**MARRIAGE/ CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONY RESTRICTIONS**

Please be aware that your marriage/civil partnership ceremony must be conducted under the current NI Executive restrictions.

* Numbers at marriage and civil partnership ceremonies will be determined by a risk assessment carried out by the venue taking account of the individual circumstances of each and consideration of all relevant public health advice and industry guidance.
* Face masks must be worn by all at a marriage or civil partnership ceremony except the couple being married or forming a civil partnership, the registrar/officiant performing the ceremony, people who are exempt or children aged 12 and under.
* Can take place in a private dwelling with up to **30** people, this would include the couple, two witnesses and the officiant.

* Can take place in a person’s home if one of the parties is terminally ill with up to **30** people in attendance (this includes the couple, two witnesses and the officiant).
* A religious/belief officiant can carry out a marriage ceremony at any location in Northern Ireland, it does not have to be an approved venue.  It is the responsibility of the religious/belief officiant to ensure that COVID-19 restrictions are adhered to.