

Holiday Safety COVID-19 Guidance

There are many holidays, festivities, and other events that occur in the fall and winter months. While planning for private events, please assess the level of risk associated with the activity. **Protect each other by making safer choices.**

Renfrew County and District Health Unit recommends the following:



Private outdoor gatherings or events are always safer, and the risk of spreading COVID-19 is reduced with **smaller gatherings**.



Connecting virtually, through telephone and video chat, is the safest way to connect with those who are not part of your immediate household. This is especially true if people in the group are unvaccinated or if their vaccination status is unknown.



Get vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and the **best way** to help protect yourself, your loved ones and your community.



Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly, or use hand sanitizer.



If you are experiencing **ANY** symptom(s) of COVID-19, **stay home and self-isolate**. Complete Ontario's online [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) for further direction.

In-person activities



Observe provincial private gathering limits of **25 indoors or 100 outdoors**.



When privately gathering **outdoors** with:

- **A group of fully vaccinated individuals**, no face covering or physical distancing is necessary.
- If the group is from multiple households and people are not fully vaccinated, consider wearing a face covering if physical distancing proves challenging.



When privately gathering **indoors** with:

- **A group of fully vaccinated individuals**, you may consider removing face coverings if everyone is comfortable.
- If the group is from multiple households and people are not fully vaccinated, face coverings should be worn and physical distancing should be practiced.



Just because you know someone, it does not reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19.

