

Recommended Best Practices for Wedding and Funeral Receptions

Wedding and funeral reception planners should consider arrangements of the venue environment that will encourage healthy behavior and maintain a healthy environment.

- No more than eight members of a household may be seated at each table.
- Tables should be at least six feet apart.
- Dancing or other activities which require individuals to gather beyond their respective tables or seats should be limited whenever possible.
- Strongly encourage wearing a mask over nose and mouth when unable to maintain 6-feet of distance between persons who do not live in a party's household (social distance).

Below is information from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) on *Considerations for events and gatherings*:

Modified Layouts

- Limit attendance or seating capacity to allow for [social distancing](#), or host smaller events in larger rooms.
- Use multiple entrances and exits and discourage crowded waiting areas.
- Block off rows or sections of seating in order to space people at least 6 feet apart.
- Eliminate lines or queues if possible or encourage people to stay at least 6 feet apart by providing [signs](#) or other visual cues such as tape or chalk marks.

Ventilation

- Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, for example, by opening windows and doors. Do not open windows and doors if doing so poses a safety or health risk to staff or attendees (e.g., risk of falling or triggering asthma symptoms).
- If portable ventilation equipment like fans are used, take steps to minimize air from them blowing from one person directly at another person to reduce the potential spread of any airborne or aerosolized viruses.

Restrooms

- Consider limiting the number of people who occupy the restroom at one time to allow for social distancing.
- Do not allow lines or crowds to form near the restroom without maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet from other people. It may be helpful to post signs or markers to help attendees maintain the appropriate social distance of at least 6 feet.

