

COVID-Safe Winter: Festive Activities – toolkit for partners of Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council

Overview

'Be COVID-Safe This Winter' is a multi-faceted campaign covering a range of subjects for both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to be shared and used by multiple public sector, community and business partners.

The main focus of the campaign will aim to prevent the spread of COVID post lockdown and through December and the Christmas period. This to try and reduce the number of cases as we move into January, save lives and avoid a tier three situation occurring.

This follow-on toolkit is to compliment the main safety messages and lists COVID-safe activities for people and families to do at home.

Social media posts and assets



This toolkit includes social media posts and a WeTransfer link to download the assets:



<https://we.tl/t-BX01cx3RIH>




Please use hashtag #CovidSafeChristmas





Please find below our suggested content for social media posts to accompany the images we have created. These can be copied and pasted as they are or adapted to reflect your own tone.



There's lots of things we can enjoy as we come out of lockdown, here are some activities to do at home:



Image	Message
Activity Ideas	
<p>https://youtu.be/2QoKGg82pZQ</p> 	<p>We are aware that lots of children have been worried if Father Christmas is going to be able to deliver presents this year...</p> <p>Here is a message from Father Christmas to all the children of Cambridgeshire/Peterborough.</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>
	<p>TW:</p> <p>Still got Christmas shopping to do? Do it online to avoid queues and busy shops, and help stop the spread of COVID.</p> <p>Lots of local shops also offer online shopping, so keep a lookout and show your support for local businesses.</p>




	<p>More info https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p> <p>FB: Do you still have some Christmas shopping to do? Try and do your Christmas shopping online if you can. This will help you avoid queues and busy shops, as well as helping stop the spread of Covid-19.</p> <p>Lots of local shops also offer online shopping, so keep a look out and show your support for local businesses.</p> <p>For more information visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>
	<p>If you are planning on going to the shops, make sure you wear a face covering, try to go by yourself and take hand sanitiser.</p> <p>If a shop looks too busy, could you go back later or shop online?</p> <p>For more info visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>
 <p>https://youtu.be/N1He24f_8UA</p>	<p>If you are looking for a #CovidSafeChristmas activity, why not get into the festive spirit and make some Christmas cookies?</p> <p>Share your festive baking with us in the comments below!</p> <p>For more information about celebrating Christmas safely this year visit</p>

	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period
	<p>Getting ready for Christmas? Why not make some DIY wrapping paper! This is a great activity to enjoy with the kids at home!</p> <p>For more information on how to celebrate Christmas safely this year visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>
	<p>Now we are out of lockdown, make the most of Christmas. Decorate your house and you could even create a Christmas display in your window.</p> <p>For more information on how to celebrate Christmas safely this year visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>
	<p>The safest way to celebrate Christmas this year is via online meetups or telephone.</p> <p>If there are people you want to see but it isn't safe to meet in person, virtual meetups can be made fun with activities and games.</p> <p>Have a #CovidSafeChristmas https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period</p>

 <p>Make Christmas cards</p> <p>www.gov.uk/coronavirus</p>	<p>If you're planning on sending Christmas cards this year, then why not make your own?</p> <p>Also send an older person in your community a Christmas card this year, it could make a difference.</p> <p>For more information on how to have a #CovidSafeChristmas visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period</p>
 <p>Get baking some festive treats</p> <p>www.gov.uk/coronavirus</p>	<p>Looking for a Christmas activity?</p> <p>This is the perfect time to get your festive baking practice in! Share your festive bakes with us in the comments below 🏠</p> <p>For more information visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>
 <p>Make a Christmas face covering</p> <p>www.gov.uk/coronavirus</p>	<p>Remember to wear a face covering in indoor spaces where social distancing may be difficult.</p> <p>To get in the festive spirit, why not make your own Christmas face covering?</p> <p>For further guidance visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>
 <p>Have a virtual Christmas</p> <p>www.gov.uk/coronavirus</p>	<p>It's never been more important that we keep in touch with our loved ones and reach out if you know anyone who lives alone.</p> <p>Why not try having a virtual Christmas party?</p> <p>For more info visit: https://www.keep-your-head.com/adults/MH/now-were-talking/now</p>

	<p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p> <p>TW:</p> <p>A fun activity to enjoy outdoors with your household or a group of up to six people is go on a Christmas light hunt!</p> <p>Have a walk around your neighborhood and see who has the best lights! Remember to keep wrapped up warm.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p> <p>--</p> <p>FB & INSTA:</p> <p>A fun activity to enjoy outdoors with your household or a group of up to six people is go on a Christmas light hunt!</p> <p>Have a walk around your neighborhood and see who has the best lights!</p> <p>Remember to keep wrapped up warm and take a hot drink if you are out in the cold.</p> <p>For more information on how to celebrate Christmas safely visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>
	<p>FOR 10/11 DECEMBER</p> <p>TW:</p> <p>Tomorrow/Today (11 December) is Christmas Jumper Day. Wear a silly jumper and get every single person you know to do the same!</p>

