

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

LOVE IS NOT CANCELLED!



WEDDING GUIDE FOR BRIDES DURING COVID-19

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# I'M HERE FOR YOU!

I feel for you.

Let's just start there, babes.

This is a lot to cope and deal with. Trust me, I totally know how weird and stressful this time is.

Although, we continue through the year of 2020 with uncertainty, please know that with certainty I will do every possible thing I can on my end to make everything as easy as I can for your wedding day.

Any concern, worries, fears, or doubts that you have about your wedding, I am freaking here for you. If you would like to chat or just have a shoulder to cry on (a virtual one because, you know, social distancing!)

I will cry with you. Think of me as your support team. No one could have expected, predicted, or planned this and we will get through this hardship together.

In this little support PDF, we will chat about different options for your wedding in 2020. You will find information about rescheduling your wedding day and working with government social restrictions to keep your date.

Please know that you are supported and not alone in this!



## Let's start with PLAN B

### Moving Your Wedding Date

If you would like to keep your wedding precisely how you had planned, I suggest rescheduling your wedding for a new date if you fall under COVID restrictions. Contact each one of your vendors as soon as possible and ask them about their rescheduling policy during COVID-19.

Know that it might take them a little while to get back to you as your wedding vendors may be receiving a flood of emails. If your wedding is soon, I suggest typing URGENT in the title.

Most vendors are encouraging re-bookings to be Fridays, Sundays and mid-week. If you place a booking for these days, you are most likely to find a date that all your vendors are free.

Brides, wedding vendors are hurting and are stressed about COVID-19, just like you are. If you can move your wedding date and work with all your vendors for a new day, I strongly encourage to rescheduling versus canceling. Please have some compassion with your vendors, it's such a crazy and stressful time for everyone involved with weddings!





## Let's start with PLAN B

### Keeping Your Wedding Day (If possible)

If you would like to keep your original wedding date while there are restrictions on group gatherings and rules in place around social distancing, I will do everything in my power to document your wedding. This will be done in a way that is abiding by the current government restrictions and most importantly, by making sure we all feel safe.

The most important thing to remember is that the safety of EVERYONE is the TOP priority. Government restrictions are in place for a reason, and it's so important to make sure we are doing our part to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We can chat about how we can best ensure that we all feel comfortable and safe while being photographed and photographing during this time. If I'm not your photographer, it's so important to discuss the your options with your photographer!

This may look like conversations about using a zoom lens and us setting up realistic expectations for the photos if we are social distancing, maybe the photos will be a little less close-up. I would also love to discuss the location together. This might mean that we brainstorm a forest to elope in or somewhere that is well ventilated so that we feel safe and reassured that we are taking precautionary measures.





## Let's start with PLAN B

### Keeping Your Wedding Day (CON.)

It's so important to just reiterate that the health and safety of EVERYONE is so critical and the most important thing in this season of life. If I'm not your photographer, please start this conversation with your photographer - if you haven't already. There's just many different options, including doing an elopement versus a big wedding.

Brides, I just want to encourage you, again, to be compassionate when talking with your photographer and other wedding vendors. It really is a hard time for everyone.

If government restrictions include a total lockdown or a stay at home order during your wedding day, please abide by this restriction - as it's in place for a reason. Many states are giving out fines and even jailtime if you disobey these orders.

We, as wedding vendors, will do everything in our power to make your wedding day happen, while ensuring the safety and health of everyone involved, and obeying government orders.

Either way babes, KEEP YOUR HEAD UP and STAY POSITIVE!!

And be in communication with ALL your vendors!



# RESCHEDULING

CONSIDER YOUR RESCHEDULE DATE!



"Love goes on and will never end."

If you are going to reschedule your wedding, have you considered rescheduling to a Friday, Saturday or midweek date? There are many benefits to this.

1. It is much more likely that all your vendors will be available for the new date.
2. You will be supporting small businesses recoup their losses due to the pandemic. Some who at this point are just trying to keep the lights on. It will be incredibly hard for small business wedding vendors to stay afloat during this time if all their bookings for 2021 are filled with bookings from 2020.
3. In times like this, we have to stick together and support each other. Considering a Friday, Sunday or mid-week wedding is a massive way you can help all your vendors at this time.
4. Your guests will understand! And It might even save you money with venues!





