

# How to attend a wedding

during COVID



## Do's

- ✓ Keep your distance
- ✓ Wash your hands often
- ✓ Be aware and respect signage at the venue
- ✓ Be respectful of the vendors
- ✓ Understand the risks
- ✓ HAVE FUN!

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Attending a wedding in 2021 looks a little different than what you may be used to.

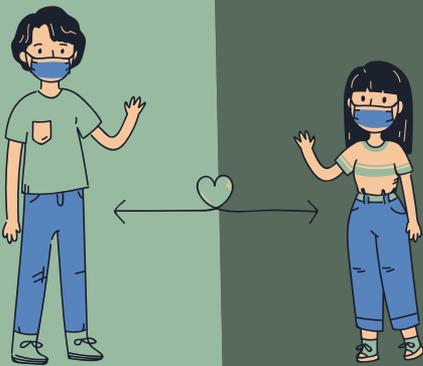
We know you might have questions and want you to have as much information as possible so you know what to expect while attending a wedding during a pandemic.

## KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Unfortunately, coronavirus spreads easily from person to person, so it's imperative you keep your distance from others. We know it's sad you won't be able to give your loved ones a congratulatory hug, but it's more important to keep everyone safe.

Remember: you can always hug once it's safe again. As a wedding guest, it's best not to put the couple in an uncomfortable situation by encroaching on their personal space. This goes for other guests too.

Remain six feet apart for as much of the wedding as you can (during the ceremony, during dinner, and during the reception). It may be challenging, but with a little extra care, you can still celebrate with your friends and family from a safe distance.



## WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN

Some health experts believe coronavirus can be contracted from surfaces, so it's important to wash and sanitize your hands as often as possible. Sanitation stations will be provided throughout the venue. If you use the bathroom, wear a mask and wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.



## BE AWARE & RESPECT SIGNAGE AT THE WEDDING VENUE

While you're at the wedding, respect the signage that the venue, vendors or couples provide. If there's a lane of one-way traffic, walk in the assigned direction. Similarly, follow guidelines on programs, menus, seating charts or any other signs at the wedding. The couple and their team likely put a lot of time and effort into making the wedding as safe as possible, so be sure to respect their wishes.

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## BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VENDORS

Wedding vendors are going above and beyond to try and make COVID weddings as special as possible. Be mindful of the pros throughout the day so they can do their work in a safe manner. Some basic rules to bear in mind include keeping your mask on when you're near anyone working, being mindful of seating arrangements, limiting contact at the bar and at other decor areas. Doing so will make vendors feel safe and able to focus on the couple's day and your guest experience.

## UNDERSTAND THE RISK

Even though wearing masks, washing hands and social distancing help curb the spread of the virus, there's still a chance of contracting it from someone who is asymptomatic if you attend a gathering. Make sure you understand this before going to a wedding and gauge your comfort with the level of risk involved.

## HAVE FUN!

Ditch the sweats for a day and get dressed up! Eat some great food and cheers to the happy couple for this exciting new adventure they are starting!



# current regulations for event venues

- The Golden Arrow can host no more than 100 people per event, excluding vendors & staff
- It is required that guests are seated for the duration of the event, even while eating or drinking
- For those who have booked a cocktail hour on the boathouse, we will still provide a bar in this space. However, the stationary hors d'oeuvre will be served indoors.
- It is required that guests wear masks unless seated at their table
- Social distancing is required at all times
- Tables must be spaced at least 6 feet apart
- No more than 10 people may be seated per table (6 to 8 will work just fine)
- Seating families together that have already been exposed to each other is encouraged
- Event staff must wear masks and gloves
- Sanitation stations must be provided by the resort
- Dancing is not permitted with these few exceptions:
  - Bride & groom first dance
  - Bride & groom parent dances



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **DO I NEED TO SHOW A NEGATIVE TEST BEFORE ATTENDING?**

It does not hurt to get tested for peace of mind, however, our venue does not require COVID testing prior to the wedding.

## **DO I NEED TO WEAR A MASK?**

Yes. It is required that guests wear masks unless seated at their table.

Wearing a mask is one of the most effective ways you, as a wedding guest, can ensure the safety of yourself and others. Even if you're outdoors, comply with CDC guidelines and wear a mask if you're within six feet of another person.



## **CAN I DANCE?**

Unfortunately, NYS guidelines do not permit dancing at this time.