	<p>Why not organise a virtual call with friends, family and work colleagues to show off your Christmas Jumpers!</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period</p> <p>--</p> <p>FB & INSTA:</p> <p>Tomorrow/Today (11 December) is Christmas Jumper Day. Wear a silly jumper and get every single person you know to do the same!</p> <p>Why not organise a virtual call with friends, family and work colleagues to show off your Christmas Jumpers!</p> <p>For more info on how to have a #CovidSafeChristmas visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period</p>
 <p>https://youtu.be/DL_g4yVXuSY</p>	<p>Making a gingerbread house is something lots of us look forward in the Christmas holidays. It's a brilliant way to spend time together in the kitchen and make something great at the same time. So why not give it a go?</p> <p>Share your gingerbread house in the comments below!</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-2-high-alert</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>
	<p>If you're looking for ideas for a #CovidSafeChristmas – why not try making a cozy festive drink?</p> <p>It can be enjoyed on a virtual Christmas party with friends and family or on Christmas Day with your bubble.</p>

	<p>For more information about celebrating Christmas safely this year visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period</p>
	<p>Looking for a craft to do with the kids at home? These paper Christmas trees are easy to make and can be any design you like!</p> <p>Watch an easy tutorial here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_Xh4vOniPU</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>
	<p>Looking forward to Christmas Day? Not long to wait now!</p> <p>Will you be having virtual or outdoor celebration, or having your bubble over for Christmas dinner?</p> <p>Whatever you decide to do this year, remember to keep safe and if indoors, keep the room well ventilated.</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>
	<p>The safest way to celebrate Christmas this year is via online meetups or telephone.</p> <p>If there are people you want to see but it isn't safe to meet in person, virtual meetups can be made fun with activities and games.</p> <p>For info: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</p> <p>#CovidSafeChristmas</p>



From today (23 December) you can mix with your Christmas bubble.

When you're indoors keep the rooms well ventilated by opening windows. Wear warm layers and give each other space!

Also remember to think about relatives and friends who may be elderly or vulnerable.

For more info visit

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family>

#CovidSafeChristmas



Happy Christmas Eve!

What are your plans? Will you be having Christmas virtually, outdoors or at home with your bubble?

Just remember, whatever your plans are, have a #CovidSafeChristmas.

If you're indoors, make sure to keep the rooms well ventilated by opening windows. Wear warm layers and give each other space

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Merry Christmas

Cambridgeshire/Peterborough!

If you're meeting indoors:

- ✓ meet in the largest space possible
- ✓ open windows
- ✓ rearrange furniture to make space
- ✓ one person cooks to avoid crowding

	<p>✓ use face coverings where distance can't be</p> <p>For more info visit https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family</p>
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Press release:

Father Christmas reassures children of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough that Christmas isn't cancelled

2020 has been the year of the unexpected and none more so than Father Christmas making an impromptu visit to Nene Valley Railway last night to record a special [Christmas message](#) for the children of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Children may be worried that Christmas won't be the same this year. So, Father Christmas has decided to intervene and record a message at one of his most favourite Christmas attractions in our county.

In his message Father Christmas reassures children that Christmas will be going ahead as planned and that he and Rudolph are healthy, happy and ready to deliver presents. He also talks about his special health and safety elves who appear in disguise on the news most days and that everyone is to follow their guidance to ensure a #COVIDSafeChristmas.

Father Christmas's message goes out to children just as Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council begin to share daily tips on how to keep COVID safe this Christmas. The campaign recommends fun winter and holiday activities and recipes to keep us all entertained over what will be an unusual Christmas this year.

Cllr John Holdich, Leader of Peterborough City Council said: "This has been a roller-coaster year for our residents, and I am so proud of the way everyone has come together and supported one other. The thought of Christmas being cancelled was too upsetting to bear, so I am very pleased Father Christmas has taken the time to reassure our children and thank you to Nene Valley Railway for letting him pop down to record his message from their winter wonderland.

Now, with Christmas nearly upon us, Mrs Holdich is preparing to bake mince pies for our #COVIDSafeChristmas, ready to leave by our chimney for Father Christmas to say a heartfelt thank you from us all."

Cllr Steve Count, Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council said: "I was so happy when I was told Santa had made a special visit to Cambridgeshire to reassure all of our children. 2020 has been a tough year for everyone and my heartfelt thanks go to all our residents for what they have done to help each other through this pandemic. Thankfully nothing can stop

Christmas and as long as we all remember hands, face and space when we celebrate, we will all enjoy a #COVIDSafeChristmas. I have been reliably informed washing your hands and using hand sanitiser regularly means Father Christmas is more likely to put you on the good list this year."

Christmas celebrations across the county now begin in earnest. For idea's as to how to enjoy a #COVIDSafeChristmas please follow [Peterborough City Council](#) and [Cambridgeshire County Council](#) social media channels on Facebook and Twitter. There you will find lots of ideas and activities to keep you safe and entertained whichever way you decide to spend Christmas this year. Activities from baking to making your own Christmas wrapping paper are available to download and share amongst friends and family.