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NAVAJO DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES COVID-19 BURIAL ASSISTANCE

The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has taken an emotional impact on families who have lost a family member due to the COVID-19. An additional impact is the unexpected expense to put to rest the family member. To assist during this very difficult time, the Navajo Division of Social Services (DSS) has established the Navajo Nation COVID-19 Burial Assistance to help Navajo families with the burden of the financial expense.

The Navajo Nation COVID-19 Burial Assistance Criteria:
1. The Decedent must be a member of the Navajo Nation with an enrolled census number.
2. The Decedent must have expired from COVID-19, as verified by the appropriate authority.

The Navajo Nation COVID-19 Burial Assistance Process:
1. A family member will contact a Division of Social Services Contracted Mortuary and request for the Navajo Nation COVID-19 Burial Assistance (see list below).
2. Inform the Mortuary of their choice of type of service:
   a. Standard Burial Package: A casket and professional services
   b. Native Traditional Burial: No casket
   c. Cremation
3. The Mortuary will submit the documents directly to the Division of Social Services’ Navajo Family Assistance Services.

Any questions, please ask for DSS’ Navajo Family Assistance Services at (866) 347-2403.

The following mortuaries are contracted with the Division of Social Services:
- Alameda Mortuary, Albuquerque, NM (505) 898-3160
- Compassion Mortuary, Grants, NM (866) 292-0086
- Cope Memorial Chapel Gallup, Gallup, NM (505) 722-6671
- Cope Memorial Chapel Kirtland, Kirtland, NM (505) 598-9636
- Daniel’s Family Funeral Services, Socorro, NM (575) 835-1530
- Desert View Funeral Home, Shiprock, NM (505) 368-4607
- Rollie Mortuary, Gallup, NM (505) 863-4452
- Silver Creek Mortuary, Gallup, NM (505) 371-3690
- Tse Bonito Mortuary, Tse Bonito, NM (505) 371-5565
- Summit Funeral Home, Saint Michaels, AZ (928) 871-1120
- Valley Ridge Mortuary, Tuba City, AZ (928) 640-7677

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