

To contain the spread of coronavirus, the government has implemented measures to limit social contact and non-essential travel, but funerals and burials can still take place.

When a burial takes place at Lyme Regis Cemetery, attendance of family and friends is restricted to a maximum of 10 people, excluding funeral director staff and the officiant.

Unfortunately, the cemetery chapel will not be available.

The bereaved are advised to follow the government's advice to stay at home if they show symptoms for seven days if they live alone, or 14 days if they live with somebody who is showing symptoms. People over 70, those with an underlying health problem, or pregnant women are particularly encouraged to heed this advice. This may mean they will unfortunately miss the burial.

We appreciate these restrictions may be distressing for the bereaved. When the situation improves, we would be happy to accommodate a further memorial service at the graveside, at no charge.

Funeral directors have been advised of these measures and will be in touch with families to help make necessary arrangements.

We will keep this situation under regular review and restrictions may change in line with government guidance.