



Dear Prospective Wedding Guests,

Love knows no boundaries and unfortunately neither does the coronavirus. We are living in unprecedented times and ask for your patience and understanding when planning a wedding during a global pandemic.

Social gatherings of any size are prohibited by the State of California and the County of Orange. However, Sherman Gardens is a unique open air facility and we have a restaurant that is open and conforming to all guidelines set by the State of California and the County of Orange. By operating within these guidelines we have the opportunity to offer you a *Dinner Wedding*.

A dinner wedding allows you to safely gather with up to 50 friends and family to celebrate your special day. At a dinner wedding your guests will be seated at tables according to your seating chart. Tables will be spaced 6' apart. Once guests are seated at their table they may remove their face coverings for eating and drinking. We ask that when guests get up to move around, or gather socially, they cover their face and maintain physical distance of 6' apart.

Servers will bring a selection of hors d'oeuvres to each table and they will take beverage orders and deliver beverages to the table. You may hold your ceremony in the gardens while your guests are seated at their tables, or we can arrange chairs 6' apart for a ceremony in the Tea Garden. A Tea Garden ceremony is subject to your number of guests and our ability to space ceremony chairs properly.

You may have a father/daughter dance, you may have a cake cutting ceremony, the best man and maid of honor and anyone else who would like to make a toast or say a few words may do so while your guests are safely seated at their tables and those who are speaking are safely distanced from your guests. While we recognize that this is not a "normal" wedding environment, it is still a way to share your special day safely with friends and family. Unfortunately, there are a few things that we cannot allow in an effort to follow government guidelines and to keep you and your guests safe.

- No amplified music ~ acoustic music or playlists only
- No dancing, no dance floors
- No freestanding bars
- No passed hors d'oeuvres

We hope that you understand that these limitations imposed upon us by the State of California and County of Orange are intended to keep you, and our staff, healthy and safe. Please know that we will strive to make your day special, memorable and fun. We look forward to working with you in creating a custom dinner wedding in a beautiful botanical setting exclusively for you.

Sincerely,

Scott LaFleur, Executive Director of Sherman Library & Gardens  
Chef Pascal Olhats of Pascal Catering