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Please Be Creative and Kind this Holiday Season

Huron County, Ontario – The holidays in Huron County will look different this year. While letting go of some long-standing holiday traditions may be disappointing, this year offers a chance to get creative and make new traditions with family and loved ones.

“My family enjoys the holiday season immensely.” said Warden Glen McNeil. “We look forward to celebrating with our family and loved ones every year, but this year, to keep everyone safe, we plan to celebrate virtually. This does not mean that we won’t be connecting with those who are important to us and it does not mean that we won’t be seeing joy and excitement in our household over the holidays, it just means that it’s going to look a little different this year. I see this as an exciting opportunity to create some new holiday traditions!”

Huron Perth Public Health offers suggestions on safe ways to celebrate the holiday season:

- Encouraging kids to dress up and participate in virtual activities and parties.
- Watching holiday or other movies.
- Decorating doors, putting up lights, etc.
- Donating to your favourite charity or toy drive.
- Attending a drive-in or drive-through event.

This holiday season, continue to practice patience and kindness for those in the local community, as well as for those in neighbouring regions whose current [COVID-19 response framework level](#) may be different than Huron’s. Remember that the holidays can be a difficult time for some individuals, and this year may be particularly challenging. Reach out virtually to those who are away or those who may be experiencing isolation.

“It is important that we continue to practice compassion for one another and continue to follow all necessary health and safety guidelines, including those required for a safe and healthy holiday season,” continued Warden Glen McNeil. “We will get through this together.”

For more tips on how to enjoy a safe holiday this season, please visit Huron Perth Public Health online for [Staying safe from COVID-19](#) or Ontario.ca’s [Celebrate safely during COVID-19](#).

Community members are reminded that the public health safety measures in place are not just about protecting oneself, they are about protecting those in the Huron community, and beyond, who may be more vulnerable. Holiday COVID-19 safety measures are about the common good.

Huron County residents are reminded to continue to take actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to be an advocate for Public Health adherence in their own homes and communities:

- Physically distance (2m) from those outside your household;
- Avoid non-essential travel;
- Wash hands frequently or using 70% alcohol hand sanitizer;
- Wear a face covering; and
- Stay home if you are unwell.

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The County of Huron asks the community to continue respecting all public health guidelines, including performing hand hygiene, practicing physical distancing, wearing masks and staying home if ill. Stay informed on the COVID-19 situation in Huron County by visiting the [Huron-Perth Public Health website](#).