



Yakima Health District

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Safer Super Bowl Celebrations

YAKIMA, WA- The Yakima Health District (YHD) would like to remind Yakima County residents to continue to follow public health recommendations as Super Bowl celebrations approach this weekend. YHD encourages Yakima County residents to consider safer alternatives to celebrate and to decrease the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Currently Yakima County is in Phase 1 of Washington State’s Roadmap to Recovery. Last week Governor Inslee announced that regions only had to meet three out of the four Roadmap to Recovery metrics to move into Phase 2. At this moment, Yakima County is meeting two out of the four metrics. Although there is a trend in decreasing case rates in Yakima County, Yakima County is still experiencing high rates of COVID-19. YHD does not recommend people gathering with others outside their home, especially this weekend. Gathering this way can cause a spike in COVID-19 infections and may delay Yakima County’s advancement to Phase 2.

As Yakima County residents make plans for the Super Bowl this weekend, please remember that the safest way to celebrate is by doing so with members of the same household. As a reminder, any indoor social gatherings are prohibited in Phase 1. If community members choose to celebrate here a few activities to consider:

LOW Risk Activities	MEDIUM Risk Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebrate with members of the same household• Have an online virtual Super Bowl watch party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small outdoor viewing party (Limit 2 households)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wear a mask○ Sit at least 6 feet apart from people in a different household○ Bring food and drinks for members in a single household

QUOTE

“We know the Super Bowl has historically been a fun opportunity to socialize and celebrate. However, this year is different, and we ask that safety be central to your Super Bowl celebration plans. It is crucial to emphasize the importance of following the public health recommendations



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to ensure we do not see a rise in cases again. We all care about the health of our friends, family, and our community, therefore we urge you to choose a safer way to enjoy the game this year. Staying home and celebrating only with people in your household continues to be the safest option. Wearing masks, social distancing and washing your hands remain vital to keeping our community safe. Lastly, as a reminder, if you do not feel well, please stay home. By safely enjoying the Super Bowl LV Championship Game, we will all be safer in the future.” – Andre Fresco, Executive Director, Yakima Health District

Additional Information:

[CDC Small Gatherings](#)

[Healthy Washington- Roadmap to Recovery](#)

[Yakima County COVID-19 Testing Sites](#)

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