

# 5- STEP ACTION PLAN for couples affected by COVID-19

*This is an uncertain time for all right now, and possibly having to re-arrange your big day is hard, but you're not alone! I created this guide to possibly help you and your soon-to-be spouse, get some answers, from a vendors perspective! Here are the best things to do, to make postponing your magical day, as easy as it can be.*

## **COMMUNICATION**

Connecting with your vendors, I'm sure, is the first thing that came to mind when this whole craziness started, but please make sure to get allllll the information you can from each vendor, whether that includes contracts, rescheduling policies, or availability for your new date, just so you guys can get an idea of what the next plan of action should be, in terms of postponing/re-planning.

### **Be as honest as possible!**

Vendors, such as myself, truly value honest and direct communication! We want to be there for you as much as we can, and the best way for us to help you, is to keep a constant line of communication open! We want to be at your big day SO badly, but if we do not know your new plan, and it has been a significant amount of time since the new plan was formed, but we were not in the loop, it's going to get a bit messier, schedule wise, than anyone would want.

Plus, if we are in constant communication about your new date, we can help you find new vendors if needed, and possibly help with any planning that's getting a bit tricky! We're here for YOU. :)

## **FACEBOOK GROUPS**

I'm involved with a ton of Facebook groups surrounding weddings, as a vendor, and there are so many brides going through the same thing you are! If your vendor does not have an answer for you on a certain planning or logistical issue, brides around the world may! Some of my favorite groups are: Brides to be ATX and surrounding, The Sassy Club, & Austin Weddings! Even get involved in groups for vendors, so you can get an idea of what we're thinking during this time!



### **VENDOR EMAIL THREAD**

Like I mentioned earlier, communication is extremely valued, speaking from personal experience, but I know all vendors really appreciate it! I think a great way to keep communication as streamlined as possible, may include attaching all vendors to an email thread so we can all chat about how to best serve you and your fiancé, and possibly work around a new date, if you haven't chosen one yet! We as vendors want the absolute best for you two, so this could be a nice way for everyone involved in your magical day to stay connected, while you get to be involved as well!

### **IF NEEDED...**

I have had a few brides opt for the elopement plan as of late. This is a completely valid option if getting married sooner rather than later is your preferred plan! Having an intimate ceremony in a gorgeous location with just you two, your photographer, and officiant can be magical! Generally for an elopement or more intimate wedding, the couple reads their vows and completes the ceremony as usual, but then we get a huge amount of time to take super awesome photos of just you two, celebrating your love! Then at a later date, you could host a reception (aka a full night of partying), with all of your friends and family! You could even have a videographer for your intimate ceremony, and show that video at the reception!

### **To wrap up**

Obviously this is a tricky time for everyone, and it is a total bummer that your wedding day is being postponed, but please don't hesitate to ask for help from your vendors! Again, you are our PRIORITY. If we can do anything to help you, we will! Just remember to take deep breaths, hug your fiancé tightly, and even pop the champagne on your ex-date! Staying at home right now, doesn't mean you can't celebrate your love a little, right? ;)

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