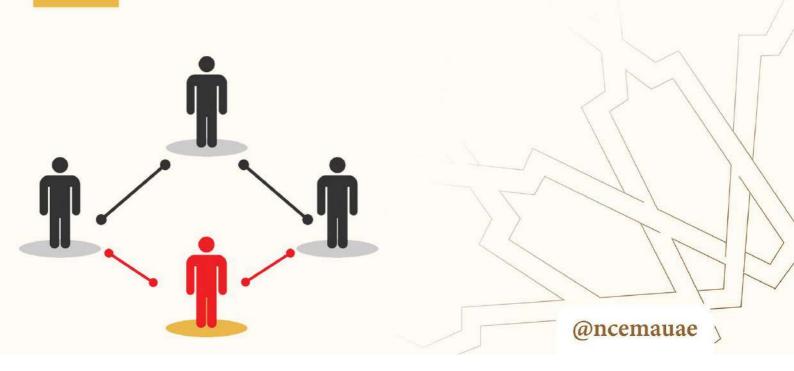


Ministry of Health and Prevention, and the National Emergency Crisis and Disasters Management Authority, have announced a set of protocols for regulating social events and gatherings which are aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19



Protocol for regulating social events and gatherings which aims to contain the spread of the coronavirus

The rules for wedding and other family occasions

- First degree attendees of both families should not exceed ten persons.
- They should conduct a COVID-19 test 24 hours before the event.
- Open buffets are not permitted, single-use utensils and cups for eating and drinking are recommended.
- All surfaces and areas should be sanitised frequently.
- Hand sanitisers should be widely available at events.

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- The protocols, the preventive measures recommended at funerals and associated services such as prayers
- Wearing face masks for workers in cemeteries.
- Disinfecting the tools used before and after the burial of the deceased.
- Washing hands frequently, and using approved disinfectants that contain at least 60 80% alcohol.
- Allows only ten persons to attend the funeral service.
- Reducing the number of people responsible for digging to two only, and pallbearers to between 4 to 8.
- Workers in the cemetery must disclose any respiratory symptoms and avoid attending the funeral.
- Awareness posters related to COVID-19 should be posted at the cemetery gate, and relatives of the deceased should be educated about the preventive measures.

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MoHAP and NCEMA stressed the importance of adherence to preventive and precautionary measures in these occasions while warning event organisers of strict monitoring and imposition of fines in case of violation of the protocol, includes:

- **1** Ensuring distancing of no less than two meters between people.
- Monitoring symptoms and avoiding attendance in the event of respiratory symptoms or fever.
- Preparing an isolation room in the event of a suspected case of COVID-19 infection.
- General awareness of how diseases spread, washing of hands, and the etiquette of sneezing and coughing.
- Advising people with chronic diseases and the elderly not to attend such events.