

# Planning Ahead for the Holidays

## Reframe Old Traditions into New Ones



**Holiday planning can be difficult to do even without a pandemic.** This year is definitely different so we'll need to be a little more creative. No worries – we have you covered. Here are a few socially distanced ideas to make the season fun for you and your family!

### **Fresh Ideas for Reframing Your Holidays**

**Holiday Lights/Fireworks** You can plan this easily and families can all join in their own cars. Scour your neighborhood and secure a route with lots of light displays or go watch fireworks setup through your city. Meet up afterwards (separately of course) and enjoy a hot chocolate tailgate...

**Private party** Set up a kid friendly cocktail party through Zoom. Use mock "cocktail" recipes. Send recipes to everyone ahead of time. Come up with some type of trivia or question that all attendees can answer so all can participate.

**Contactless cookie exchange** Invite your friends and guests for a contactless cookie exchange party. Choose an indoor area, like a garage or outdoor spot where you can space out and do the exchange safely. Wear masks! Your guests will return home with a tray full of happiness.

**Christmas Movie Night** Bring back the nostalgia with a dinner theater. Make a list of movie favorites that can be viewed over the holidays, like Home Alone, Fred Claus, and Jingle All The Way. Pop some popcorn and purchase holiday candy goodies. Take turns hosting a "teleparty" with other friends and relatives through [Netflix](#).

**Outdoor Adventure** Lace-up your skates, put on your hiking boots or take a long walk with your family. With some hot chocolate and marshmallows along you'll be able to enjoy the outdoors and get much needed fresh air!

**Gift A Toy** Spread the joy by giving unwrapped toys or used toys to charitable institutions. Nothing can be compared to the happiness you get doing a good deed. It's the reason for the season.

**Caroling Party** Now is the best time to sing some songs. You can do virtual caroling, or take your family out and sing to a few to your neighbors curbside...so much fun!

**Virtual Games Night** Lineup a set of games that can be organized online and participants can easily take part in it. Christmas Bingo, Charades, and Christmas movie trivia are favorites and easy to setup.

**Virtual Photo Booth** Host a VIRTUAL Photo Booth party. Create a Photo Cover Shot for facebook everyone can use and upload to their feed.

Make this year one filled with some great memories. Maybe these could work into yearly traditions your family will adopt and do every year. Spread the events throughout the month so that your family can have something to look forward to! You can even take the events into 2021 to help celebrate ringing in the new year!