

## Guidance regarding Congregate Activities including Holiday Parties during COVID-19

***In person holiday gatherings are strongly discouraged during times of high community transmission of COVID-19.***

***Please remember that the more people an individual interacts with and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the potential risk of becoming infected with COVID-19.***

If an in-person holiday gathering is to occur, it should follow the “Guidance on Congregate Activities” found in the Federal Bureau of Prisons COVID-19 Pandemic Response Plan under [Module 1](#).

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has also published additional guidance regarding [Events and Gatherings](#).

If food is to be provided:

- Avoid ‘potluck’ type food offerings and any self-serve food or drink options (buffets, salad bars, drink stations, etc.)
- Individuals serving food must wear gloves, and appropriate hair net in addition to a face covering. They must wash their hand after removing gloves or after handling used food service items.
- Serve individually plated meals or grab-and-go options
- Use disposable food service items including utensils and dishes
- Eat outdoors if possible and maintain adequate social distancing while eating and drinking