

# Remember Mother's Day amid the COVID-19 Lockdown. Your Government Doesn't Allow You to "Hug your Mom".

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Remember Mother's Day. Sunday 10th of May 2020, [3 years ago] the day families gather together, the day people in many countries around the World celebrate motherhood in every shape and form whether it be expectant mothers, the memory of mothers who have passed, step-mothers, grand-mothers...

Mother's Day is a family celebration which honors motherhood. This year, Mother's Day 2020 will be etched in people's memory forever but unfortunately not for the right reasons.

As we are living in strange times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, people in many countries are forbidden by their governments to come together to celebrate the matriarch of the family.

The average number of children in a family in the U.S is 1.9 and as gatherings of more than 2 people even of the same family may be prohibited unless they live in the same household, people will have to celebrate this holiday apart.

If for example a family has 2 children who are adults and they in turn have a family of their own, they will not be able to visit their own mother let alone their grand-mother. Furthermore, some mothers may be more at risk than the average population: those who are over 65 years of age, as well as those with underlying medical conditions (asthma, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, etc.).

Is this lockdown really worth all the anxiety, sadness and family separation everyone is experiencing?

Media reports border on ridicule.

"Get together — from a safe social distance". Your government does not allow you to "hug your mom".

### Get together -- from a safe social distance

If permitted under local ordinances and you both feel comfortable, gather from a safe social distance to say "hey" on Mother's Day. Whether you meet up in the <u>great outdoors</u> or swing by her home with a <u>car parade</u>, she will be thrilled to see your smiling face.

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Should we continue to "follow the rules" for Mother's Day?

Are our governments telling us the truth?

Should this basic right for families to meet be taken away?

Hopefully, everything will be re-opened for Father's Day, that's on June 21...

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