



Warren County Public Health

Recommendations for holiday shopping

We want Warren County residents to support our local businesses that are the lifeblood of our economy. But this year, the holiday shopping season will have to be different for public health reasons.

Stores are operating at capacity limits, and social distancing is imperative as we see the highest community COVID infection rate we have experienced during the pandemic.

Please see these **Public Health guidelines for shopping this season:**

- Stay home if you are sick, or have any symptoms of illness.
- Wear masks correctly, covering your nose and mouth.
- Try to shop during days and hours when stores are usually less crowded. Many local stores, including those in the Queensbury outlet centers, have extended hours to allow people more chances to avoid crowds.
- Do your homework, and know what you want before going to a store.
- Shop online at chain stores if possible, and use local pickup options.
- Maintain social distance in aisles and while in line to get in stores or at checkouts.
- Many stores are offering discounts throughout the shopping season to avoid Black Friday overcrowding, so watch fliers and ads for deals that don't require standing in line.
- Limit the number of people in your shopping party, and leave young children home.
- Carry hand sanitizer to clean hands after handling merchandise, touching checkout equipment or money in stores.