# CONTACT YOUR VENDORS!

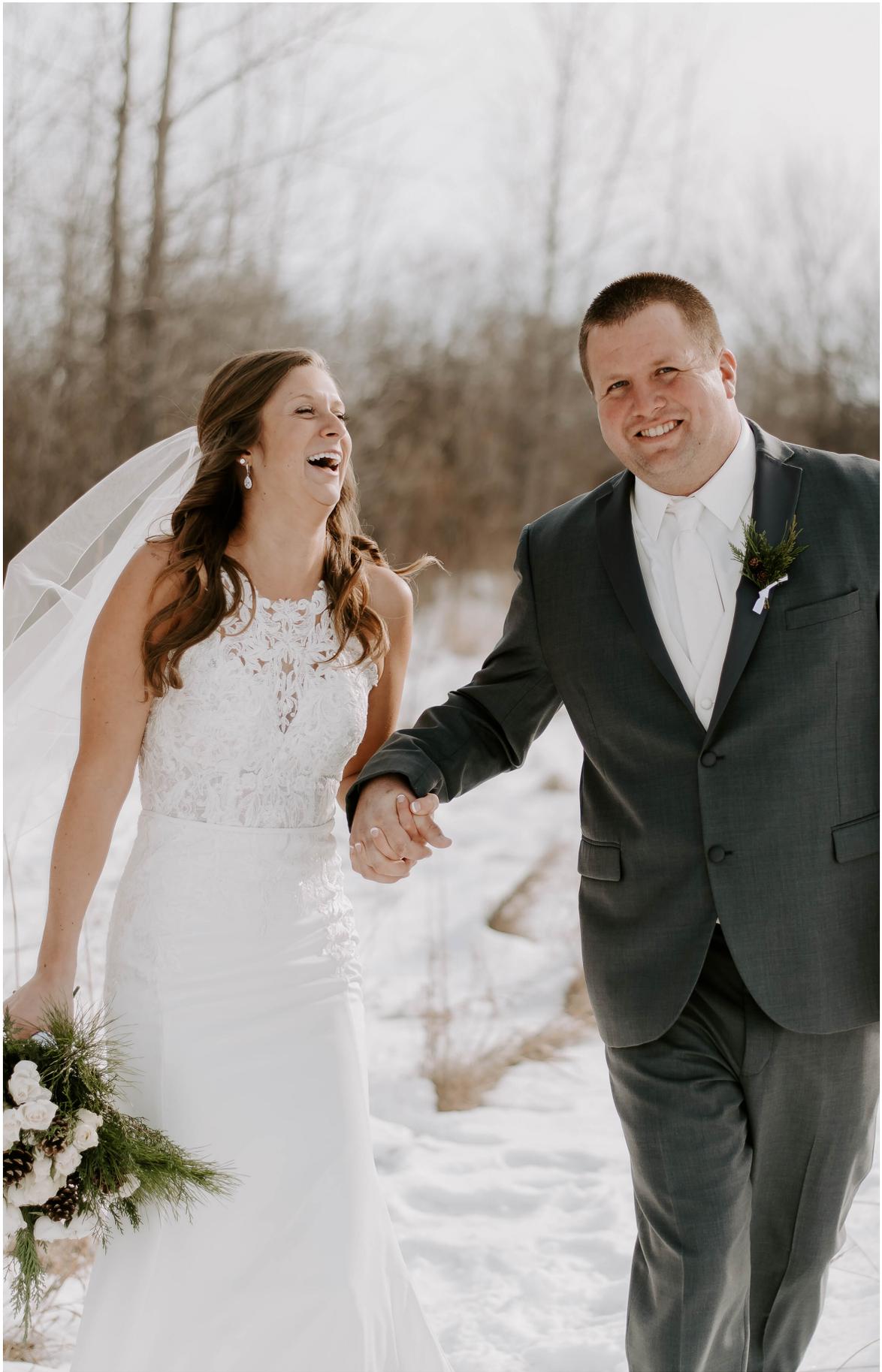
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Get in touch with your venue and other vendors like your florist, caterer, etc.

Whether you are keeping your wedding date, which may mean having a small wedding now (then partying later) or moving your wedding to a new date, the first step in organizing this is to make a list of all your vendors. Getting everyone on the same page, is the best first step. Start by checking in with you venue. Many venues have had to close their doors indefinitely. Once you have touched base with them worth through your vendor list. You may start by simply asking what your vendors' rescheduling policy is. If all your vendors are happy to reschedule then put a few dates forward to everyone.

Again, if you book a Friday, Sunday or mid-week wedding it is much more likely that all your vendors will be free.

**HOT TIP FOR YOU** - Wedding vendors will be a lot more open to placing a backup wedding date if it is mid-week (Tues - Thurs). This way you can keep your current booking, see how this year unfolds, all the while knowing that your backup booking is there if you need it.





