



Urgent Call for Volunteers

The COVID-19 pandemic has already triggered an unprecedented impact on our daily lives and your ability to serve families in the way in which you – and they – are accustomed.

It is NFDA's fervent hope that together – through everyone's efforts to stay at home, by following recommended social-distancing standards, and by practicing healthy habits, such as proper handwashing – we can "flatten the curve" and avoid the serious situations seen in other countries.

That said, **NFDA is currently preparing for the possibility that the COVID-19 pandemic might grow worse before it gets better** – particularly in "hot spots" where infections and deaths are rapidly climbing.

Again, while we hope it won't be needed, we must prepare now and be ready to act should a need arise. Therefore, **we need your help with the following:**

While we have not received any specific requests for assistance, **NFDA seeks volunteers willing to travel to a "hot spot" experiencing high rates of death in order to lend on-the-ground assistance.** We will maintain a list of volunteers we can mobilize as quickly as possible if/when a need arises.

If you are willing to volunteer, [click here to fill out a form](#). Please be as specific as possible with the kind of assistance you can lend.

We know this is a difficult time and you might feel hesitant to leave your family and your business given the uncertainty facing us. However, we thank you in advance for considering this request to support your fellow funeral professionals during these trying times.

Please know that NFDA stands ready to support funeral directors everywhere – member or not – so funeral service professionals can carry out their mission to, as poet and funeral director Thomas Lynch said, "Get the dead where they need to go and the living where they need to be."

We sincerely hope that you and your family remain healthy and appreciate everything you do to serve your communities during this time. Stay safe!

