



Choctaw Public Health Services

Healthy Community, Healthy Culture

PUBLIC NOTICE

SOCIAL DISTANCING

ARRANGEMENTS/WAKES/SERVICES

In light of recent events due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Choctaw Public Health Services is strongly recommending changes to Choctaw traditional rituals for Funeral Arrangements/Wakes/Services to adhere to the Social Distancing recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Executive Order and State of Emergency Proclamation declared by Chief Ben. These prevention methods are to help alleviate the transmission of the coronavirus during this difficult time.

ARRANGEMENTS/WAKES/SERVICES

- Funeral arrangements conducted through conference call with Social Service representative, family representative, funeral home representative, and other necessary representative.
- No wakes while the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is under Executive Order and State of Emergency Proclamation.
- Private family viewing for one (1) hour at the funeral home chapel. Thereafter, procession to cemetery for gravesite service burial, closed casket.
- Pallbearers are excluded from social distancing only when carrying casket to the gravesite.
- During gravesite services, all in attendance must maintain proper social distancing, defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as staying six feet apart.