Tips for Celebrating a Healthy Holiday Season

COVID-19 is still with us.

To prevent the spread, remember the basics:

- Wear a mask or face covering.
- Practice physical distancing.
- Wash your hands for 20 seconds.

Take good care of yourself, Cambridge!

With the holiday season upon us, here are some helpful tips from the Cambridge Public Health Department and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on how to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect yourself and your loved ones. As you and your family plan for holiday celebrations, please consider these important pandemic precautions:

- **Schedule a flu shot (vaccine).** While a flu shot is always recommended, it’s especially important this year. Preventing the spread of flu will limit the need for flu-related medical appointments and hospitalizations, freeing up resources to help people with COVID-19. You can make an appointment for a flu shot with either your healthcare provider or local pharmacy.

  - People with or exposed to COVID-19, or who have COVID-19 symptoms, should stay home. They should NOT attend in-person gatherings.

  - Holiday travel increases chances of getting and spreading the coronavirus. While it is a difficult and personal decision, staying home and avoiding travel is the best way to protect yourself and others.

  - If you do plan to travel, consider the number and rate of COVID-19 cases in the area you intend to visit. If travelling to another state, review that state’s travel orders as well as Massachusetts’ requirements upon returning.

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Eviction Moratorium & Tenant Protection

Although the State Eviction Moratorium expired on October 17, 2020, the City of Cambridge’s Temporary Emergency Order on Eviction Enforcement and Non-Essential Entry by Property Owners and Their Agents into Occupied Dwelling Units remains in effect until further notice. This Order, which was issued on April 3, 2020 and amended on July 23, 2020, prohibits property owners from levying or acting on executions for possession of occupied units obtained in a court eviction case. This means that tenants may not be forcibly evicted from occupied units. Learn more at Cambridgema.gov/covid19/housing.

Additionally, the City recently enacted the 2020 Tenants’ Rights and Resources Ordinance, Chapter 8.71 of Cambridge Municipal Code, which requires landlords to provide materials prepared by the City of Cambridge that includes information on basic tenant rights and resources, and organizations that may assist tenants. The Ordinance requires landlords or foreclosing owners to provide the materials if any notice to quit or notice of nonrenewal or expiration is served. Learn more at Cambridgema.gov/tenantrights.

For assistance with housing concerns or referrals to additional City and community services, contact the City’s Multi-Service Center at 617-349-6340 or the City’s Housing Liaison at 617-349-6337 or mpensak@Cambridgema.gov.

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community. Unfortunately, many housing, housing-related, and economic challenges resulting from COVID-19 will not be fully abated until the end of the pandemic and a full economic recovery. These impacts affect both owners and tenants.

I want to remind you that the City’s Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement and Non-Essential Entry by Property Owners and Their Agents into Occupied Dwelling Units remains in effect, and that the City’s 2020 Tenant Rights and Resources Ordinance now requires landlords to provide materials on basic tenant rights as well as resources that include a list of organizations that may assist tenants. Several financial assistance programs are offered through the City and the State that may assist tenants in preventing or addressing rent arrears. These programs can help Cambridge remain a stable, vibrant, and diverse community.

I urge you to stay informed and learn about our programs and ongoing response by visiting Cambridgema.gov/COVID19.

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- **Indoor gatherings carry more risk than outdoor events.** Larger indoor get-togethers are riskier than those with fewer people, and shorter get-togethers are safer than longer ones. You can reduce your risk by limiting indoor gatherings to only people you live with or a small group with whom you are regularly in contact. If guests come over, consider opening windows to improve ventilation, wearing a mask when preparing or serving food, and encouraging everyone to wear masks and practice physical distancing. For more tips, see Mass.gov/news/thanksgiving-during-covid-19.

- **People at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, including older adults and people with underlying medical conditions (e.g., heart conditions, COPD, diabetes), should ideally avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in their household. If they choose to gather, these individuals should opt for lower-risk settings.**

- **Be creative about preserving some of your holiday traditions.** Make your favorite family recipes, do a “no-contact delivery” of homemade treats for local family, friends, and/or neighbors, send gifts and open them together virtually. Decorating your home, participating in religious ceremonies virtually, watching holiday-themed movies at home, sending holiday cards, and hosting a virtual dinner party are other ways to be festive and safe during COVID-19.

- **Remember to be courteous and patient.** Many people are feeling tired and stressed from the ongoing pandemic, but we are all in this together and a little kindness can go a long way.

Avoid These Activities

- Avoid sharing food and drinks.
- Avoid shaking hands and hugging. Wave and verbally greet others instead.
- Avoid singing, dancing, and shouting. These activities increase your chances of being infected with COVID-19 through droplets from exhaled air.

