

# 7 EVENT CONSIDERATIONS DURING COVID-19



DON'T HAVE

## LARGE GATHERINGS

- The more people that are at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the risk of becoming infected and of COVID-19 spreading.
- The size of an event or gathering should be determined based on state, local, territorial, or tribal safety laws and regulations.

MUST HAVE

## PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- During the pandemic, you must ensure that you don't put too many people into one space. Calculate the new number of people that can fit into a space by allowing approximately 36-50 square feet per person. (For example, if you have a 3,000 square foot space, you can fit between 60 and 83 people.)
- Keep in mind that the new number allowed in the venue has to include the hired wedding professionals.

MUST HAVE

## SANITATION STATIONS

- It is recommended that all weddings have hand sanitizer stations at the entrances and exits of the wedding areas. In addition, it is recommended to have a hand sanitization attendant outside the bathroom doors.

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## HUGGING OR SHAKING HANDS

- During the pandemic, it is important to have physical distancing. However, this can be difficult to do at weddings, so have a plan! Have your couple create a video to put on their wedding website of what their alternative hug and handshake will be. (For example, when arms are crossed over a person's chest, this can represent a hug, etc.)

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## FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Consider having a small ceremony during the peak of the pandemic rather than a large event where you serve dinner and drinks. It is impossible to wear a mask while eating and drinking.

MUST HAVE

## FACE COVERINGS

- It is more and more common to see counties, cities, and states mandating the use of masks/face coverings. For this reason, and to ensure the survival of the wedding industry, we must implement this procedure into all of our weddings and meetings.

MUST HAVE

## FAMILY/FRIENDS

- If the couple chooses to have food and beverage served at the wedding and will need seating for the guests, it is recommended that only people from shared households share a table. This will mean that the event will have different sized tables in the reception room (30" rounds for couples; 48" rounds for families of 4; 60" rounds for families of 5 to 8). Due to the extra tables needed and the fact that tables need to be 6 feet apart, fewer guests will be able to fit in the room. Make sure this is all determined before sending out invitations.