of people from the same household or 6 members of an extended household (not including children aged under 11) but not permitted in areas with local restrictions.</p> <p>Those handling the deceased should be aware that there is likely to be a continuing risk of infection where coronavirus infection has been identified or suspected. Mourners are therefore advised not to take part in rituals or practices that bring them into close contact with the deceased. But where they are aspects of faith, contact should be restricted to those who are wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) under the supervision of someone who is trained in appropriate use of PPE.</p> <p>Furthermore, given the very significant risk for vulnerable and extremely vulnerable people who come into contact with coronavirus (COVID-19), it is strongly advised that they have no contact with the body of the deceased. This includes washing, preparing or dressing the body</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>However, it is recommended that ritual washing of the deceased should take place at the funeral director premises.</p>

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Ritual washing of the deceased at funeral director's premises or other similar venue.	<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>Numbers determined by venue size.</p> <p>Those handling the deceased should be aware that there is likely to be a continuing risk of infection where coronavirus infection has been identified or suspected. Mourners are therefore advised not to take part in rituals or practices that bring them into close contact with the deceased. But where they are aspects of faith, contact should be restricted to those who are wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) under the supervision of someone who is trained in appropriate use of PPE.</p> <p>Furthermore, given the very significant risk for vulnerable and extremely vulnerable people who come into contact with coronavirus (COVID-19), it is strongly advised that they have no contact with the body of the deceased. This includes washing, preparing or dressing the body</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>
Gathering at the family home with the coffin before going to the funeral venue.	<p>6 or 1 household/bubble (although in practice funeral directors are likely to refuse bringing the coffin to the home)</p>	<p>Any number of people from the same household or 6 members of an extended household (not including children aged under 11)</p> <p>(but not permitted in areas under local restrictions)</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>

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Funeral reception (known as a "wake" in England) at the same venue as the funeral ceremony	Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue). Refreshments would need to be table service only.	Up to 30 people (Person responsible for venue must put in place all reasonable measures to minimise risk of exposure to coronavirus at the premises, including ensuring that a 2 metres distance is maintained between people on the premises, other than those within the same household) (People living outside local health protection areas are not permitted to attend a funeral reception or wake, only a funeral)	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.
Funeral reception (known as a "wake" in England) at family home.	Up to 6 or 1 household/bubble subject to local covid alert level.	Any number of people from the same household or 6 members of an extended household (not including children aged under 11) (Not permitted in areas with local restrictions) (People living outside local health protection areas are not permitted to attend a funeral reception or wake, only a funeral)	Relates to a funeral but not in a public place, and not outdoors. Currently no indoor private gatherings, so only household members.
Funeral reception (known as a "wake" in England) at a pub.	Up to 15 people (provided that it's taking place in a COVID-19 Secure venue). Refreshments would need to be table service only.	Up to 30 people (Person responsible for venue must put in place all reasonable measures to minimise risk of exposure to coronavirus at the premises, including ensuring that a 2 metres distance is maintained between people on the premises, other than those within the same household) (People living outside local health protection areas are not permitted to attend a funeral reception or wake, only a funeral)	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.

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Family visitation of deceased person in the funeral home.	Up to 15 (in a COVID-19 Secure, risk assessed venue, in practice likely to be a much smaller number)	Numbers dependent on venue size (Person responsible for venue must put in place all reasonable measures to minimise risk of exposure to coronavirus at the premises, including ensuring that a 2 metres distance is maintained between people on the premises, other than those within the same household)	Relates to a funeral in a public place but currently maximum 6 people, 2 households* (cap advised by guidance) *where physical distancing permits. The number may be lower than this.
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)	Numbers dependent on venue size (Person responsible for venue must put in place all reasonable measures to minimise risk of exposure to coronavirus at the premises, including ensuring that a 2 metres distance is maintained between people on the premises, other than those within the same household)	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.
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)	Numbers dependent on venue size (Person responsible for venue must put in place all reasonable measures to minimise risk of exposure to coronavirus at the premises, including ensuring that a 2 metres distance is maintained between people on the premises, other than those within the same household)	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.

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<p>*Receiving the coffin into the home prior to the funeral*</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>Deceased/Family home: Any number of people from the same household or 6 members of an extended household (not including children aged under 11) (but not permitted in areas with local restrictions)</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>Funeral prayer as part of a communal act of worship (separate to the funeral)</p>	<p>Limits for funeral ceremonies or prayers held as part of communal worship that follows COVID-19 secure guidelines should be decided on the basis of the capacity of the place of worship. Groups of up to 6 people (or more if with their own household or support bubble) must not mingle with other groups. If members of the group are from different households they should still stay at 2 metres distance from each other. Separate guidance on places of worship is available</p>		<p>If this is separate to the funeral service, and a funeral prayer is said as part of an ordinary congregational service (so not exclusively family and friends of the deceased), and the body is not present, it should fall under the places of worship guidance (up to 50 people indoors, currently).</p> <p>If the body is present, and the prayers are considered an integral part of the funeral itself, this is more likely to fall under the funeral service guidance (up to 20 people, currently).</p>