

FAMILY REUNION INSTITUTE'S

STICKY REUNION SITUATION

FIRST REUNION ON HOLD

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The Situation:

In 2019 we started planning a small, first-time family reunion for 2020. Because of Covid-19 we haven't been able to hold the reunion yet, and the momentum for the reunion is falling off. Do you have any advice for new family reunions that haven't had a chance to get started due to Covid?

The Fix:



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Family reunion planners should take a tip from the response of corporations and employers during Covid. What they couldn't do in person, they accomplished via Zoom, conference calls, and other media. Rather than doing nothing, do what you can. Somebody in your family knows how to set up a Zoom call and/or set up a GroupMe text group for your family to share what's going on with family members: engagements, weddings, births, deaths, graduations, promotions, new ventures, and other milestones. You could also have family members share photos, memories, and stories about family members who have passed on. The idea is to start a dialog and get people used to talking to each other via Zoom or other media. Thus, the momentum can be sustained and when you're ready for an in-person reunion, with good planning, the pieces will fall into place.
