



Tips for a safe Thanksgiving

Celebrate Thanksgiving Safely this Year!

Thanksgiving is a time to be close to loved ones and express gratitude, but gathering with too many people this year puts us at a higher risk for COVID-19. On your list of things to be thankful for, how about some tips on staying as healthy as possible while giving thanks!

Gathering indoors with multiple households is one of the riskiest things you can do this Thanksgiving as it increases the possibility of getting and spreading COVID-19. We recommend that everybody celebrates safely this year by hosting activities with only their household members, or by celebrating with loved ones virtually or outdoors (six feet apart with masks on, of course). People also shouldn't participate in celebrations this year if they are sick or are in quarantine or isolation for COVID-19. Read below for more tips!

TRAVEL, QUARANTINE, & TESTING

The holidays are a time when many people usually travel to spend time with loved ones. This year, however, we recommend minimizing travel as much as possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you plan to travel, you should quarantine for 14 days both before *and* after travel. We recognize this isn't possible for everyone, but is the safest thing to do.

Remember that while traveling, it is important to wear face coverings any time you are in a public place (like rest stops, gas stations, or airports), stay at least 6 feet away from anyone who is not in your household, and wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

TJHD will be hosting extra COVID-19 testing sites the week before and after Thanksgiving, but please remember that test results are only for a moment in time and quarantining before visiting loved ones is the safest thing to do. Visit the [TJHD website](#) for the schedule of COVID-19 testing sites.

CELEBRATE SAFELY

You don't have to completely give up Thanksgiving Day traditions this year! However, **the highest risk for spreading or getting COVID-19 is having multiple households gathering indoors for a shared meal!** This year, plan accordingly and think of creative ways to make the holiday a little safer:

- Host a virtual dinner with your friends and family
- Order in from your favorite delivery/curbside pick up
- Watch parades, sporting events, or movies from the comfort of your own home
- Bring your own food for an outdoor meal at least six feet apart from others and wear masks when not eating

SAFE

CELEBRATE AT HOME



Prepare traditional dishes with those in your household

Host a virtual dinner and share recipes with family and friends



Put up your favorite decorations and share photos online

Watch parades, sporting events, and movies at home



Shop online instead of in stores

LESS SAFE

IF YOU GATHER, DO SO WISELY

Keep it small and stay local



Stay outside if possible and ensure proper ventilation if indoors

Wear masks and social distance



Wash or sanitize your hands regularly, especially before eating

Avoid contact with non-attendees for 14 days before and after your gathering



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AVOID...



Large gatherings, especially indoors

Potlucks, buffets, or other shared food



Places with crowds, such as stores, parades, running events, and sports

Contact with anyone who is sick or may have been exposed to COVID-19



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Learn More Holiday Safety Tips at [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

This year, we recommend shopping or giving online when possible for any plans on Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday, or Giving Tuesday. If you do choose to shop or donate in-person, don't forget to wear a face covering, maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others, carry and use hand sanitizer, and stay home if you or anyone in your household feel unwell.

