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## Staying at Home During This Upcoming Holiday

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County is re-emphasizing to residents and businesses the importance of staying at home and practicing social distancing as much as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the health of family, friends and community members.

During a time when people traditionally gather for holiday celebrations, residents should remember that the Public Health Order was issued to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 and that gatherings of any kind should be cancelled. Groups that gather have the potential of spreading COVID-19. There are examples throughout the world where a single individual infected multiple people with COVID-19, and even led to deaths.

"The COVID-19 virus continues to spread through Yolo County and is a danger to people of all ages," said Yolo County Public Health Officer Dr. Ron Chapman. "I know that this holiday is a time for people to gather but this is NOT the time to gather. Gathering will cause more sickness and death. Please stay at home and practice social distancing."

Social distancing does not have to mean social loneliness. The following are creative yet thoughtful ways that people can still connect, especially during this holiday:

- Posting photos or stories on social media
- Calling or texting individual to share well wishes
- Hosting virtual egg hunts or celebrations with friends
- Hiding holiday gifts or eggs in the house or backyard for those living in the residence
- Dropping off holiday baskets on doorsteps
- Supporting local businesses by ordering holiday gifts or take out

For Yolo County's COVID-19 dashboard visit: <u>www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-dashboard</u>. For information about COVID-19 in Yolo County, visit: <u>www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus</u>. For guidance regarding the shelter in place order, visit: <u>www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus/shelter-in-place</u>. Residents can also call Yolo 2-1-1 for resource information. For additional updates follow Yolo County on Facebook at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/YoloCounty/</u> or Twitter at: <u>https://twitter.com/YoloCountyCA</u>.