



# City of Framingham

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## Memorandum

**From:** James Snyder, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs  
**Date:** June 3, 2020  
**Subject:** Phase I Framingham Cemeteries including Edgell Grove Cemetery Reopening Guidelines

**Reference:** Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
**Date:** May 18, 2020  
**Subject:** Specific Safety and Reopening Standards for Parks, Open Space, and Outdoor Education Programs

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The following guidelines apply to the Phase I Reopening of the Framingham Cemeteries including Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum.

All visitors to the cemeteries and managers associated with properties or activities herein, should abide by the specific guidelines outlined. Property-specific guidelines should be posted at entrance points to areas and on relevant social media/websites. Guidelines provided herein should apply to all cemeteries unless otherwise specified.

This guidance should apply until amended or rescinded. Any questions regarding this guidance can be sent to [parks.recreation@framinghamma.gov](mailto:parks.recreation@framinghamma.gov)

### **Framingham Orders and Guidelines**

#### **Face Coverings and Masks:**

All visitors to the cemeteries, as well as those participating in outdoor education programs should comply with *COVID-19 Order 31: Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible*. The order requires any person over the age of 2, whether indoors or outdoors, to wear a face covering or mask when they cannot maintain 6 feet of distance between themselves and others, unless they have a medical condition preventing them from doing so (see further guidance here:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency>).

**Group Size:**

No groups larger than 10 are allowed to gather: (see further guidance here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-31-2020-assemblage-guidance/download>).

**Social Distancing:**

Visitors should always practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others and adhering to all site-specific rules, regulations, and posted signage regarding permitted uses.

**Self-Care:**

After visiting public spaces, visitors should wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer.

**City Cemetery Guidelines:**

- Old South Cemetery remains open to the public from dawn to dusk.
- Main Street Cemetery remains open to the public from dawn to dusk.
- Edwards Cemetery remains open to the public from dawn to dusk.

**Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum Guidelines:**

- Edgell Grove Cemetery grounds remain open to the public from dawn to dusk.
- The Mausoleum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for those who want to visit their loved ones. Cleaning and sanitizing will be done each of these days.
- Use the access code provided to enter the Mausoleum.
- Only one family with less than 10 people may visit the Mausoleum at one time staying 6 feet apart with masks.
- Please be respectful of other visitors and limit your time if others are waiting to visit their loved ones.
- Visitors may wait outside, 6 feet apart with masks until the visitors in the Mausoleum have left.
- Please call (508) 872-3801 with any questions.

**Trash Disposal General Guidelines:**

- Visitors of public parks, reservations, and open spaces should expect limited or no trash disposal receptacles.
- When visiting public properties without trash receptacles, visitors should adhere to a strict “carry in, carry out” policy and take waste with them.
- Where trash receptacles are available for normal use, park managers should, where feasible, provide no touch, lidless trashcans.