The following flow chart decision tree helps individuals determine whether it is safe to participate in small gatherings without masking and social distancing, or whether those public health measures should still be observed.

1. Are you fully vaccinated? If yes, proceed to Question 2. If no, everyone still needs to wear a well-fitting mask, keep at least 6 feet apart, ensure adequate ventilation (meet outside if you can), follow state and local guidance on gathering limits, and keep good hand hygiene.
2. What kind of gathering is this? If private, proceed to Question 3. If public, everyone still needs to wear a well-fitting mask, keep at least 6 feet apart, ensure adequate ventilation (meet outside if you can), follow state and local guidance on gathering limits, and keep good hand hygiene.
3. Is everyone that you are visiting fully vaccinated? If no, proceed to Question 4. If yes, you can all safely gather in a private setting without wearing masks or social distancing.
4. How many households will be gathering? If one, proceed to Question 5. If two or more, everyone still needs to wear a well-fitting mask, keep at least 6 feet apart, ensure adequate ventilation (meet outside if you can), follow state and local guidance on gathering limits, and keep good hand hygiene.
5. Is anyone in the other household at high risk of severe COVID-19? If yes, everyone still needs to wear a well-fitting mask, keep at least 6 feet apart, ensure adequate ventilation (meet outside if you can), follow state and local guidance on gathering limits, and keep good hand hygiene. If no, you can all safely gather in a private setting without wearing masks or social distancing.