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| <p>Graphic: Holiday precautions survey -Ask guests to wear masks: 2021: 51% 2020: 67% -Will likely celebrate with only household members: 2021: 72% 2020: 79%</p> <p>Shots of COVID vaccination</p> | <p>PRECAUTIONS, BUT MOST WILL STILL HAVE SOME PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN PLACE. ABOUT HALF WILL ASK HOLIDAY PARTY GUESTS TO WEAR MASKS, COMPARED TO SIXTY-SEVEN PERCENT A YEAR AGO, WHILE NEARLY THREE OUT OF FOUR STILL PLAN TO CELEBRATE WITH ONLY MEMBERS OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD. BUT DOCTOR IAHN GONSENHAUSER (EE-en GAHN-sen-how-zer), CHIEF QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY OFFICER AT OHIO STATE, SAYS THE BEST WAY TO KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR GUESTS SAFE IS VACCINATION. :26</p> |
| <p>CG: Dr. Iahn Gonsenhauser Ohio State Wexner Medical Center</p> <p>Shots of people talking/eating together at party (blur for graphic)</p> <p>Graphic: Holiday precautions survey: -Half will ask about guests' vaccination status -Will ask unvaccinated guests to test negative for COVID</p> <p>Shots of people talking/eating together</p> | <p><i>"If you're in an environment where everybody is vaccinated, you can really have a normal experience." :07</i></p> <p>THE SURVEY FOUND HALF OF RESPONDENTS WILL ASK ABOUT THEIR GUESTS' VACCINATION STATUS AND FORTY-SIX PERCENT WILL ASK UNVACCINATED INVITEES TO TEST NEGATIVE FOR COVID IN ORDER TO ATTEND, A PRECAUTION THAT GONSENHAUSER ADMITS CAN BE AWKWARD, BUT IS NECESSARY TO REDUCE EVERYONE'S RISK. :14</p> <p><i>"If it were me, I would require them to wear a mask if they were coming to an event that I was holding, and I would be interested in knowing if anybody was unvaccinated and unmasked at an event that I was going to attend." :14</i></p> |
| <p>Dr. Gonsenhauser (CG'd earlier)</p> <p>Shots of partygoers playing game</p> | <p>GONSENHAUSER SAYS IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO STAY HOME IF YOU'RE EXPERIENCING COVID SYMPTOMS UNTIL YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE NOT CARRYING THE VIRUS, AND TO MAINTAIN AN OPEN DIALOGUE WITH THOSE YOU'LL BE SEEING TO ENSURE EVERYONE CAN SAFELY EXPERIENCE THE JOYS OF THE SEASON. :13</p> |
| <p>Dr. Gonsenhauser (CG'd earlier)</p> | <p><i>"Be aware of the precautionary expectations around you, be ready to fulfill them and adhere to them. That's going to help everybody have peace of mind and certainly reduce risk as well." :10</i></p> |
| <p>Emily Litvin (CG'd earlier)</p> <p>Shots of people having fun together (PACKAGE END) -----</p> | <p><i>"Being able to gather together just is good for the soul, being around people, being around loved ones, people who love you." :08</i></p> <p>AT THE OHIO STATE WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER, THIS IS BARB CONSIGLIO REPORTING. :03</p> |

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| <p>CG: Dr. Iahn Gonsenhauser Ohio State Wexner Medical Center</p> | <p>Gonsenhauser says COVID vaccines are very effective: <i>“Plain and simple, vaccines work. They’re highly effective. The vaccines that we’ve seen developed for COVID are some of the most effective vaccines that we’ve ever seen in the history of medicine, there’s no debate about that. There’s no data that undermines that. There’s no argument to that whatsoever.” :14</i></p> |
| <p>CG: Emily Litvin Planning holiday gatherings</p> | <p>Emily says it’s good for people to be around loved ones: 11:46:16 <i>“You know, the pandemic isolated people. I think that people need people, just to be. So being able to gather together is good for the soul, being around people, being around loved ones, people who love you.” :16</i></p> <p>Emily says she feels safer getting together this year: <i>“We just felt like it was safer for everyone to just not get together. And this year, we know a lot more about COVID. There’s the vaccination, and we feel a lot safer getting together with each other this year.” :17</i></p> |

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