



## City of Dallas

Dear City of Dallas Family:

Dallas, like most urban cities, has endured its share of challenges this year with budget cuts, violent crime and a global pandemic. While the City continues to address these issues, we know that we still have much to be thankful for. I encourage you to use this Thanksgiving holiday to truly reflect on matters of the heart. This can be done, just not in the traditional sense due to the coronavirus.

Dallas has the second most active cases of COVID-19 in the state of Texas. El Paso is number one. Last week, Dallas hospitals hit an all-time high occupancy rate of 2,219 ICU beds. As much as you want to share Thanksgiving with family and friends, the CDC and the City's health authority strongly urge you to refrain from large in-person gatherings this year. We must do something different to get a better result.

Having said that, here are a few rules to follow to ensure a happy and safe holiday for everyone:

- Reconsider traveling for Thanksgiving and plan remote gatherings or safe gatherings at home with only household members. Don't let COVID be your uninvited guest this holiday season.
- Consider conducting a virtual visit using the latest technology. (i.e., Webex, Zoom, Skype or Microsoft Teams)
- Wear a mask while preparing or serving food to others who don't live in your household. Encourage your guests to wear a mask when not eating or drinking.
- If possible, eat outside and spread far apart from each other. If it's not possible to eat outside, spread out around the house and keep more than 6 feet apart during mealtime.
- Hand hygiene is crucial. Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer before and after preparing, serving, and eating food.

As your city manager, I am truly grateful for the men and women I have the pleasure of leading in city government. It is your resilience, resolve and tenacity during this pandemic that has sustained an effective level of governing within this municipality. Time and time again, you have provided essential services as One Dallas, Together.

Thank you again, Happy Thanksgiving, be vigilant and Stay on Guard against COVID-19.

**In the Spirit of Excellence!!**



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