# Postpone, don't CANCEL

## If you can, please postpone!

You have spent months planning your wedding. Before you decide its all too much, first contact your key vendors, you may well be surprised how accommodating everyone is and how smooth rescheduling your wedding is. Many vendors are waiving any kind of rescheuling fees, so don't be afraid to discuss your options!

Brides, I just want to encourage you, again, to be compassionate when talking with your photographer and other wedding vendors. It really is a hard time for everyone.

If rescheduling isn't an option - firstly, I'm so sorry to hear this. Secondly, I offer a credit on my services for when you feel ready to start planning your celebration again.

The credit is the amount that has already been paid and can be used to book in any free future dates before the end of 2021!

Again, If I'm not your photographer, please discuss the option of getting a credit on their photography services.

Many photographers are being very accomodating in this time!



# FAQ

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS!



### **One of my vendors is unavailable, what do I do?**

It is to be expected that one of your vendors will not be available for the new date or perhaps they live with someone immune-compromised and do not feel safe servicing your current wedding date. From years of working in the wedding industry, I have compiled a list of standout wedding vendors which you can find on the next page.

### **How long will the ban last?**

Everything is indefinite right now, and I know that this is incredibly frustrating. It is best to expect the unexpected and be on the side of caution moving forward.

### **My wedding is still a few months out, do I need to worry?**

A lot can happen in a few months! You don't need to be stressed to the max, but have a Plan B just in case! Pick two or three backup dates and let your vendors know, just in case this lasts a lot longer than a month.





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### What if there are still border closures?

A. I will cross the border and follow all the quarantine rules.

B. I have contacts all over the world that will be able to step in. There are other talented photographers will take good care of you. I can leave you in their competent hands, or they can shoot on my behalf, and I will edit your photos for you.

### What if there is still a travel ban leading up to my wedding?

If in the weeks leading up to your wedding, I cannot make it there physically, I will search the globe for someone who can. The photography industry is well connected, and I have contacts all over the world that will be able to step in. There are other talented photographers will take good care of you. I can leave you in their competent hands, or they can shoot on my behalf, and I will edit your photos for you.



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### **What if I have regular contact with someone who is immune compromised or vulnerable?**

If you are immune-compromised or vulnerable to the Coronavirus, or in contact with someone that is, for the safety of you and your loved ones I recommend rescheduling your wedding to be safe. I would not feel comfortable shooting your wedding. Although I practice social distancing and isolation, and though I have no symptoms, I can not ensure you that I am not a carrier of the virus.

### **What if there are still group restrictions leading up to my wedding?**

I will do all that I can to document your wedding, know that! This will have to be done in a way that is abiding by the current government restrictions in place and most importantly, by making sure we all feel safe. You may have to have very few people at your wedding including any vendors such the celebrant, videographer and me for the ceremony. I may (and am happy to be) one of your witnesses so that we are within the number limit. The key is to be creative and open-minded to what your wedding looks like. Maybe we even live stream the ceremony for all your guests at home!



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### **What if you're unavailable on my new wedding date?**

I am still here to serve you NO MATTER WHAT. If I happen to already be booked on your new wedding date, I will hire an associate to shoot your wedding for NO extra cost! An associate photographer is a well-seasoned photographer working under me and my brand, but I would still do all the communication, editing, and all other things for you! An associate photographer just lead shoots on your wedding day!

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# PREFERRED VENDORS

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If your vendors are unavailable for your new wedding day, here are some vendors I personally love!

## VIDEOGRAPHY

Forest Bound Films  
Cole Cruse Films  
Luke Larsen  
Ashtyn Bodensteiner  
Torri Zins

## FLORISTS

Olive&Grace  
Kin Flower  
Indigrow Floral  
Thistle&Dot Floral  
Flower Mill

## HAIR + MAKEUP

Beauty by Halie  
Platinum Imagination  
Bombshell Beauty

## DJs

Dj Sieffstyle  
Dj CodyC  
Energy Event Group  
Wow Entertainment



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## CAKE & DESSERTS

B's Bakehouse  
Sassy Cakes  
Nothing Bundt Cake  
Oh My Cupcakes

## VENUES

Pinewood Weddings & Events  
The Meadow Barn  
The Veranda  
Laurel Ridge  
Calico Skies Winery

## Planners/Coordinators

Jane Rae  
Alyssa Walker  
Serendipitous Events



# I'M HERE FOR YOU!



## Love is not cancelled!

At the end of the day whatever you decide for your wedding, know that I am here and will support you through this.

If you get to be with the one you love and say 'forever'... what else really matters, right?!

## We're in this together!

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