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Moscow Prepares for Pandemic New Year's

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Muscovites are bracing for an unconventional holiday season after the cancellation of the city's annual Christmas and New Year's festivities, the closure of late-night entertainment and new restrictions on cinemas and theaters. Despite the restrictions, Moscow is already putting up extravagant lighting displays across the city, inviting residents to enjoy a festive stroll through the city — the one form of holiday entertainment that rising coronavirus cases couldn't take away. Here's a closer look at how the capital is preparing to ring in the New Year:

The Russian New Year and Christmas public holidays take place from Jan. 1-10. **Andrei Nikerichev / Moskva News Agency**

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