



## Instructions for individuals traveling to Iceland to attend funerals

People traveling to Iceland while the official request for quarantine after traveling abroad is effective will not receive an exemption from quarantine to attend the funeral of a loved one, even if their travels are because of illness or death of a loved one and should follow [instructions for home-based quarantine](#).

In consultation with the National Church of Iceland and funeral directors, the Chief Epidemiologist has written instructions for individuals in a travel-related quarantine to be able to say goodbye to loved ones. A quarantined person that has been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case must not attend the coffin closing ceremony or the funeral while under quarantine.

During the preparation of the funeral, all communication with the funeral service and other relatives preparing the funeral should be carried out as much as possible using relevant technology instead of meeting face to face. If face to face meetings are necessary inevitable, consider best hygiene practices and maintain 2 meters between all in attendance.

During the coffin closing ceremony the individual in quarantine should sit at least 2 meters away from others and be the last one to go to the coffin, after the others have already said their goodbyes and taken their seats again.

During the funeral the individual in quarantine should keep at least 2 meters distance from others, both in the church and in the cemetery.

It is important to monitor symptoms while in quarantine. If symptoms occur, e.g. common cold, sore throat, sneezing, sudden changes in taste or smell, headache or muscular pain, or fever  $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$  then the individual should be [isolated](#) and those that have been in contact with him/her should be [quarantined](#). Contact the primary health care center or Laeknavaktin-doctors on call service (phone number: 1700) to determine if COVID-19 infected. If so, unfortunately it will be impossible to attend the coffin closing ceremony or the funeral.

The Chief Epidemiologist