

## **Don't Let Your Guard down this St. Patrick's Day (*Interview Transcripts*)**

**Bill Walsh, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, OSF HealthCare**

“Even if you are vaccinated and all of the people you plan to gather with are vaccinated, there still is a significant risk. We are not sure exactly how risky that is – however, you could spread COVID amongst yourselves, and then spread it to other loved ones or people at your work place or other people you may interact with.” (:20)

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“Often, St. Patrick’s Day is a time when many generations come together and celebrate. Please remember to keep your families safe. You don’t want to get your parents or grandparents sick with COVID because they will be at the highest risk. Continue to practice the same precautions you have done to get us to the state we are in now.” (:23)

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“Just because you’re feeling fatigued does not change how the virus behaves. The virus is going to do what it does whether you are fatigued from the pandemic or not. So continue to gather in small groups to discourage the spread, continue to wash your hands, keep your distance, and wear your masks.” (:18)

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“If we continue to do this, the vaccine will continue to work and continue to prevent people from getting sick – and we will get ahead of this pandemic and bring it to an end.” (:10)