

How To Plan an Online Celebration

This holiday season, remember: COVID isn't over. Protect your family over the holidays by celebrating in-person **only with people you live with.**

But just because you're celebrating apart, doesn't mean you can't feel connected to your family and friends. Technology has made it easier for us to make real connections. Here are a few easy ways to plan an online holiday celebration.

Steps to Planning an Online Celebration

1. **Choose Your Platform.** There are now so many platforms to choose from. Whether it's WhatsApp, FaceTime or Zoom, choose whatever platform you and your family are the most comfortable with. If older family members, such as grandmothers or grandfathers, need a little help, have a call with them the day before to explain how they will log-on.
2. **Choose a time.** Find a time that works for everyone. Some popular times might be Christmas Eve night, Christmas morning, or New Years' Eve night. Send a reminder to all of your family and friends the day before..
3. **Do an activity.** Choose an activity to make the video call fun. There are plenty of activities that can get your whole family involved.

Here are a few ideas for activities:

Do an online prayer. Get into the holiday spirit by saying a prayer through video chat.

Make a meal together. Whether you're making a pizza or tamales, cooking the same meal together can make you feel as if you're all together.

Make crafts together. To get the kids involved in the celebration, make crafts during your online celebration. Decorating cookies, making cards or creating ornaments are fun activities.



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