



To prioritize the health and well-being of our Choctaw families and communities during their time of loss, and to promote public health best practices in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and recommendations of Choctaw Public Health Services is as follows:

Prevention of contracting or spreading of the COVID-19 Virus

- To avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with bare hands, use facial tissue.
- Encourage covering coughs and sneezes with arm, inner elbow, or facial tissue.
- Promote washing hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Practice Social Distancing of six (6) feet between person-to-person.
- Encourage anyone with symptoms of cough, fever, or shortness of breath and trouble breathing to seek medical advice and recommend staying at home.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Promote cleaning of surfaces such as door handles, knobs, faucets, toilets, and any areas that come into human contact would be diligently cleaned with antibacterial agent.

Recommendations for funeral Arrangements, Wakes, and Services:

- Have hand sanitizer and facial tissue be visibly available.
- Limit number of person in a confined space.
- Limit meals to family.
- Avoid shaking hands and hugging.
- Limit length of wake.
- Consider having wakes and services in same space such as churches or gymnasiums without the final walk-by.
- Or consider gravesite services without the final walk-by
- Signage at wakes promoting safe preventive practices.
- Not attend funerals, church services or other community or social events with expected attendance or more than 10 people.
- Grave site services without walk-by and have memorial services at a later date.