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State health officials are providing recommendations for taking precautions against the spread of COVID-19 over the Thanksgiving holiday. Dr. Joe Thompson, CEO of the Arkansas Centers for Health Improvement, says additional precautions will help reduce the risk as vaccinated and unvaccinated groups gather together to celebrate.

News22 0:13 “...the holiday season.”

According to the Arkansas Department of Health, the number of active cases of COVID-19 began trending upward earlier this month. For increased protection, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends wearing a mask indoors in areas of high transmission, like Arkansas.

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With the number of COVID-19 cases on the rise again in Arkansas, state medical experts are offering guidance for spending time with friends and family over the Thanksgiving holiday. Dr. Joel Tumilson with the Arkansas Department of Health says any of the vaccines approved for use in the state offer the best protection.

News23 0:21 “...would be best.”

According to information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the likelihood of contracting a breakthrough infection despite being fully vaccinated is possible, but a lack of tracking makes it difficult to predict with accuracy. Celebrating outdoors or in well-ventilated spaces and wearing masks while indoors are among the extra precautions recommended by Dr. Tumilson.