

Weddings and Civil Partnerships during Covid-19

Leicestershire Registration Service is now able to carry out weddings and civil partnerships in line with government guidance. If you have a confirmed ceremony we will contact, you to confirm details and that your ceremony is still going ahead.

Please ensure you are fully conversant with the points below and advise your party of these guidelines. This will ensure you, your guests and our team stay safe.

Numbers

- Each venue will have a plan of how many people will be allowed into the ceremony room. This includes the couple; children and your photographer(s) and numbers cannot be exceeded.
- Additional guests must not attend the venue and will not be allowed to stand or wait outside.

Arrival

- Your guests may be asked to wait outside the venue or in your vehicle until your allocated ceremony time
- Please use the sanitiser on arrival
- Face coverings must be worn by all attendees at weddings or civil partnerships (with the usual exclusions), but the bride, groom or civil partners will not have to wear them.

Seating arrangements

- The seating in the room will be laid out to ensure that social distancing is achieved. Household groups may sit together, but all other guests must sit in the designated seats to maintain social distancing.

During the ceremony

- Some venues may have been rearranged to ensure social distancing so you may not be able to “walk in” and you won’t be able to walk in with anyone who isn’t in your household i.e, bridesmaids or attendants
- If you are being “given away” then the person should sit at the front of the ceremony room
- Photographs will be taken from chairs
- You will be allowed to exchange rings.
- Any readings at approved venues should be as short as possible and delivered from the reader’s seat.

Contact tracing

- The “lead group” details will be retained and passed to NHS Contact Tracing Team if they are asked for them. In most cases, this is the couple.