**MARRIAGE/ CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONY RESTRICTIONS from the**

**12th April 2021**

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

**Marriages and Civil Partnerships from 12 April 2021**

* Numbers at marriage and civil partnership ceremonies will be determined by a risk register carried out by the venue.
* Face masks must be worn by all except the couple being married or forming a civil partnership.  Current guidance states that children under the age of 13 do not have to wear a face mask.
* No mixing of households is permitted at a private dwelling therefore it will not be possible for a ceremony to be held indoors as the registrar/officiant is not permitted to enter the premises.
* Can take place in a person’s home if one of the parties is terminally ill with up to10 people in attendance (this includes the couple, two witnesses and the officiant).
* Outdoor gatherings in a private garden will be restricted to **10** people from 2 different households. If all other participants at the ceremony are not from the same household the ceremony cannot proceed as the registrar/officiant can be the only person from a separate household.