

## **Weddings and Civil Partnerships as at 23 February 2021**

### **Until 28 March 2021:**

Only in exceptional circumstances for a maximum of 6 people, in a COVID-19 secure building with social distancing measures in place.

### **From 29 March 2021:**

- For a maximum of 6, in a COVID-19 secure building with social distancing in place.
- In Milton Keynes this means for a statutory wedding / CP the couple and two witnesses only; for Flowers and venues, the couple and four guests two of who will be witnesses.
- Social distancing measures and face coverings required.
- Six people may spend some time in the garden for photos.
- Confirmation will be received from government on 22 March that the above may go ahead.

### **From the earliest of 12 April 2021:**

- Subject to the 4 tests being met marriages or civil partnerships for a maximum of 15 with social distancing in place.
- In Milton Keynes this means for a statutory wedding / CP the couple and two witnesses only; for Flowers, the couple and ten guests, two of who will be witnesses; for venues up to a maximum of 15 or fewer depending on the venue's COVID-19 risk assessment.
- Social distancing measures and face coverings required.
- A maximum of 15 people may spend some time in the garden for photos.
- Confirmation will be received from government on 5 April that the above may go ahead.

### **From the earliest of 17 May 2021:**

- Subject to the 4 tests being met marriages or civil partnerships for a maximum of 30 with social distancing in place.
- In Milton Keynes this means for a statutory wedding / CP the couple and two witnesses only; for Flowers, the couple and ten guests, two of who will be witnesses; for venues up to a maximum of 30 or fewer depending on the venue's COVID-19 risk assessment.
- Social distancing measures and face coverings required.
- A maximum of 15 people may spend some time in the garden for photos.
- Confirmation will be received from government on 10 May that the above may go ahead.

### **From the earliest of 21 June 2021:**

- Subject to the 4 tests being met marriages for the number of people shown on a building licence / COVID-19 risk assessment with social distancing in place. No legal limit on attendees is subject to the outcome of the scientific Events Research Programme – from April the government will run pilots for events such as large weddings to help determine how measures such as enhanced testing might allow large groups to attend without social distancing.
- In Milton Keynes this means for a statutory wedding / CP the couple and two witnesses only; for Flowers, the couple and ten guests, two of who will be witnesses; for venues up to the maximum shown in the venue's COVID-19 risk assessment.
- Social distancing measures and face coverings required.
- A maximum of 15 people may spend some time in the garden for photos.
- Confirmation will be received from government on 14 June that the above may go ahead.

Milton Keynes Council will review social distancing measures as new government guidelines are published and changes may be introduced from a later date.