

# Weddings



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Most South Africans have seen their lifestyles, friendships and even cultural habits negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. But even though the temptation to bypass regulations becomes stronger as vaccines are rolled out, it is important that guidelines are followed at social and family gatherings so that further outbreaks can be avoided.

**Stay vigilant, wear masks, obey social distancing and sanitise hands regularly.**



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Wear a mask.



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## Keeping everyone safe at weddings and still getting the most out of the event, says the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, should include the following plans:



- Consider socially distanced, outdoor photography. If you choose a spot that is not used by a lot of people, you can spread the wedding party out, obey social distancing requirements and still create great memories.



- Avoid buffet meals and self-serve food stations.
- Offer individual servings and wrapped meals, this keeps everyone safe.



- Encourage guests to stay in 'household' groups. This means that people mingle with people they would normally interact with. This reduces the possibility of the virus being spread.
- By seating people in household groups and ensuring that social distancing is obeyed at all tables ensures further safety.



- Ensure that hand sanitiser is available at the entrance to the venue and also at the gift table so that people can prevent the spread of the virus that may be on gift wrapping and packages.



- Serve food at tables and have servings placed in front of guests so people do not congregate around food stations.



- Consider having a photo booth operated by a professional so people can have their pictures taken.



- Instead of having a bar where people stand in crowds, get creative and have special drinks and cocktails served at the tables.

## Make sure that guidelines regarding the size of wedding parties are followed.

- Include the elderly by having them watch the ceremony online instead of in person.
- Avoid enclosed spaces where possible.