The holiday season can be stressful even without a pandemic. If you are feeling down, share your feelings with a trusted friend or family member. If distress impacts your daily life for several days or weeks, talk to a counselor, doctor, or member of your faith community.
City and Local Businesses Collaborate on Outdoor Dining this Winter

During the past few weeks, City staff have been working closely with representatives from Cambridge business associations and the local restaurant community to plan for what an outdoor dining experience will look like during the winter months. This includes planning for winter weather operations and creating opportunities to make the dining experience as safe, comfortable, and enjoyable as possible.

Recycling & Yard Waste Update

On November 2, a new contractor began collecting curbside recycling and yard waste. The only change you may experience is that collection may occur a few hours earlier or later on collection day. Below are suggested best practices to help with the sanitary and efficient removal of waste:

**Collection Hours:** Place waste containers at the curb after 6 p.m. the night before collection, or by 7 a.m. on collection day. Collection occurs from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you have a missed collection, please report it after 4 p.m. at: Cambridgema.gov/311. Carts and containers must be removed from the curb by 6 p.m. on collection day.

**Cardboard:** Break down cardboard to help make it more manageable. If you have cardboard that won’t fit in the cart, nest it inside a larger box and place next to the recycle cart.

**Yard Waste:** Leaves left on streets get into storm drains. Once in the drainage system, phosphorous and nitrogen are released, polluting the Charles River or Alewife Brook. Help us keep our streets and waterways clean by collecting all leaves, twigs, and branches on sidewalks, curbs, and other areas next to your property.

Learn more about what’s accepted in recycling, order recycle supplies, or register for the Recycling newsletter at Cambridgema.gov/recycle.

Download the “Zero Waste Cambridge” app or visit Cambridgema.gov/subscribe to register for weekly waste collection or street cleaning reminders.

In October, the City announced a Patio Heater Reimbursement Program to help offset this additional cost to restaurants and extend outdoor dining as it gets colder. Through the new program, restaurants will be reimbursed up to $250.00 per portable patio heater for up to a maximum of five patio heaters per business.

“I want to thank City departments and staff, the City Council, local business associations, and our restaurants for their collaboration and hard work to help extend the outdoor dining season safely during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Cambridge City Manager Louis A. DePasquale.

“The outdoor patio heater program is one of several initiatives we are working on to help restaurants offset added expenses and extend their outdoor dining operations.”

“We must do everything we can to help our restaurants mitigate operating costs as they continue to offer outdoor dining during colder months,” said Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui. “I want to thank Vice Mayor Mallon for her leadership and for continuing to be a strong advocate for our business community, and the City Council for their commitment to ensuring our small businesses have what they need during this challenging time.”

For restaurants who wish to close their outdoor dining during the winter months, the City’s Traffic and Parking Department will continue to offer the opportunity to block off parking zones for take out and delivery. Residents can also continue to support their favorite local eatery by participating in the “Pick It Up, Cambridge” campaign. This campaign aims to inform patrons that they can save restaurants as much as 25% per order by calling them directly and picking up orders. This simple step can help ensure that restaurants receive the entirety of the transaction. Selecting or ordering pick-up via delivery apps can cost restaurants a significant portion of the order. For more information or to participate in the Patio Heater Reimbursement Program, contact Matt Nelson, Assistant to the City Manager, at 617-349-4266 or mnelson@Cambridgema.gov.
Winter Weather Tips and Reminders

With the winter season upon us, please review these helpful reminders for residents and property owners. The City will chemically treat all major streets within three hours of when snow begins, keep them plowed during all stages of a storm, and work to clear all streets and sidewalks bordering City property once a storm has ended. We continuously evaluate processes to remove snow as efficiently and effectively as possible and invest in new equipment and environmentally friendly techniques to make the City’s sidewalks and streets safe and passable for all users.

What You Can Do

You can help the entire community by keeping sidewalks, fire hydrants, and catch basins clear of ice and snow. As a reminder, per City Ordinance:

- Property owners are responsible for clearing snow from sidewalks adjacent to their property or business within 12 hours after it stops falling in the daytime, and before 1 p.m. when it has fallen overnight. Cleared paths on sidewalks must be 3-4 feet wide, to allow wheelchairs and strollers to pass through. Corner properties must also clear sidewalks on all sides and clear ramps at crosswalks.

- Remove or melt all ice within 6 hours of the time it forms. Shovel early and often and remove as much snow and ice as you can before using a deicing agent. Use a deicer product like sodium acetate, potassium acetate, or calcium magnesium acetate instead of salt since excess salt can be harmful to plants, wildlife, and can run off into local waterways. For wet snow or sleet and freezing rain, apply deicer product before it starts to snow to prevent snow and ice from bonding with pavement. If you are away, it is still your responsibility to ensure someone clears sidewalks and ramps next to your property. The fine for failing to comply with the City’s sidewalk clearance ordinance is $50 per day.

