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Health officials remind residents to avoid gatherings during Super Bowl Sunday

Riverside County health officials remind residents that parties and other social gatherings make for fast ways to spread coronavirus and urge the community to celebrate Super Bowl Sunday responsibly.

While hospitalizations are decreasing from the sharp December and January surge, several local hospitals are still significantly impacted, and the available percent of licensed intensive care units remains at zero.

Residents should limit possible exposure to the virus by reducing the number of people they have contact with during Super Bowl Sunday. If residents do attend gatherings, they should wear a mask, avoid shared utensils, and keep six feet of distance from people outside of their household.

"We're not out of the woods yet and we don't want to lose the progress we've made," said Kim Saruwatari, director of the Riverside University Health System - Public Health. "If we all continue to wear masks, keep six feet of distance from others, and get vaccinated, then we can make it back faster to these important pastimes and traditions."

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