

# CORONAVIRUS

(COVID-19)

## Situational Update

Monday, October 26, 2020

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# 2020 General Election

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**In-person early voting in Washington, DC begins Tuesday, October 27.**

**Voting Hours:** 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Voters can vote at any Early Vote Center.



Go to **dcboe.org** to find the closest Mail Ballot Drop Box, Early Vote Center, or Election Day Vote Center.

Same-day registration is available during early voting and on Election Day.

# Early Vote Centers

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## Ward 1

- Columbia Heights Community Center
- Prince Hall Center for the Performing Arts
- Marie Reed Elementary School

## Ward 2

- **SUPER VOTE CENTER: Capital One Sports Arena**
- School Without Wall @ Francis Sevens
- Hardy Middle School

## Ward 3

- **SUPER VOTE CENTER: UDC (Gym)**
- **SUPER VOTE CENTER: Omni Shoreham Hotel**
- Horace Mann Elementary School
- Murch Elementary School

## Ward 4

- Lafayette Elementary School
- Ida B. Wells Middle School
- Raymond Recreation Center
- Emery Heights Community Center
- Shepherd Elementary School

## Ward 5

- Turkey Thicket Recreation Center
- McKinley Tech High School
- Trinidad Recreation Center
- **SUPER VOTE CENTER: Dock 5 @ Union Market**

## Ward 6

- **SUPER VOTE CENTER: Washington Nationals Park**

- Walker-Jones Education Campus
- Kennedy Recreation Center
- Sherwood Recreation Center

## Ward 7

- Benning Stoddert Community Center
- Deanwood Community Center
- Hillcrest Recreation Center
- Ridge Road Community Center

## Ward 8

- **SUPER VOTE CENTER: Entertainment and Sports Arena**
- Ballou Senior High School
- Ferebee-Hope Recreation Center
- Anacostia Senior High School
- Malcolm X Opportunity Center

Super Vote Centers will be available to accommodate large numbers of voters, but do not offer curbside voting.



# Where We Are Today

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Level of Community Spread	Daily case rate		Rate of transmission		Test positivity rate		New cases from quarantined contacts	
	8.1	7-day avg. per 100,000 pop.	0.89	Effective reproduction number (R(t))	1.9%	Percent positive from RT-PCR tests	7.0%	7-day average
	(Oct 24)		(Oct 14)		(Oct 22)		(Oct 22)	
Health System Capacity	Percent hospital utilization		Percent COVID-19 patients		Mean test turnaround time		Diagnostic tests conducted	
	80.8%	of available beds without surge	4.5%	of daily hospital census, 7-day average	2.6	(days) 7-day average	5,210	7-day avg. per million pop.
	(Oct 24)		(Oct 24)		(Oct 24)		(Oct 21)	
Public Health System Capacity	Positive cases with contact attempt		Close contacts with contact attempt					
	99.7%	7-day avg. attempt within 1 day	99.4%	7-day avg. attempt within 2 days				
	(Oct 23)		(Oct 22)					
Community Engagement	Positive cases interviewed		Positive cases who provide close contacts		Mean number close contacts provided		Exposure Notification Opt-in	
	74.7%	7-day avg. completed within 3 days	43.9%	7-day avg.	1.3	7-day avg. mean per positive case	194,633	cumulative # of smart phones opted-in to official exposure notification system
	(Oct 22)		(Oct 22)		(Oct 22)		(Oct 23)	

# HOLIDAY GUIDANCE

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The end of the year brings many holidays that are important to DC residents. During an already difficult year, we want to help Washingtonians celebrate these holidays while also keeping themselves, their family and friends, and our community safe.



The key to keeping people safe during this year's holiday season will be finding ways to stay emotionally and spiritually connected while socially distant.

# Why We Continue to Make Sacrifices

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By now, every region of our country has been affected, and nationwide, new cases and hospitalizations are on the rise. Our country is averaging more than **60,000 new COVID-19 cases each day**. More than **224,000 Americans have died** since February, including **642 Washingtonians**.

