

GATHER SAFELY



Don't let respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 and flu spoil your holidays. Take simple steps to keep everyone healthy as you celebrate with family and friends. Find more tips at coronavirus.wa.gov/gatherings



Get your COVID-19 and flu shots.

You can get both vaccines at the same time. Encourage family and friends to get their shots too. Listen to and respect their concerns. [Ask if you can share your own experience](#) getting vaccinated.

Talk before you gather.

Talk to family and friends about safety expectations. Use “I” [statements](#) such as, “I don’t feel comfortable being around that many people yet,” to set boundaries without judging others.



Smaller is safer.

Keep indoor gatherings small, especially if not all participants are vaccinated. [Avoid crowded indoor events](#) and remember to wear a mask in indoor public spaces.

Outside is safest.

If you can, bundle up and [take your celebration outdoors](#). Fresh air and extra space help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses.



Stay home if you are sick.

Keep your loved ones healthy by not hosting or attending gatherings if you are feeling sick. [If you develop COVID-19 symptoms after a gathering](#), get tested right away and notify the people you were with.



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