

# Time Off for Funerals and Bereavement

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## About This Policy

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## Scope

This policy applies to all Support and Service Staff employees.

## Policy Statement

1. Support and Service Staff employees will be granted up to three working days (24 hours for 100 percent FTE and prorated for 50 percent FTE or greater) with pay within one week from the date of death of the following relatives; however, if the funeral is held outside of the one-week period, the employee may use any of the unused 24 hours of Funeral/Bereavement time to attend the funeral service.
  - a. Spouse
  - b. Same-sex domestic partner
  - c. Child
  - d. Grandchild
  - e. Parent (or an individual who stood in loco parentis to an employee when the employee was under the age of 18)
  - f. Sibling
  - g. Grandparent
  - h. In-law relative of the same degree
  - i. Step relative of the same degree
  - j. Same-sex domestic partner relative of the same degree
  - k. Other relative of whom the employee is the sole survivor
2. When an employee is on [Family Medical Leave \(FMLA\)](#) to care for a family member and the leave is terminated by the death of the family member, the employee will be granted the normal time off for funeral/bereavement as described above.

## Procedure

1. Additional time beyond the three days may be granted and charged to accrued vacation time, income protection time, compensatory time off, or taken without pay in accordance with the appropriate policy provisions.
2. It is acceptable to use income protection time if an employee's health prevents him or her from working following the death of an immediate family member, subject to the provision of the [Income Protection Time policy](#). The supervisor has authority to require a doctor's notice in this situation.
3. Time off to attend the funeral service of other relatives or close friends may be granted at the discretion of the department head.

- a. The employee may use vacation time, income protection time, compensatory time off, or time without pay.
  - b. The employee must request this time off—and the supervisor must approve or disapprove such time off—as soon as practical under the circumstances.
  - c. For AFSCME Service at South Bend, up to 4 hours of time off with pay will be provided, but shall not exceed one occurrence in a calendar year unless covered by income protection, vacation, or accumulated compensatory time.
1. An employee may be requested to provide written documentation identifying the deceased individual and the relationship before the use of the Funeral time is approved.
  2. The number of hours absent to be charged to Funeral time should be reported on the Payroll Voucher.

## Sanctions

Managers, supervisors, and employees who violate this policy are subject to corrective action, up to and including separation.

## History

### November 2018

Updated full-time equivalent (FTE) label

### September 2017

Removes Affidavit of Domestic Partnership.

### March 2016

Replaces the following policies:

AFSCME Police	Time Off for Funerals/Bereavement
AFSCME Service	5.3 Funeral Time
CWA	12.10 Time Off for Funerals/Bereavement
Support and Service Staff not Covered by a Union	10.5 Time Off for Funerals/Bereavement for Support and Service Staff

## Related Information

[Family Medical Leave Act \(FMLA\)](#)

[Income Protection Time](#)

[Vacation](#)