

# HOLIDAY GUIDANCE

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Although the availability and use of effective vaccines promises a return toward normalcy for this year's holiday season, it's still important to continue taking steps to lessen the risk to you, your family, and your friends. Be sure to follow the guidelines below and share them with others in your family, community, and place of work.

- Get vaccinated against the flu and COVID-19. If eligible, get your COVID-19 booster.
- Everyone 2 years and older who is not fully vaccinated should wear a mask when in indoor public places. You may also want to wear a mask indoors, even if vaccinated, in higher risk settings, including crowds, where the vaccination status of others is not known, and if you are at increased risk of severe disease. Consider wearing a mask to protect others around you who are at high risk of severe disease.
- Celebrate outside when possible or in well-ventilated areas.
- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and do not host or attend gatherings.
- Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.
- Delay travel until fully vaccinated.
- If traveling over the holiday season, be sure to visit the new [NJDOH Traveler's Health page](#) for travel-related guidance! Remember that masks are required on all modes of public transportation and in transportation hubs.
- Utilize the infographics below to promote a safe holiday season. Please see the [website](#) for PDF versions of the infographics.

When we work together to protect our health as well as the health of others, we can enjoy safer holidays and travel.

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- Get vaccinated (or get a booster if eligible).
- Stay home if you feel sick.
- Wear a mask indoors if unvaccinated. Wear a mask in crowded indoor spaces and in high risk settings regardless of vaccination status.
- Celebrate with those who are fully vaccinated.
- Celebrate outdoors when possible.
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms or are a close contact.

Source: CDC.gov 10/2021

**Be Thankful for Safety Tips**

Use these tips to keep safe this holiday season!

- Get vaccinated against the flu and COVID-19.
- Wear a mask indoors if unvaccinated. Wear a mask in crowded indoor spaces and in high risk settings regardless of vaccination status.
- Celebrate with persons who are vaccinated, outdoors, or in places with good ventilation.
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms or are a close contact.
- Stay home if you feel sick!
- Visit the new [Traveler's Health](#) website if you plan on traveling over the holidays.

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