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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Refrain from Gathering In Large Groups To Watch the Super Bowl

[Akron, OH] –Summit County will remain Level 3/Red for the Public Health Advisory System this week. As a result Summit County Public Health would like to remind Summit County residents to exercise caution when deciding to participate in Super Bowl celebrations, which put them in close contact with people outside their households. Summit County Public Health would like to provide residents with some best practices for watching the Super Bowl this year.

Tips for safely enjoying the Super Bowl:

- Host a virtual Super Bowl watch party.
- Make appetizers and snacks with people you live with to enjoy while watching the game.
- Start a text group with other fans to chat about the game while watching
- Attend an outdoor viewing party where viewers can sit 6 feet apart.
- Wear clothing and decorate your home with your favorite team's logo or colors.

If having guests to your home, be sure that people follow the steps that everyone can take to make your gathering safer. These steps include:

- Limit the number of guests and adhere to mass gathering guidelines.
- Have conversations with guests ahead of time to set expectations for gathering together.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and items between use.
- If celebrating indoors, bring in fresh air by opening windows and doors, if possible. You can use a window fan in one of the open windows to blow air out of the window. This will pull fresh air in through the other open windows.
- Have guests bring their own food and drink.
- If sharing food, have one person serve food and use single-use options, like plastic utensils.
- Always wear a face covering and stay 6 feet away from people who are not from your household. Continue to wear a mask even if you have been vaccinated against COVID-19.
 - NOTE: Face coverings should never be placed on children younger than 2 or anyone who cannot easily remove them.
- Sanitize hands frequently.
 - Stay home if you are sick.





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Consider those in your household who may be at greater risk for Covid-19 complications.

If you are having COVID-19 symptoms and are unable to be tested right away or are waiting for your results please stay home and do not go in public or expose your family members who are at higher risk for adverse complications of COVID-19. Isolate yourself even in your own household until you are able to be tested or receive your results.

Additional guidance and suggestions can be found on the CDC website at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/small-gatherings.

If you have questions, call the COVID-19 Call Line (330) 926-5795. The call line is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. M-F.

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