

# Mother's Day in a Time of Global Pandemic



You know what the busiest day in the restaurant business is? You guessed it. Mother's Day. That's the day every family treats Mom to a meal.

Well (especially if you have a big family), that's not happening this year. Even restaurants that are opening are required to keep the tables small. No more than six or at the maximum 10 (depending on your area).

So, I've come up with a few ideas to celebrate her day in a new way.

1. If you live close to your Mom, you can still "take her out" but "take it in." Restaurants need our support more than ever. You can order a take-out meal, pick it up curbside at most places and drop it at her doorstep. Give her a ring and she can come out and get it. You might even consider ordering enough for everyone. Take it home. Get on a Zoom connection and you can all eat "together."
2. At this same restaurant you can help them out once again by buying a gift card. The whole family can go out at a

future date when the country is fully-functioning, and the restaurant gets the much-needed revenue now. Mom gets the gift of the gift card. Another option: You could get a smaller card that's just designed for Mom and a friend to use at a later date.

3. If you live close to Mom, you could make her a meal. This avocado toast can work well for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Good news is it tastes great room temperature, too. You can make it, put it on a tray. Drive it over to her house. Put it on the porch and she can come out and get it. If she wants her egg warm you can just include a couple of eggs and she can fry them up. Or a room temp option would be slices of hard-boiled egg.
4. With any of these options you can even include a bottle of champagne if you're into that sort of thing.
5. If you don't live close by you could "travel" together. Virtual travel is popular right now. Good Housekeeping put together a list of museums and aquariums and other places that are offering virtual tours right now. Fire up that free Zoom account and you can all see the sites together. Zoom is super easy to use. Don't hesitate. Let Mom pick her favorite tour from the list and treat her to a creative and unique Mother's Day event.

Especially if your mother is older, we want nothing more right now than to be able to hug her and be with her. It's just not a smart idea this year.

So, make this a unique Mother's Day you'll all be talking about for years. Do it differently just this once. Celebrate, nonetheless.

Cheers,