

# HOSTING GATHERINGS AND EVENTS GUIDANCE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

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**Last year our holiday gatherings looked very different from what we were used to.** This winter we can have safer gatherings with our friends and family if we take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**We still need to be careful. COVID-19 is still in our community.** Hospitals are nearly full and have limited staff. We have seen some spread of COVID-19 in our schools, in after-school activities, and in other places where community gathers. You can help keep schools open and support hospitals by hosting events responsibly. It will take all of us to stop the spread of COVID-19.

**Make adjustments or cancel your event** if it cannot meet the following guidelines or your guests will not practice these safety measures. Consider hosting a virtual event.

## Host events outside if possible and do the following:

- Remind everyone to stay home when they:
  - » Are sick or have any symptoms of illness,
  - » Are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or
  - » Have been around someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Ask all guests to be fully vaccinated.
- Remind guests that it is safest for adults and children who are not vaccinated to stay home.
- Even if the event is outside, everyone should wear masks if it's crowded.
- Create space for guests to be at least six feet apart. Limit the size of the gathering to make sure six feet of space between people is possible.
- Place musicians, performers, or people giving speeches more than 6 feet from the audience. Use a sound system.
- Serve food individually or in household groups. Create physical distance if people must wait in line.
- Make handwashing and hand sanitizing stations accessible.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces frequently.
- Don't forget it's cold and flu season! By getting your flu shot and taking these precautions you can prevent the spread of other common illnesses.
- Refer guests to 211 for current COVID-19 information about vaccines, testing, and resources.



Stay Home if Sick



Get Vaccinated if Eligible & Wear Your Mask



Go Outside

## If your guests must be indoors

- Everyone should wear a mask, whether they are vaccinated or not.
- Open windows and doors to increase airflow.