Snow Exemption Program and Shoveling Assistance

Low income residents who are elderly or have a disability may qualify for the City’s Snow Exemption Program. For more information, call the Cambridge Council on Aging, 617-349-6220 (voice) or 617-349-6050 (TTY).

If you do not qualify, the Council on Aging can provide a limited list of professional snow removal companies and students who will shovel for a fee to be negotiated.

Report Issues Through COMMONWEALTH CONNECT

See sidewalks, bike lanes, or streets that need clearing?

Reporting an issue takes only a minute and helps make our streets and sidewalks safer.

Download the free app for iPhone or Android, or visit:

Cambridgema.gov/commonwealthconnect to report online.
Storm Updates and Parking Information

Visit the Cambridge Snow Center, Cambridgema.gov/snow

The City of Cambridge Snow Center, Cambridgema.gov/snow, includes information and updates about snow emergency parking restrictions, alternative off-street parking, and closures. Even if no snow emergency has been declared, please remember these general on-street parking guidelines:

- Park at least 20 feet from street corners so plows can push snow away from crosswalk. Parking away from the corner improves visibility and safety year-round.
- It is illegal to use space savers to hold a cleared parking space; objects left in on-street parking spaces will be removed.

Register for Snow Alerts

Register to receive Snow Emergency Parking Ban alerts via phone, text, or email at Cambridgema.gov/subscribe, or follow us on Twitter at @CambMA and on Facebook for updates. The City is using the hash tag #CambMASnow on Twitter to help the public follow the conversation.

The City Manager's Message on page 1 has been translated in multiple languages on pages 5-7.

Mensaje del Jefe de Gobierno de la Ciudad

Estos son momentos difíciles, y me enorgullece mucho la respuesta de nuestra comunidad durante esta pandemia sin precedentes. Su cumplimiento de las recomendaciones de salud pública fueron directamente responsable para lograr que Cambridge tuviera uno de los resultados positivos más bajos del Commonwealth, durante todo el verano y en otoño. No puedo dejar de enfatizar suficientemente lo importante que es usar una mascarilla protectora cuando salgan de su casa, mantener el distanciamiento físico, y lavarse e sanitizar las manos con frecuencia. Estas acciones simples forman una parte fundamental de la estrategia para ayudar a detener la propagación de el COVID-19, hasta que haya una vacuna o un tratamiento disponible.

Quiero agradecerles a nuestro Departamento de Salud Pública (Public Health Department), al Grupo Consultivo de Expertos en COVID-19, y a todo el personal de la Ciudad que han estado trabajando para responder a la pandemia en Cambridge. Además, agradezco al Alcalde y al Ayuntamiento por los esfuerzos realizados, y por la defensa y la colaboración que han brindado durante esta pandemia.

Seguimos concentrándonos en las iniciativas para apoyar a los individuos, familias y empresas pequeñas que tienen dificultades financieras, y les proporcionamos pruebas gratuitas para detectar el COVID-19, ofrecemos apoyo a los residentes que no tienen vivienda y protegeremos la seguridad de los trabajadores y residentes.

Agradezco todo lo que se ha realizado en los últimos meses para preservar las viviendas de los inquilinos de nuestra comunidad. Lamentablemente, muchas de las dificultades económicas, de vivienda y relacionadas con la vivienda, provocadas por el COVID-19 no desaparecerán por completo hasta que se termine la pandemia y haya una recuperación económica total. Esto afectara a los propietarios y a los inquilinos.

Quiero recordarles que continúa vigente la moratoria sobre la ejecución de desalojos y entrada, no esencial, por parte de propietarios y sus agentes, en unidades de alojamiento ocupadas (Moratorium on Eviction Enforcement and Non-Essential Entry by Property Owners and Their Agents into Occupied Dwelling Units) de la Ciudad. Además, la Ordenanza de 2020, sobre los derechos y recursos de los inquilinos de la ciudad ahora exige que los propietarios proporcionen material escrito sobre los derechos básicos de los inquilinos y recursos que incluyen una lista de organizaciones que pueden ayudarlos. La ciudad y el estado ofrecen varios programas de asistencia financiera que pueden ayudar a los inquilinos a prevenir o abordar atrasos de alquileres. Estos programas permiten que Cambridge siga siendo una comunidad estable, vibrante y diversa.

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Mensagem da Administração da Cidade

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Quero lembrar você de que a Moratória da Cidade sobre Execução de Despejo e a Entrada Não Essencial por Proprietários e seus Agentes em Unidades Habitacionais Ocupadas permanece em vigor e que a Portaria de Direitos e Recursos do Inquilino de 2020 agora exige que os proprietários forneçam materiais sobre os direitos básicos do inquilino, bem como que recursos que incluem uma lista de organizações que podem ajudar os inquilinos. Vários programas de assistência financeira são oferecidos por meio municipais e estaduais que podem ajudar os inquilinos na prevenção ou no atraso de aluguéis. Esses programas podem ajudar Cambridge a continuar sendo uma comunidade estável, vibrante e diversa.

