

Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management

Tier Restrictions in England

From today, 31st December 2020, more areas in England have been placed in a higher Tier to try and control the spread of the coronavirus. Currently there has been no change to the restrictions that apply in each Tier. For funeral attendance, this means a maximum of 30 people can attend a funeral in all Tiers. In Tiers 1, 2 and 3, a maximum of 15 people can attend a wake or linked ceremonial event (such as stone-settings or burial or scattering of ashes) before or after the funeral. However, in Tier 4, only a maximum of 6 people can attend a linked ceremonial event before or after a funeral (note - wakes are not permitted in Tier 4). If somebody from a Tier 4 area is attending a linked ceremonial event in a lower Tier, the Tier 4 restrictions will apply, ie only a maximum of 6 people can attend.

Some areas of the country are experiencing very high levels of infection, with subsequent very high numbers of hospital admissions. The death rate from coronavirus and other winter ailments is also increasing. It looks like the first few months of 2021 will be very busy for our sector. It is important that you look after yourself and your teams and colleagues so that you can continue to care for bereaved people. The ICCM website has a page on [Wellbeing During the Covid-19 Pandemic](#) with some useful resources for mental and physical wellbeing. The ICCM is also here to help and support you, whatever 2021 may bring. Contact details for the ICCM Officers and Directors can be found [here](#).

The ICCM Board and Officers wish you a happy new year, and urge you to follow the Government guidance for your Tier to ensure you stay safe and well.