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**BUT OUR EFFORTS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
AND SAVING LIVES.**

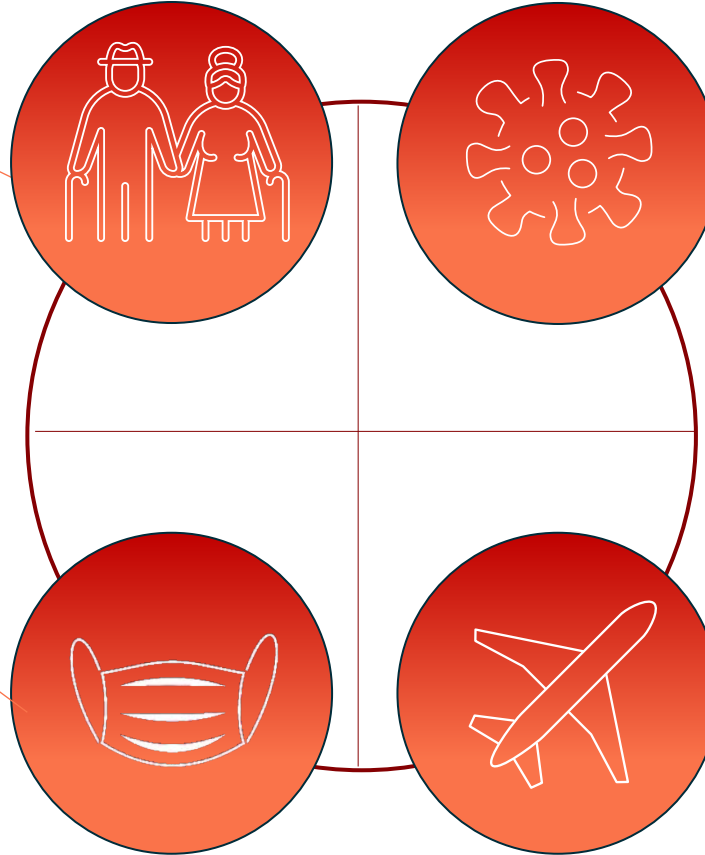


# Celebration Basics

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Consider your **most vulnerable** family members when planning.



Keep in mind that while outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities, **the virus can still spread outdoors.**

If you choose to host in-person holiday gatherings, keep the group as small as possible, and remember to practice **social distancing** and ensure everyone in attendance wears a **cloth face covering or surgical mask**.

While the holidays are traditionally times when people travel long distances to celebrate with family, DC Health recommends **avoiding travel** this year.



# Host Considerations

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- ✓ When deciding how many people to invite to your gathering, consider the amount of space you have and the ability to maintain social distancing during the event.
- ✓ Remind guests to wear a mask and to stay home if they feel sick or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- ✓ If having an indoor gathering, improve ventilation by opening doors and windows as much as possible
- ✓ Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces frequently and any shared items between use.

If anyone in your household does not feel well,  
cancel the gathering.



# HALLOWEEN GUIDANCE

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# Halloween Guidance: High-Risk Activities

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## AVOID THESE HIGH-RISK ACTIVITIES:



- Traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating
- “Trunk or treating” where children take candy from trunks of cars in large parking lots
- Taking candy from communal candy bowls
- Going on hayrides with people not from your household
- Going to indoor haunted houses
- Bobbing for apples

# Halloween Guidance: Medium-Risk Activities

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**A costume mask does not substitute for a surgical mask or cloth face covering.**

- Participate in one-way trick or treating where individually packaged treat bags are lined up at edge of a yard or for children to grab- and- go one at a time.
- Hold a small group outdoor costume parade and/or contest with social distancing and face coverings.
- Create an open-air, one-way walk-through outdoor Haunted Forest with social distancing. Greater social distancing is necessary if screaming is anticipated.
- Visit pumpkin patches or orchards with social distancing.
- Hold an outdoor small group Halloween movie night with social distancing.
- Participate in or create other events that are held outdoors and allow attendees to stay in their cars or socially distanced.





## The safest ways to celebrate Halloween in 2020:



- Decorate your house and yard in a Halloween theme. Have neighborhood drive-through events where families can stay in their cars and view Halloween displays similar to Christmas light displays.
- Carve pumpkins with your household and display the pumpkins outdoors.
- Have a “Trick-or-Treat Candy Hunt” with members of your own household.
- Have an online costume party, costume contest, or pumpkin carving via video chat.

