

# Missed milestones



## Celebrating life events during COVID-19

Springtime usually ushers in many celebrated milestones, such as proms, graduations, weddings and family vacations. This year, COVID-19 has changed how we will celebrate many life events. And though it might not be what you planned, you can still make each milestone special and unique.

### We offer a few ideas on how you can celebrate at a distance.

#### Graduations

Missing a high school or college graduation ceremony may disappoint students and their parents, who wanted to cheer them on as they crossed the stage to accept their diplomas. Many schools and universities are planning virtual ceremonies or intend to hold graduation at a later date.

Hold a virtual family celebration by video with friends and family when the graduate opens their diploma in the mail. Have the graduate share their favorite school memories and what they look forward to next.

#### Weddings

Wedding planning can be a stressful time under the best circumstances. Whether you're moving forward with your wedding plans or looking to postpone, many bridal websites offer tips for those planning their big day.

Discuss your plans with your vendors, including venues, caterers, musicians, videographers and photographers and know their cancellation policies. Alert your guests to any potential changes as soon as you can, especially if guests will need to travel. Also, consider a live stream.

#### Baby and bridal showers

For brides and expecting moms, baby and bridal showers may not be possible in the upcoming weeks as we continue to distance ourselves from others socially. You can use online registries to have a gift sent directly to the recipient. Then, set up a virtual shower where you open the presents on video.

You can also skip gift-giving and opt for a virtual spa day or dinner party.

#### Birthdays

Most people like to celebrate their birthdays with loved ones. But just because you can't get together doesn't mean you can't celebrate.

Plan a drive-by parade to show your support or sing "Happy Birthday" from a distance. If you're homebound with the birthday boy or girl, plan a scavenger hunt inside or in the yard. You can also have a movie night or bake a cake from scratch. Have friends and family send video messages.

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