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Staying Safe this Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time when we gather with family and friends for food and fellowship. Due to the persistent impact of COVID-19 on our communities and rising case numbers, there is no question that how we celebrate Thanksgiving this year must be different.

“Our public health professionals, health care workers, and hospitals are stretched as they work hard to protect our residents. Our schools and businesses have adjusted to meet new operational requirements, and are working hard to keep students, patrons and staff safe.” says Jim Adams, Health Commissioner for Canton City Public Health. “Each of us is challenged every day to do things differently; to reduce our outings; to follow the recommended precautions in order to control the spread of this disease.”

“At this time when the desire to gather and celebrate is so great, we ask you to let less be more this holiday season.” continued Adams. “Keep your bubble small and stay within your family groups. Avoid large gatherings and traveling to other homes. If you do decide to host a dinner, there are steps you should take to protect those in attendance. Limit the number of guests. Maintain 6 feet physical distance between guests and ask them to wear masks except when eating or drinking. Encourage hand washing and provide plenty of soap and single use towels.”

These four simple steps remain the best method to slow the spread of COVID-19: wash up, mask up, back up and stay home when you are sick.

“Now is not the time to let up.” added Adams. “We have to work together if we are going to get ahead of this pandemic. Don’t let up now!”

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