Tips to Be COVIDSafe This Holiday Season

#CelebrateSafelySD
Hosting a Social Gathering

- Consider hosting virtual events or having a virtual option for individuals that are higher risk to join safely from their home.
- Limit the number of people who get together. Consider the amount of space you have and the ability to maintain social distancing during the event.
- Talk with guests ahead of time about safety precautions.

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- Outdoor activities are preferred over indoor because it is easier to stay apart and there is more wind and air to help reduce the spread of the virus.

- Clean and disinfect items and surfaces frequently.

- Anyone who develops COVID-19 within 48 hours after attending a gathering should get tested, stay home except to get medical care, separate themselves from others, and notify close contacts that they may have been exposed to COVID-19.

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Maximize Safety Against COVID-19

- Get fully vaccinated and get a booster dose if you’re eligible.
- Wear a well-fitting mask over your nose and mouth if you are in public indoor settings.
- Avoid crowded and poorly ventilated spaces.
- Delay travel until you are fully vaccinated.
- If you are sick or have symptoms of infection, STAY HOME and don’t host or attend any gatherings.
- Get tested to prevent the spread of infection to others.

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Cooking
• Wash your hands with soap and water before, during, and after preparing food.
• Keep foods out of the danger zone which is between 40°F and 140°F.
• Do not taste or eat raw dough or batter that is meant to be baked or cooked.
• Never leave food unattended on the stove.

Decorating
• Make sure to have stable placement, wear shoes that allow for good grip, and do not overreach.
• Look for the “Fire Resistant” label when buying an artificial tree.
• Turn off all holiday lights before going to bed or leaving the house.
• Don’t string too many strands of lights together — no more than three per extension cord.

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