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Recebi uma mensagem de uma empresa de assistência médica dizendo que a empresa está prestes a desenvolver um novo medicamento para a COVID-19. No entanto, ainda falta trabalhar em muitos aspectos para validar o medicamento.

Não é fácil enfrentar esses desafios, mas estou confiante de que podemos superá-los. É importante que todos sigam as orientações de saúde pública, como usar máscara, se lavar as mãos frequentemente e manter distância física.

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Quero lembrar você de que a Moratória da Cidade sobre Execução de Despejo e a Entrada Não Essencial por Proprietários e seus Agentes em Unidades Habitacionais Ocupadas permanece em vigor e que a Portaria de Direitos e Recursos do Inquilino de 2020 agora exige que os proprietários forneçam materiais sobre os direitos básicos do inquilino, bem como que recursos que incluem uma lista de organizações que podem ajudar os inquilinos. Vários programas de assistência financeira são oferecidos por meio municipais e estaduais que podem ajudar os inquilinos na prevenção ou no atraso de aluguéis. Esses programas podem ajudar Cambridge a continuar sendo uma comunidade estável, vibrante e diversa.

Recomendo que você se mantenha informado e conheça melhor nossos programas e resposta continua visitando Cambridgema.gov/COVID19.
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城市经理的信

在这一充满挑战的时期，我为我们的社区在这一史无前例的大流行病中作出的反应感到无比自豪。你们对公共卫生指南的遵守，直接决定了剑桥市在整个夏季到秋季阶段成为全州阳性检测率最低的城市之一。我无论怎样强调在公共场合戴口罩、保持身体距离以及经常洗手或消毒的重要性都不为过。在获得疫苗或治疗方法之前，这些简单的行为是帮助减缓 COVID-19 传播战略至关重要的组成部分。

我要感谢我们的公共卫生部门、市 COVID-19 专家顾问团队以及一直致力于剑桥疫情应对工作的所有市工作人员。我感谢市长和市议会在这场疫情中所做的努力、宣传和协作。

我们持续专注于采取行动，为面临财务困难的个人、家庭和小型企业提供免费的 COVID-19 检测，支持无家可归的居民，并保护工人和居民的安全。

我非常感谢近几个月来为社区租户保留房屋所作的努力。不幸的是，在疫情结束和经济全面复苏之前，COVID-19 带来的许多住房、住房相关和经济挑战不会得到完全缓解。这对业主和租户都会有影响。

我想提醒你们，这个城市的暂停驱逐执法以及业主及其代理人非必要不得进入有人居住的住宅单位的法令仍然有效。本市 2020 年租户权利和资源条例现在要求房东提供有关基本租户权利的材料以及包括可能对租户有帮助的组织清单资源。市政府和州政府提供了多个财政援助项目，以帮助租户预防或解决租金拖欠问题。这些项目可以帮助剑桥市维持稳定、充满活力和多样化的社区。

希望你们关注最新信息，并且访问 Cambridgema.gov/COVID19，了解我们的项目和正在进行的应对措施。

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Reminder to Get Your Flu Shot

Adults and children six months or older are encouraged to make an appointment for a flu shot (or flu vaccine) this year. For people scheduling a flu shot, please be aware that there may be important safety and health measures this year to reduce the risk of getting or transmitting COVID-19.

An annual flu shot is the best way to help protect against the flu and can help reduce the risk of flu illnesses, hospitalizations, and the risk of flu-related death. Getting a flu shot will also help keep you, your loved ones, and your neighbors healthy, especially those with chronic health conditions, who are at higher risk for both the flu and COVID-19.

Preventing the flu translates to fewer sick days and fewer flu-related medical visits or hospitalizations, ensuring healthcare centers and hospitals do not become overwhelmed during the pandemic and the flu season.

Learn more at Cambridgema.gov/flu.

COVID-19 Testing

The City of Cambridge and the Cambridge Public Health Department offer free mobile COVID-19 testing for Cambridge residents. No identification or Social Security number is required. Test results are typically available within two business days on the online results portal. Residents will be notified via email and can request results by phone during their appointment.

Schedule an Appointment online at Cambridgema.gov/testing or by calling 617-349-9788.

Contact your health care provider if you think you may have COVID-19. Symptoms may include fever, sore throat, loss of sense of smell, cough, difficulty breathing, body aches, or chills. Your health care provider can help determine if testing is appropriate and schedule a test or refer you to a convenient testing site.

For more information, including other ways to get tested, COVID-19 testing sites in Massachusetts, and free online telehealth services for residents who want a quick assessment of symptoms and/or do not have health insurance, visit Cambridgema.gov/testing.