

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Civil Weddings

Recent Updates:

11/28/20: This guidance remains in effect during the period from November 30, 2020 to December 20, 2020 when the **TEMPORARY TARGETED SAFER AT HOME HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR CONTROL OF COVID-19: TIER 1 SUBSTANTIAL SURGE RESPONSE** will be in place. Civil weddings may take place during this three-week period as described in this guidance.

Weddings (civil ceremonies) with strictly limited attendance can take place in compliance with the following restrictions:

- Before getting married, a couple must first obtain a marriage license from the County Clerk.
 - Couples must appear together, in person, and show a valid ID to purchase their license. No more than those two people may appear for the appointment.
- For a certificate of marriage to be appropriately executed, the couple being married, the officiant and a witness must be visible to each other during the exchange of vows.
 - The couple may be present with the officiant and the witness at the Registrar Recorder County Clerk's (RR/CC). For a list of branch offices of the RR/CC click on the link at the bottom of this page.
 - The couple may be together in any location, connecting to the officiant and the witness by video conference with both live video and live audio, within the guidelines set forth in [California Executive Order 58-20](#).
 - The couple may retain a current or retired public official who is permitted to perform civil marriages in CA (including mayors, some judges, and others -- see [California Wedding Officiants](#)).
- Whichever option is chosen, in-person attendance at a civil wedding ceremony must be limited to:
 - The couple
 - The officiant
 - A witness
- Social (physical) distancing must be observed during the ceremony (except between the couple).
- If a member of the couple has symptoms of COVID-19 infection, the ceremony may not take place.
- If the witness or officiant has symptoms of COVID-19, the ceremony may only take place if it is possible to find a substitute.
- The service may be live streamed to permit virtual participation of others. It may also be taped for later viewing. In either case, the recording must be carried out without any additional attendees.
- Use of objects, equipment, or supplies that may be difficult to disinfect or make it hard to ensure social (physical) distancing is avoided.

To make an appointment for a license or a ceremony or for additional information for planning your civil ceremony go to the Los Angeles County Register Recorder/County Clerk website [RR/CC Website](#).