



**Embassy of the State of Eritrea
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Reminder to all Eritreans in the USA about COVID-19 during the Holidays (No. 5)

As we approach almost a year of since the COVID-19 outbreak, there have been almost 60 million infections and 1.4 million deaths have been reported globally. The United States alone there are almost 13 million cases and over 264 thousand people have already lost their lives due to the virus. The fact that the United States alone has accounted for 22% of infections and 19% of deaths of these global figures, makes it easy to understand it has reached a very alarming stage. The change in weather doesn't help and in fact makes it worse. Some countries including the United States have been hit with the second wave and are heading into another round of lockdown.

Although there is hope for vaccine, it is anyone's guess there will be more damage from the virus before the vaccine is approved and distributed. The holiday season and Thanksgiving Day in particular, which is typically a day of gathering for family and friends can increase the chances of spreading the virus. We are seeing more and more public health and government officials making their pleas for caution. Keeping in mind that this holiday is an annual occurrence and understanding gatherings can lead to higher risk of infections, we urge every family to avoid unnecessary travel and restrict celebrations within your respective households and exercise utmost care. Until such a time where there is a solution for this pandemic, we hope and believe everyone will take necessary precautions for yourself and everyone around you.

Safety first!

Victory to the masses!

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