COMMUNITY LEADERS urge ISLANDERS to STAY HOME for the HOLIDAYS November 13, 2020

As cases spike dramatically in San Juan County, Washington and the United States, we would like to urge islanders to scale back their holiday plans.

Over recent months, we've been able to enjoy a slow reopening of our islands. Restaurants, gatherings, shops, gyms, and most recently schools have all made slow progress towards returning to a limited version of normal.

Those gains are now at risk, and the prospect of upcoming holiday travel is looming as an even greater threat to the health and livelihood of our community.

We urge all islanders to stay local and keep your holiday gatherings small. Now is not the time to host family from across the state or beyond. Now is not the time to gather indoors with those from outside your household. Now is not the time to leave the islands to visit others. And now is certainly not the time to get on an airplane.

Now is the time to keep it simple and local, mask up, and protect our community and those most at risk.

Stay healthy, stay home. Regards,

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