

23rd October 2020

RE: Dancing at Weddings – Government Restrictions

Dear Minister,

I write to you today to make a simple request of the Government on behalf of the many absolutely forlorn wedding couples across the country. We would ask that you reconsider the Government's new restrictions prohibiting dancing at weddings.

Under current Government Guidelines ([link](#)), the wedding couple themselves cannot now even have a first dance.

Hotels provide very safe, highly-controlled environments for hosting weddings given the extensive measures they have in place to eliminate the risk. As such, we would ask the Government to permit dancing provided wedding guests only dance with members of their own household. Please bear in mind that weddings have already been dramatically scaled back with only 25 guests allowed attend.

There must be a way to find a common-sense solution. Having already had their wedding plans upended for their big day, couples and their families are soul-destroyed following the most recently announced changes to the wedding guidelines. All of these couples have endured the worst few months in the run up to their wedding day with many rescheduling their dates multiple times against the backdrop of changing Government restrictions.

Despite having spent years preparing for a different type of wedding, couples who had decided to go ahead acceded to restrictions. However, the most recent restrictions are a step too far for many.

We are available to the discuss the above at short notice.

Yours sincerely,



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President of the Irish Hotels Federation

CC: Ministers and Ministers of State

REF: Government update on wedding guidelines: <https://covid19.failteireland.ie/industry-updates/government-update-on-wedding-guidelines-october-21-2020/>