



Guidance during Community Spread of COVID-19

# Halloween Safety

## Things to Avoid

- Large gatherings or events that do not allow for distancing of 6 feet or more
- Haunted houses and indoor celebrations
- Trick-or-treating with others outside of your household

## Alternative Activity Ideas

- Virtual costume contest
- Candy scavenger hunt outdoors or inside with household members
- Halloween themed movie marathon with household members
- Drive-thru haunted houses
- Virtual party

## Things to Remember

- If you are sick, or have been in contact with someone who is sick with or has symptoms of COVID-19, stay home.
- Wear a mask at all times when around people who don't live in your household.
- Bring hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol) with you and use frequently when out, especially at key times like before eating or after coughing/sneezing. Wash your hands as soon as you get home.

## Trick-or-Treating

- Do not go trick-or-treating or hand out candy if sick.
- Trick-or-treat only with those from your immediate household and stay local.
- Maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from others outside of your household. Parents, talk with your children about safety and physical distancing practices.
- Wear a face mask covering both your mouth and nose. A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face. Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- Make sure to stay on the left side of the road and use a flashlight or glow stick if trick-or-treating at night.
- Eat your treats at home. Parents, inspect all candy.

### Handing out treats?

- Position a distribution table between yourself and trick-or-treaters. Provide wrapped candy in individual bags or candy spaced out on a table (no bowls of candy).
- Use tape to mark distances that are 6 feet apart from the driveway up to the doorway. Better yet, set up a table at the end of your driveway or in the front yard to avoid crowding in doorways and on porches.
- Wash hands or sanitize frequently between trick-or-treaters.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, finding ways to keep our traditions can help maintain a sense of normalcy. While we do not want to discourage the fun, Halloween will look a little different this year. As groups become larger, the risk of spreading COVID-19 increases. Whether you are trick-or-treating or watching a scary movie marathon, this guidance offers suggestions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

