

Good Afternoon,

This Thanksgiving, I am asking you to follow certain guidelines to protect the health and safety of yourself and the whole community. This year our circumstance compels us to celebrate differently and with more caution due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Coronavirus cases in West Haven and the State of CT continue to climb and large gatherings on Thanksgiving, and other holidays, will only continue to worsen this public health crisis. Please keep these guidelines in mind for this holiday:

- Limit any gatherings to immediate family members, preferably only members within your household.
- Hold gatherings outdoors, if possible, with all attendees keeping 6 feet apart, wearing masks, and with one person serving food.
- Avoid traveling. Consider other activities like hosting a virtual thanksgiving meal with family and friends who do not live with you.
- Continue to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and items between uses.
- College students who are returning home, it is important that you quarantine for 14 days upon returning to your home community and have a COVID test.

Many holidays and activities that we enjoy have unfortunately had to change this year, but we are able to adapt in ways that keep everyone safe and healthy. Continue to practice social distancing, wear your mask and wash your hands. Have a happy Thanksgiving and stay safe!