Safer holiday shopping

Follow these tips to help lower the chances of catching and spreading COVID-19 this holiday season.

- Stay home if you have any symptoms, if you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or if you are in quarantine or isolation.
- Wear a face covering that fits at all times. Masks are required in public.
- Be kind and have patience. Staff in all industries are working hard to make your shopping experience as safe as possible. Please respect their efforts.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart from others while in stores and in line. Avoid crowded places.
- Carry hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes with you to disinfect your hands and shared surfaces often.
- Follow retailers’ signs and instructions for lines, social distancing, crowd control, and other safe shopping practices.
- Shop at local small businesses at off-peak times to avoid big crowds.
- Know what you are looking for to reduce your browsing time.
- Call the business ahead of time to arrange your order and/or a curbside pickup.
- Order from Rhode Island business websites to shop locally and virtually at the same time.
- Buy gifts that support the local economy, such as gift cards for local shops and restaurants.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home.
- Use contactless payment wherever possible.

Find more tips for safely celebrating the holiday season at health.ri.gov/publications/guidelines/covid-tips-for-a-safer-holiday-season.pdf