Coronavirus

Wedding Proposals

While most Covid restrictions are remaining in place for another month, the guidance around weddings has changed.

From 21st June there will no longer be a maximum number cap for attendees set out in law.

Instead, the number of attendees at weddings and receptions will be determined by how many people the venue or space can safely accommodate with social distancing measures in place.

This will be based on the Covid-19 risk assessment of the venue or outdoor space, and the measures put in place to limit the spread of the virus.

If couples plan on having more than 30 people, they must do this by completing a Covid-19 risk assessment to determine how many attendees will be able to attend and following this guidance to make the event as safe as possible.

The Church of England is reviewing the guidance and will issue their advice in the next few days

On Monday the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's Covid Recovery Group, said:

"The confirmation tonight of a delay in the next stage of lifting Covid-19 restrictions will be a blow to many people but I understand why this decision has been taken.

"I am hugely thankful for the success and speed of the vaccination programme which has undoubtedly saved many lives - but we do have to take the spread of the more transmissible Delta variant very seriously and do all we can to protect each other as Christians called to love our neighbour.

"I know from those on the front line that the pressures on the NHS are extreme and understand that a delay of a few more weeks in lifting restrictions could make a big difference in helping us all to get ahead in the 'race' against this virus which has caused so much death and misery.

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