



The 30-person limit for weddings, civil partnerships and receptions will be lifted from 21 June. The number of guests will be based on the capacity of venues to operate to COVID-Secure guidelines. This is determined by how many people a COVID-Secure venue can safely accommodate with social distancing measures in place.

The cap on the number of participants for weddings and civil partnerships will also be removed at non COVID-Secure venues, such as private gardens. Organisers must make settings COVID-Secure, by facilitating social distancing, operating at a safe capacity and following other [COVID-19 guidelines](#).

Key messages:

- Cap on the number of attendees at weddings and civil partnerships is lifted from Monday, 21 June.
- In COVID-Secure venues, the numbers are set by venue managers.
- If you are organising such an event yourself in another venue, like a private garden, you must do a risk assessment to determine capacity and follow other COVID-Secure requirements.





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New rules

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For weddings, civil partnership ceremonies and commemorative events of more than 30 people, the venue manager or organiser must complete a risk assessment in advance. See [here](#) for more information.

Weddings inside people's homes must comply with current Step 3 rules of just six people, or larger groups just from two households, unless it is a deathbed wedding.

How you can help:

- Share [these communications products](#) on your social media channels, via WhatsApp, or in your emails to your networks.
- Post [this video](#), which explains the new rules on your social media channels, including WhatsApp and via your email updates to your networks.

Bands, DJs or professional performers can perform at a ceremony or reception as long as they follow COVID-Secure guidance.





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Assets to share

People organising their own wedding, civil partnership and reception at a venue that is not Covid-Secure must conduct a COVID-19 [risk assessment](#) and implement the measures from it to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This is required by law. You could get a £10,000 fine if you do not.

This includes [Step 3](#) requirements and restrictions on table service, face coverings, social distancing, dancing and singing.

How you can help:

- Use the assets on [Public Health England's website](#) to communicate the changes to your networks.
- Post [this video](#), which explains the new rules, on your social media channels, WhatsApp and via your email updates to your networks.
- Reinforce the need for attendees to remember to follow the [Hands. Face Space. Fresh Air](#) guidance.

Weddings, civil partnership ceremonies & receptions From 21 June

The following guidance has been put in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 spreading and to keep you, your guests and anyone working at the event safe.

Attendee limits Attendee limits will be determined by how many people the venue can safely accommodate with social distancing measures in place.	COVID-Secure venues A COVID-Secure venue should have already completed a COVID risk assessment and follow COVID-Secure guidance.	Other venues In other venues, such as private gardens, the organiser will have to complete a risk assessment themselves to keep their guests safe.	Pre-wedding celebrations Pre-wedding celebrations, such as stag, hen or Mehndi parties, must keep to 30 people outside, or the Rule of Six or two households indoors.
Dancing Dancing should not take place. There is an exception for the couple's 'first dance'.	Entertainment Bands, DJs or professional performers can perform at a ceremony or reception as long as they follow COVID-Secure guidance.	Singing Guests are advised not to join in singing with bands or choirs.	Food and drink People should remain seated when consuming food or drink, even in outdoor settings.

For more information, visit: gov.uk/coronavirus



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Wakes, stone settings and ash scattering

The 30-person limit will also be lifted for commemorative events following a funeral such as a wake, stone setting or ash scattering.

From 21 June, the number of guests will be based on the capacity of venues to operate to COVID-19 secure guidelines. This is determined by how many people a venue can safely accommodate with social distancing measures in place.

[Risk assessments](#) will also need to be done as outlined for weddings and civil partnerships.

How you can help:

- Share [the digital assets on this page](#) on your social media channels, via WhatsApp, or in your emails to your networks.

