



TAGUIG CITY
PHILIPPINES

TAGUIG SAFE CITY TASK FORCE

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TAGUIG SAFE CITY TASK FORCE
ADVISORY NO. 26

TO: ALL CONCERNED

RE: GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATIONS OF ALL CEMETERIES AND MEMORIAL PARKS, INCLUDING COLUMBARIA, AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE 2020 *UNDAS* SEASON

Pursuant to Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 72, in relation to the rules that shall govern all activities relating to the *Undas* season, the following guidelines in all public and private cemeteries, and memorial parks, including columbaria, shall be observed **starting 1 October 2020**:

1. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL CEMETERIES AND MEMORIAL PARKS

All public and private cemeteries, and memorial parks, including columbaria and other similar establishments shall be closed to visitors from **29 October** to **4 November 2020**, except for burial and cremation services allowed under the existing IATF Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines.

All those who wish to visit their loved ones are advised to schedule their visit before or after the dates abovementioned.

2. LIMITED CAPACITY AND OPERATING HOURS

Starting on 1 October 2020, the number of visitors in all cemeteries, memorial parks and other similar establishments shall be **limited to a maximum of thirty percent (30%) venue capacity**.

Visitors may only be allowed from **6:00AM to 11:00AM and 1:00PM to 6:00PM**.

All administrators or managers of cemeteries, memorial parks and other similar establishments must immediately post their operating hours and maximum visitor capacity at all entrances and other strategic areas within their respective vicinities.

Private cemeteries and memorial parks are also strongly encouraged to make the necessary announcements in their official website and social media pages.

3. ALLOWED ACTIVITIES

Activities inside all public and private cemeteries and memorial parks, including columbaria and other similar establishments, shall be limited to lighting of candles and offering of flowers and prayers.

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4. MINORS AND SENIOR CITIZENS ARE ALLOWED

In accordance with IATF Resolution No. 72, minors and senior citizens shall be allowed to visit their deceased loved ones in all cemeteries and memorial parks in Taguig.

However, vulnerable individuals such as those with comorbidities, pre-existing health conditions, or pregnant women, are highly discouraged from going out of their homes to visit cemeteries or memorial parks in order to safeguard their health and safety.

5. SCHEDULE OF VISITS

The schedule of visitors in all public cemeteries shall be as follows:

1st LETTER OF LAST NAME OF DECEASED	TIME
A to M	6:00 AM to 11:00 AM
N to Z	1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

All cemetery or memorial park visitors shall only be allowed to stay in the premises for a **maximum of two (2) hours**.

Private cemeteries and memorial parks are strongly encouraged to implement their own system of scheduling and appointment in order to avoid overcrowding and ensure easy monitoring of all their visitors.

6. OBSERVANCE OF MINIMUM HEALTH STANDARDS AND PROTOCOLS

In accordance with Taguig City Ordinance No. 24, Series of 2020, otherwise known as the "New Normal Ordinance of Taguig City", as well Safe City Task Force Advisory No. 15, the following protocols shall be strictly implemented in all cemeteries, memorial parks and other similar establishments:

- a. All cemeteries and memorial parks must designate separate entrance and exit points;
- b. All visitors must fill up Health Declaration Forms prior to entry. The use of QR codes or other online-based applications are strongly encouraged;
- c. Temperature scanning must be done before entry. Visitors with a temperature above 37.5°C should be denied entry and reported immediately to the COVID-19 hotline;
- d. Alcohol or Alcohol-based sanitizers must be readily available at the entrance and other strategic areas within the establishment;
- e. Facemasks and face shields must be worn at all times;
- f. All visitors must strictly observe social distancing of at least 1 meter at all times;
- g. In accordance with the rules on General Community Quarantine (GCQ), gatherings of more than ten (10) individuals per group are strictly prohibited, until further amended;
- h. Smoking inside all cemeteries and memorial parks are strictly prohibited, and all Designated Smoking Areas shall remain closed.

To ensure that the abovementioned protocols are followed and strictly enforced, all cemeteries and memorial parks must deploy static and roving Safety Protocol Patrol Officers to remind all their visitors.

7. DESIGNATED SAFE VENDORS' AREA FOR NON-FOOD ITEMS

The Taguig City Market Management Office (MMO) shall establish a Designated Safe Vendors' Area in all public and private cemeteries and memorial parks. Only vendors or sellers of flowers and candles shall be allowed, and the sale of other food and non-food products shall be strictly prohibited.

All vendors or sellers must strictly observe basic health protocols, such as but not limited to the wearing of face masks and face shields, regular hand sanitation, and the observance of social distancing.

Any person in violation of these guidelines shall be penalized in accordance with Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act" in relation to Presidential Proclamation No. 922, and other applicable laws and ordinances. This will be without prejudice to the filing of an administrative case if the violator is a government official or employee.

For guidance and strict compliance.

By Authority of the Mayor:

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Noted by:

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