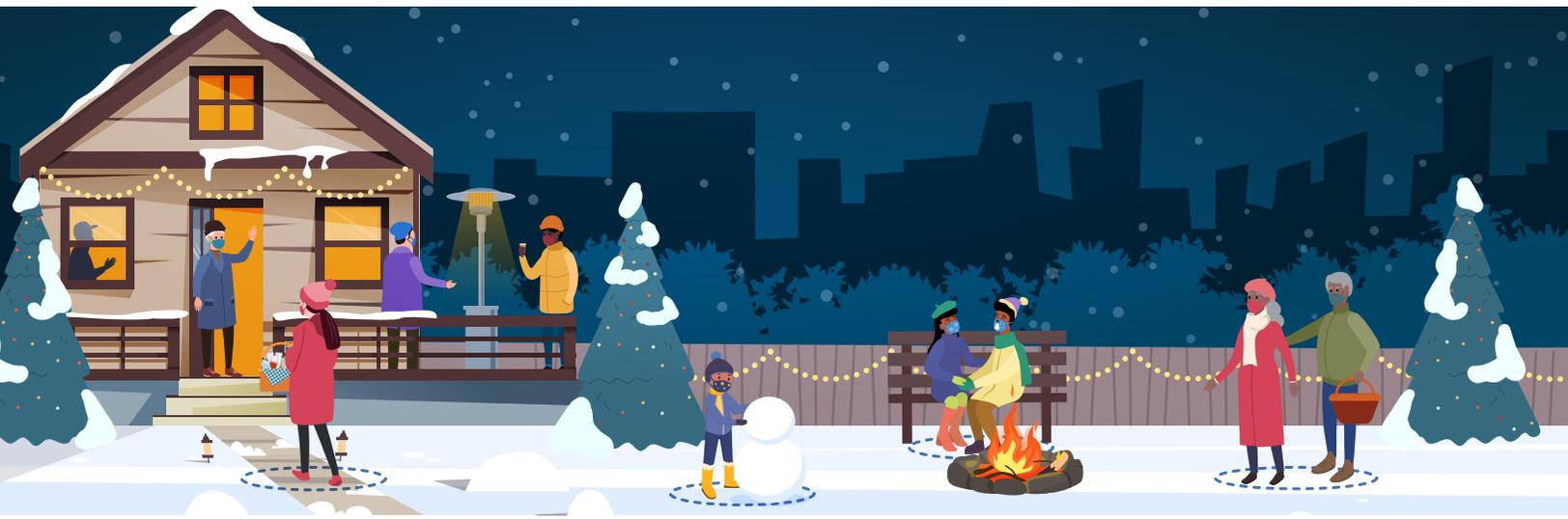


# Celebrating Winter Holidays

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**The safest way to celebrate is at home with people you live with.**

## Host a virtual celebration with friends and family

- Eat a meal together virtually and have people show their main dish, vegetable, or dessert.
- Host a virtual “ugly” holiday sweater contest.

## Gather virtually for a gift exchange or other activity

- Meet virtually to open gifts together.
- Build gingerbread houses, decorate cookies, or make holiday crafts and decorations.



## Decorate for the season

- Decorate or create a winter holiday scene and take family photos at home.
- View community decorations from a safe distance or drive through a local holiday light display.
- Make crafts, cards, or cookies to send or deliver to family, friends, and neighbors in a way that does not involve contact with others, such as mailing or leaving them at the door.



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## Throw a virtual dance party

- If your winter holiday traditions include music and dance, set aside time with loved ones to meet online to celebrate.
- Collaborate with friends and family on a holiday playlist.

## Enjoy the winter weather, if you live somewhere with snow

- Hold a snowman or snow angel contest with neighbors or friends in your community.
- Build a snow fort or other snow structure.



## Volunteer and help others in need

- Reach out to your local community service organizations to get involved and give back. Make sure to ask about their safety precautions in advance.
- Find virtual opportunities to contribute.

## Attend a religious ceremony

- Attending virtual services is the safest way to worship.
- CDC offers considerations to help communities of faith decide how best to practice their beliefs while keeping their staff and congregations safe.

## If your holiday traditions usually involve visiting Santa Claus, check local opportunities and know requirements for visiting safely.

- Schedule a virtual visit to the North Pole.
- Visit Santa Claus outside while wearing mask and staying 6 feet apart.
- If Santa Claus is staying indoors, he will likely be taking safety measures; you may be able to visit him through a plexiglass safety window.

