**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.
* Face masks must be worn by all unless exempt, except the couple being married or forming a civil partnership, the registrar/officiant performing the ceremony or children aged 12 and under.
* Up to **10** people from three households (not including children) are permitted in a private dwelling therefore a marriage or civil partnership ceremony can take place if all other guests at the ceremony are from two households with the registrar/officiant being from the third household
* Can take place in a person’s home if one of the parties is terminally ill with up to **10** 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.