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MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Stubbings, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General

RE: Interpretive Bulletin on Funeral Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic

An Interpretive Bulletin has been issued to provide guidance on gathering for a funeral service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently gathering for the purpose of a funeral service is restricted to no more than 10 people.

The Interpretive Bulletin clarifies that “a gathering for the purpose of a funeral service that is attended by not more than 10 persons” in s. 1(3) of Schedule 1 to Ontario Regulation 52/20 includes services, rites, or ceremonies related to burial traditions. This includes services, rites and ceremonies associated with a funeral, performed at any time, in connection with religious observances (e.g. unveilings of monuments).

Please contact Chris Harold, A/Manager, Integrated Strategy and Policy Coordination, at chris.harold@ontario.ca or 437.993.2376, or Colleen Kiel, Director, Strategy and Planning Branch at colleen.kiel@ontario.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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