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Holiday Resources and Safety Tips

WINTHROP, Maine – As we enter the holiday season with rising COVID-19 numbers across our state, we urge everyone to take all precautions (masking, social distancing, washing hands frequently, keeping gatherings very small) to stay healthy.

A reminder that the Governor's Executive Order requires people to be masked in all public spaces, including while recreating at locations like Norcross Point and Mt. Pisgah, as well as trips to town facilities including the Town Office and the Transfer Station, or shopping local on Main Street.

If you are in need of a meal for Thanksgiving Day, the Winthrop Area Rotary is providing FREE take-out Thanksgiving Dinners at the St. Francis Xavier Church from 12:00 noon-1:00 pm on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. Please leave a message at 377-7210 if you would like to pick up a meal or have a meal delivered in the Winthrop area.

The annual Holiday Parade sponsored by the Winthrop Lakes Chamber of Commerce is cancelled this year due to the pandemic, but there will be a drive-through visit to see Santa on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 11 am to 2 pm on Town Hall Lane in front of the Winthrop YMCA. Families are invited to speak with Santa while they wear masks and practice social distancing from their cars. Children can also write letters to Santa, which will be dropped in a "Letters to the North Pole" mailbox.

Participating families will drive into the Winthrop Grade School parking lot, drive past the ball fields and tennis courts to the YMCA building, where a masked Santa, Mrs. Claus, and other holiday characters will be waiting. Local businesses across the region will also be competing for best holiday décor across multiple towns.

Questions for municipal-related activities should be directed to Town Manager Jeffrey Kobrock, 207.377.7200 ext 5.