



Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science

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3/17/20—COVID-19 UPDATE

CLINICAL AND PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

Dear students:

During the lockdown, PIMS will continue providing embalming and other death care service operations from our facility. However, **NO STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO PERFORM SUCH REQUIREMENTS UNTIL OTHERWISE ADVISED.**

The Embalming Facility and other death care provisions will be handled by our professional staff. To gain experience, students **MAY** volunteer to assist in embalming at the Institute by contacting Dean Michael Burns. We recommend that you can keep a running track of what you did, **BUT** we expect clarification from the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) as to how students may progress in their course of study with regard to laboratory, embalming, and practicum requirements.

With specific regard to the Practicum if you are at a funeral home that has been visited, you are not required, at this point to partake in any practical requirements, however, we suggest that you keep a track of anything you may perform pending clarification from ABFSE.

With regard to the Restorative Art Lab requirement, we cannot state what will happen at this point. Please stay connected for continued updates.

This is an evolving situation and we appreciate your understanding, once again, please note that **NO STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO PERFORM ANY OF THE LISTED EXPERIENCES UNTIL ADVISED BY THE INSTITUTE.**

Sincerely,

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