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The holiday season has arrived! And like everything else this year, it looks a little different than we are used to. We are all having to adjust our traditions and celebrations so we can keep ourselves and our loved ones healthy. With the changes, we are embracing the opportunity to slow down and evaluate what is most important right now. Typically the holidays are jam packed with events that can sometimes feel more like obligations than enjoyment. But this year, nothing can be jam packed, so we have to prioritize and pivot. Cheers to finishing out 2020 with joy, however altered it may look, and a little extra compassion for our communities!

- For those of you enjoying a micro-Thanksgiving this year who might be interested in letting someone else do the work for you, 7x7 put together a list of [takeout and dine-in options](#) for the big day. For a slightly larger gathering without the fuss, take a look at some of our local caterers who have your favorite Thanksgiving dishes covered – [49 Square](#), [Carrie Dove](#), [Barbara Llewellyn](#), and [McCalls!](#)
- My holiday shopping is going to look a little different this year – and that's a good thing! I'm looking to shop small and diverse businesses when searching for the perfect gifts.

Check out this resource to shop [Black Owned Book Stores](#) or click around the [Bay Area Black Market](#) for more local businesses of all kinds.

- One of my favorite holiday activities is visiting the incredible pop-up shops and marketplaces that emerge around the Bay Area with artisan goods. [Head West Marketplaces](#) are back in action with safety and health top of mind.
- Check out Thrillist's list of [Best Pizza in SF](#), because who doesn't love pizza?
- Illuminate SF's [Festival of Light](#) runs from Thanksgiving through January 23, 2020. While some of the participating art installations and buildings glow year around, there are some extra special attractions during the holiday season while we have the longest nights of the year.

Enjoy this wonderful time of year and stay healthy! Share your favorite holiday activities with us at togetherweekly@ileancc.org.

Growing Together While Apart,
Kelsey Linden, Board of Directors