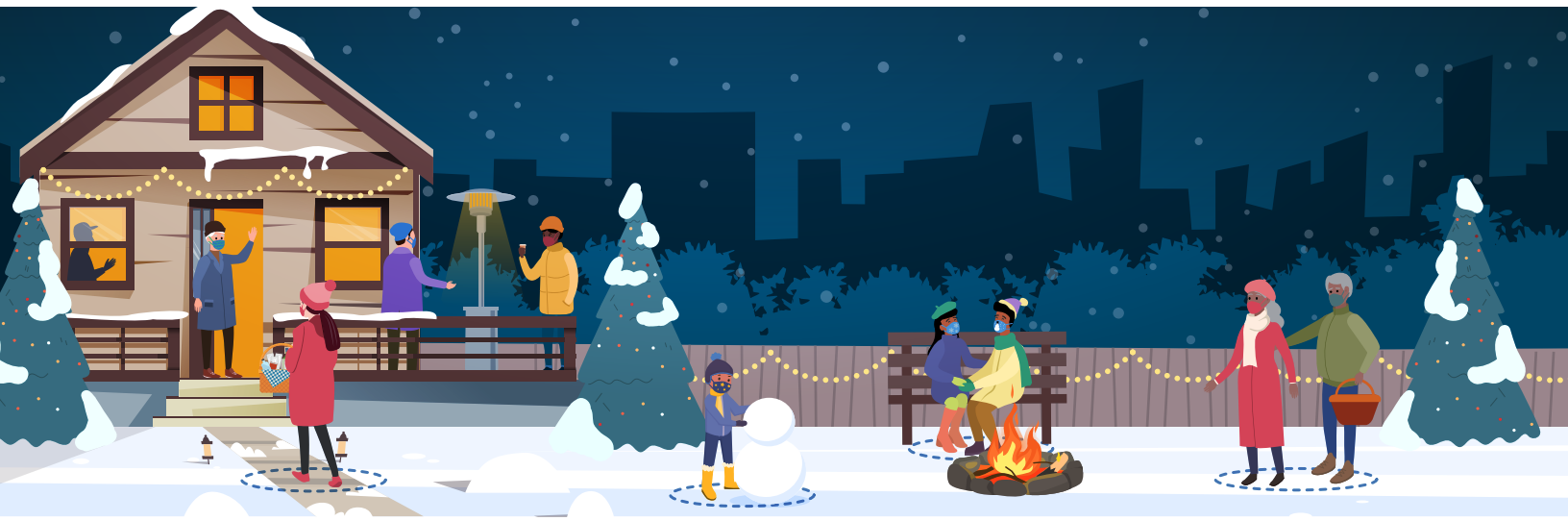


Celebrating Winter Holidays



The safest way to celebrate is at home with people you live with.

Host a virtual celebration with friends and family

- Eat a meal together virtually and have people show their main dish, vegetable, or dessert.
- Host a virtual “ugly” holiday sweater contest.

Gather virtually for a gift exchange or other activity

- Meet virtually to open gifts together.
- Build gingerbread houses, decorate cookies, or make holiday crafts and decorations.



Decorate for the season

- Decorate or create a winter holiday scene and take family photos at home.
- View community decorations from a safe distance or drive through a local holiday light display.
- Make crafts, cards, or cookies to send or deliver to family, friends, and neighbors in a way that does not involve contact with others, such as mailing or leaving them at the door.



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Throw a virtual dance party

- If your winter holiday traditions include music and dance, set aside time with loved ones to meet online to celebrate.
- Collaborate with friends and family on a holiday playlist.

Enjoy the winter weather, if you live somewhere with snow

- Hold a snowman or snow angel contest with neighbors or friends in your community.
- Build a snow fort or other snow structure.



Volunteer and help others in need

- Reach out to your local community service organizations to get involved and give back. Make sure to ask about their safety precautions in advance.
- Find virtual opportunities to contribute.

Attend a religious ceremony

- Attending virtual services is the safest way to worship.
- CDC offers considerations to help communities of faith decide how best to practice their beliefs while keeping their staff and congregations safe.

If your holiday traditions usually involve visiting Santa Claus, check local opportunities and know requirements for visiting safely.

- Schedule a virtual visit to the North Pole.
- Visit Santa Claus outside while wearing mask and staying 6 feet apart.
- If Santa Claus is staying indoors, he will likely be taking safety measures; you may be able to visit him through a plexiglass safety window.

