

FAMILY REUNION INSTITUTE'S

STICKY REUNION SITUATION

SAFE ACTIVITIES FOR 2021

June 2021

The Situation:

Our family wants to plan a one-day, in-person reunion this year for anyone who feels comfortable enough to attend, even though Covid isn't completely over, and we're not sure how many family members have been vaccinated. What activities would you consider safe enough to enjoy this year?

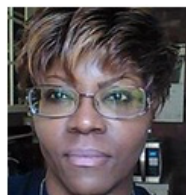
The Fix:



**Suzanne
Vargus Holloman**

We are all looking forward to when we can meet in-person with our extended families! You will need to determine if the timing is right for a gathering. Review the CDC guidelines as well as those of state and local authorities to determine what activities are determined to be safe. Survey the family to identify how many have been vaccinated as well as how many are comfortable with meeting. Will family members who haven't been vaccinated be offended that they can't attend? How will you protect children under 12? You don't want to create family tension by holding the gathering. If there are strong objections and/or too many family members will be left out, it may be best to take the time that you would use planning a one day event and accelerate the planning for a reunion in 2022.

The Fix:



**Sylvia
Ford-George**

I agree with Suzanne. However, if your family members are still insisting on doing something this year, think about meeting virtually. Sure you won't be able to welcome family members with hugs, kisses, holding hands, pinching baby cheeks, etc., etc., etc. However, you will be able to enjoy being together. For activities, families can reacquaint themselves by introducing new members (babies and/or spouses); identifying school graduates and promotions; and providing updates on what you've done for the past year and a half. You can have a virtual scavenger hunt, play B-I-N-G-O, enjoy a Sip 'n Paint (or other games your family enjoys), and you can incorporate your family history into a fun game of *Kahoot!*. The games will take a little bit of time to prepare ahead of time, but there will be loads of fun for the entire family to enjoy in the end.
