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## *Holiday Hacks, Tips and Tricks to make your life*

### *a little easier this season*

*Decorating tips, tricks and ideas Candy canes as placecard holders*

*Turn small candy canes into placecard holders. Tie a trio of them with a ribbon, or even glue them together and you've got an instant holiday holder.*



*Decorate your pumpkins for the holidays*

*Save a few of those pumpkins to paint, stack, and dress up. Just paint them white and stack them like a snowman (largest to smallest) decorate with a hat, scarf and buttons and instantly transform fall into winter.*

*The tree chart*

*Did you know there were tree decorating standards? Me either. Below is the recommended number of lights, ornaments and garland per foot of tree.*

*Make your tree even more magical*

*Use two different sizes of lights to make your tree even more magical.*

*Easy Advent calendar*

*Using a muffin tin – just cut out circles from magnetic sheets or use construction paper and tape to lay on top of them. Each day the muffin “cup” reveals a new treat.*

*Festive chandelier decorations*

*Turn your chandelier into a festive one with the addition of a few fun Christmas ornaments, just hang ornaments from the chandelier – using different ornament styles and colors you can make just about any type of decoration you are looking for.*

*The UN-tangled light problem solved*

*Ah... the untangle-able ball of Christmas lights; if there are a few broken lights on the string and its in a tangled mess then you may think you should just toss it and save yourself the frustration, right? Well, instead of wasting that string(s) of tangled light mess, just place it – as is – in an outdoor planter/bushes for a dramatic lighting effect. For tips please visit <https://greenvillejournal.com/homes/around-the-home/holiday-hacks-tips-and-tricks-to-make-your-life-a-little-easier-this-season/>*

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## CDC Tips on Holiday Gatherings



**Community levels of COVID-19** – High or increasing levels of COVID-19 cases in the gathering location, as well as in the areas where attendees are coming from, increase the risk of infection and spread among attendees. Family and friends should consider the number of COVID-19 cases in their community and in the community where they plan to celebrate when deciding whether to host or attend a gathering. Information on the number of cases in an area can often be found on the local [health department](#) website.

**Exposure during travel** – Airports, bus stations, train stations, public transport, gas stations, and rest stops are all places travelers can be exposed to the virus in the air and on surfaces.

- **Location of the gathering** – Indoor gatherings, especially those with poor ventilation (for example, small enclosed spaces with no outside air), pose more risk than outdoor gatherings.

**Duration of the gathering** – Gatherings that last longer pose more risk than shorter gatherings. Being within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more greatly increases the risk of becoming sick and requires a 14-day [quarantine](#).

**Number and crowding of people at the gathering** – Gatherings with more people pose more risk than gatherings with fewer people. CDC does not have a limit or recommend a specific number of attendees for gatherings. The size of a holiday gathering should be determined based on the ability of attendees from different households to stay [6 feet \(2 arm lengths\) apart](#), wear [masks](#), [wash hands](#), and follow [state, local, territorial](#), or [tribal](#) health and safety laws, rules, and regulations.

**Behaviors of attendees prior to the gathering** – Individuals who did not consistently adhere to [social distancing](#) (staying at least 6 feet apart), [mask wearing](#), [handwashing](#), and other prevention behaviors pose more risk than those who consistently practiced these safety measures.

**Behaviors of attendees during the gathering** – Gatherings with more safety measures in place, such as [mask wearing](#), [social distancing](#), and [handwashing](#), pose less risk than gatherings where fewer or no preventive measures are being implemented. Use of [alcohol or drugs](#) may alter judgment and make it more difficult to practice COVID-19 safety measures. For more please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>



We here at DASH wish each and everyone a very happy holiday season! We will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day