

WHAT TO EXPECT

EVENT PLANNING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES P.2

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*Let's talk about
a post-
quarantine
world*

A FEW WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

First things first, remember that life will go on, even in the most uncertain times. The past couple of months have been difficult and scary, leaving a lot of people unsure of what to expect in the coming seasons. With events being cancelled left and right, it's clear that events for the foreseeable future will have changes to make.

After months or even years of work planning your wedding, this can be a heartbreakin turn of events. It's okay to be sad, to grieve for your special day. We're here hoping to make the process of either postponing or re-evaluating your plans as easy as possible. As a disclaimer, we are not medical professionals and therefore can't make official predictions. However, we will use our experiences to make educated suggestions on how to move forward.

FIRST STEPS

01 **CONTACTING
YOUR
VENDORS**

02 **UPDATING
YOUR GUESTS**

03 **ADAPTING
PLANS**

Talking to Vendors

If you're changing dates, decide on several that would work. Be flexible, because if you planned on a popular day of the week like Friday or Saturday, you may have a hard time finding another available weekend day this year. Your guests will still show up to a Thursday or Sunday wedding, we promise. Try to find something at least 4 months from your original date to give people enough time to arrange for new accommodations if need be.



Find out what kind of health and safety changes your vendors are making. Your venue may institute a cap on how many guests you can have, caterers may not do buffet style service, etc. You want to trust that they are making the safety of you and your guests a priority as well.

If you purchased wedding insurance, reach out to your provider. While many policies do not have a clause for this type of issue, that doesn't mean they won't work with you. No one has experienced a pandemic like this before and your provider might be able to offer some type of assistance.

Updating your Guests

Reach out. If you're considering changing dates, let them know. This can be a social media post, a Save-The-New-Date, an email, a post on your wedding website, or a combination of methods. If you're not changing the date, but may have to make other changes (number of guests, caterer, or travel) be sure to let them know you are working on it and will update them as soon as you can.

Help them out by reaching out to the hotel if you have a block of rooms, asking if your guests will be able to get a refund or move their reservations to a new date.

Adapting your Plans

Consider restricting who is invited. We suggest modifying your guest list to only include those who are in-state or who is within driving distance of your venue. While there is no official word from the CDC, we anticipate a cap on events for the coming months. It would be worth while to consider restricting in-person attendees to close friends and family, under 100 persons.

Events post-quarantine will look different. This means how they function and what you will worry about will also be different. Consider renting high-quality streaming equipment to allow people to tune in to your big day from home. For those that will attend the event in-person, hand sanitizer and masks may be essential party favors. Try to avoid candy dishes, party platters, etc.