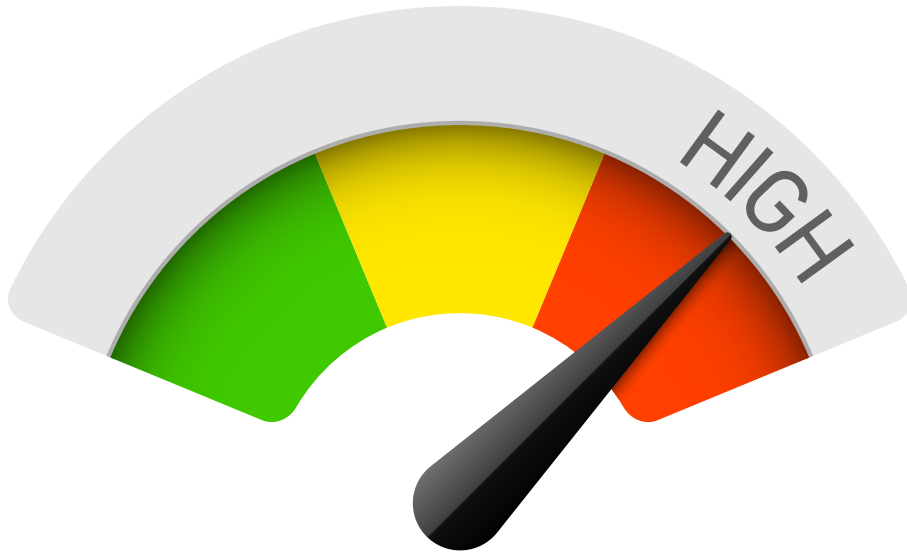
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## RISK

### AVOID THESE HIGH-RISK ACTIVITIES:

- Traveling outside the National Capitol Region to states with higher COVID-19 rates than DC
- Attending or hosting large indoor gatherings with people from outside your household, including close friends and family
- Attending sporting events or parades
- In-person shopping with crowds

# Thanksgiving Guidance: Medium-Risk Activities

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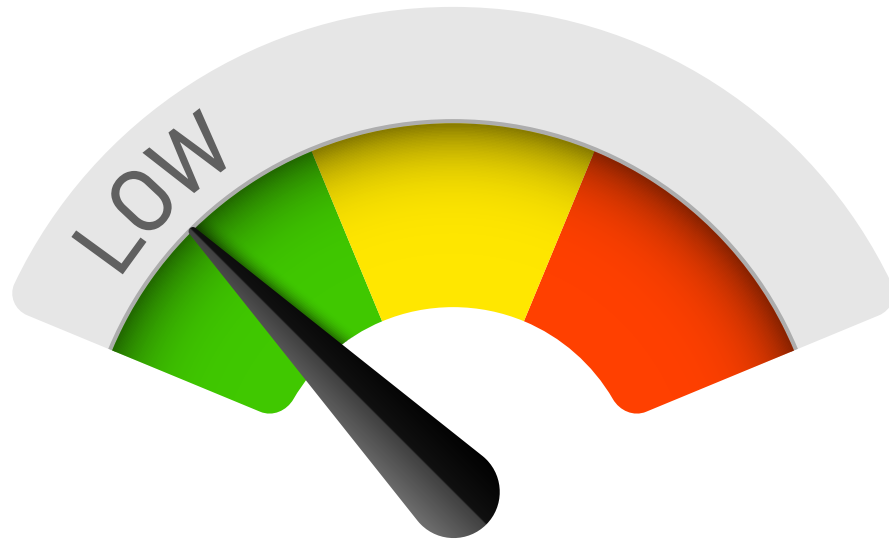


- Having a small group outdoor dinner with family and friends who live in the National Capitol Region while using everyday prevention measures including wearing face coverings and social distancing
- Taking your family to a local pumpkin patch or picking apples at a local apple orchard with social distancing



# Thanksgiving Guidance: Lower-Risk Activities

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## RISK

- Having a small Thanksgiving dinner with only your household members
- Hosting a virtual dinner with your extended friends and family using video technology
- Watching sporting events, parades and holiday programs at home with your household members
- Shopping for Black Friday or Cyber Monday deals online (preferably with local retailers)

# Our Shared Responsibility

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It may feel unusual wearing masks around guests, having a virtual celebration, or not sitting around a crowded dining room table, but these are **necessary and important sacrifices.**

Remember, this pandemic will not last forever. We will be able to celebrate together in the future. These are temporary sacrifices we are making to protect our community and the people we love.

**Find the full Halloween and Thanksgiving guidance documents on**  
**[coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo)**

# Do Your Part, DC



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