WTF To Do For A Year After Postponing Your Wedding

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We know you probably never want to hear the words "coronavirus," "quarantine," and "unprecedented times" again, but unfortunately The Rona is still among us. Corona brides across the world are lost when it comes to what to do now that their wedding has been postponed or canceled. The days of saying "I do" in front of friends and family and taking shots with your bridesmaids at the open bar seem so distant, but we're hopeful that the investment towards celebrating this new chapter in your life is worth the wait. For those of you that have officially made the decision to share your vows with your S.O. in 2021, you're probably wondering WTF to do with all of your plans now? Don't freak out, because we've gone ahead and asked the experts to share their thoughts on what couples can be

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doing in the meantime to ensure that all t's are crossed and i's are dotted before the big day.

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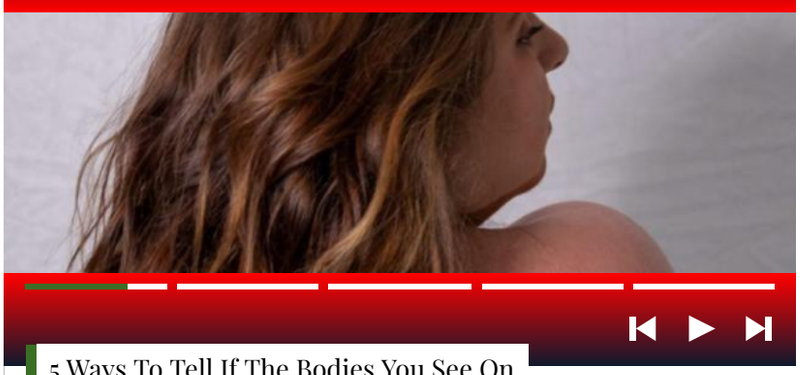

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Get Organized

Yes, you probably had everything planned out perfectly, right down to your personalized stationery before the virus happened, but now that your plans have changed, there's some tricky re-thinking to do. "It goes without saying that trying to navigate the postponement of a wedding is mind-boggling, and it can be hard to know where to start, or better yet, figure out an organized way to keep track of your progress and your remaining to-dos," says Lisa Bowser, Founder of Brite Lite, a company that makes LED neon signs. "Lists on lists on lists can be quite boring to look at, yes?" Um, yes! Bowser recommends the acrylic dry-erase Goals Calendar to eliminate your wedding stress. Bonus: you can still use it in your home after your wedding planning process is (finally) over.

Read Your Contracts

I know we're all programmed to click "accept terms and conditions" without a second thought, but with circumstances constantly changing as our world adapts to the virus, it's essential that you and your future spouse have your contingency plans up-to-date. As AJ

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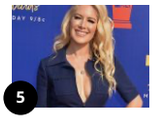
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Williams, Founder and Creative Director at Boston-based event planning company AJ Events, recommends, “When reading your contracts, make sure you have your planner and vendors develop a rescheduling contract or addendum, and to change the Force Majeure to include pandemics and decreased capacity due to government mandates.” This way, you won’t have to scramble to make things work any more than you’ve already had to.

See What Safety Precautions Your Vendors Are Taking

When you do end up walking down the aisle, you want to be sure all possible measures are put in place to ensure that your guests stay happy and healthy. AJ Williams reports that for all future events, his company “will require cleaning/sanitation measures from our vendors and venues working on our events and add sanitation efforts plus add supplies at attendee check-in to protect the safety of our work environment and your attendees while allowing us to continue to service our clients.” He adds, “We have created branded plexi walls on our bar and catering stations, adorable customized face masks with your favorite quote or funny message or emoji icon to include your signature style. Get creative while keeping safe.” So make sure you check with your vendors to see how they’re adapting to these (my brain: don’t say it don’t say it don’t say it) unprecedented times.

Enjoy Your Engagement

Though you’ve (understandably) been mentally designing your reception place cards since the moment you got a ring on your finger, take this unique opportunity to sit back, relax, and enjoy this extra time of being engaged to the love of your life. Of course, says Taylor Waxman of L.A.-based event design and production company KED & Co., "Changing your wedding date can be emotionally draining. Managing your friends and family travel plans, rescheduling your vendors to make sure everyone is available on the same day and overall reimagining a new date in a new year—you've been through it."

When adjusting your wedding planning timeline, though, staying sane is essential. "Don't over plan," advises Waxman. "It's very easy to focus on your wedding during this time, but our biggest advice is: don't. Once you have your vendors and location rescheduled and all guests are alerted of the new date, take a step back to enjoy your engagement. Spend quality time with your partner, schedule outdoor picnics or Zoom dinners with family and friends, take this time to reconnect and appreciate what is around you."

Make The Process Fun

Now that you've got some extra time to plan things out, you and your partner can hone in on achieving the wedding of your dreams. Sarah Kuhlberg, Creative Director at Colette's Catering and Events, suggests that you "Cast aside what might be typical wedding traditions, and do what YOU really, truly want for your wedding. Explore bright colors, beautiful seasonal menus, wine flown in from your favorite winery, book a unique outdoor venue, mix and match your linen pattern choices, custom built backdrops from local artists, neon signage, etc. Now you have the time to really customize!"

While it's easy to get overwhelmed with pressing health concerns on top of your color scheme choices, "Making the difficult decision to postpone your wedding should be the hardest part. Once you've done that, try to make the rest of the process fun," advises Matt Ramirez, Senior VP of Marketing at Generation Tux. "Look at new wedding trends, new seasonal colors, and opportunities to update your wedding plans! Everyone in the wedding industry knows this is a tough time for couples, and we're here to work with you. Take this time with your husband to design the look of your wedding suit or tux again, order some free swatches, and get a free home try-on delivered to the groom."

If you want to get creative without overloading your plate, Taylor Waxman suggests designing your own thank you notes online, finding custom postage for your wedding invitations, registering for gifts, working on your wedding website, finalizing your guest list, and choosing meaningful songs to be played during your ceremony. She also suggested pulling inspiration images (as if you needed an excuse to add to the wedding Pinterest board you've had since college.). "Focus on your style and look, try not to go too deep in detail," she recommends. "Keep this light and fun."

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Can't Wait? Go For It!

As Nike says, "Just Do It." If you and your S.O. are itching to get married ASAP, Sarah Kuhlberg suggests having a mini wedding and eloping in your backyard, and then scheduling a reception for a year later so you can celebrate your first anniversary with friends and family. Don't be afraid to think outside of the box and feel free to "Create your dream celebration and know that this new wedding style is something we are all getting used to."

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We've got a new moon in Aquarius this week which can mean only one thing: it's time to get weird. Let yourself throw caution to the wind, express yourself with abandon, paint your nails a funky color—whatever gets you out of your comfort zone. It's quarantine. There are no rules.

Aries

Is this the week to bring back the Zoom happy hour? Okay, maybe not, but you're feeling the collaborative energy this week. The question you must answer: how to feel the "big group" vibes, even when big groups are not a thing. Look for a way to gather your crew outdoors. Just no hugging, okay?

Taurus

The work you've been putting in since the start of the pandemic will *finally* bear fruit this week. So make sure you're ready for it. The seeds you've been planting since before quarantine are ready to be harvested (more fruit metaphors please!). The only question remaining is what you will do with your newfound success. (The same thing we do every night Pinky—try to take over the world!)

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