

Celebrate Halloween and Stay Safe from COVID-19

With COVID-19 still lurking in our community, traditional door-to-door trick or treating is considered **high risk** for both children and those who hand out the treats. However, there are suggestions for making Halloween safer and you can still have fun.

Please don't bring COVID-19 Trick or Treating with you!

NO ONE should go trick or treating or give out candy if they are feeling sick, have COVID-19, waiting for test results or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19.

If you and your family decide to go Trick or Treating:



- This year have only household members can go trick or treating together. **Keep at least 6 feet away** from other trick or treaters who are not in your household group.
- **Wear a Halloween-themed cloth mask** or decorate a surgical mask to match your costume. Avoid double masking because it is hard to breathe.
- Tell your kids to open their bags and let the adults with gloves put candies in the bag. Do not let kids pick candy from a shared bowl.
- **Respect** those whose house lights are off and choose not to participate.

If you decide to provide treats for Trick or Treaters:



- Prepare goodie bags the day before, use mask, and gloves to make them. **Wash your hands with soap and water** for at least 20 seconds before and after preparing the bags.
- Use creative ways to separate goodie bags (such as spreading over a table, hanging from a clothes line, or use tongs/ladles) to drop them in the open bags.
- If you are in a high risk group for COVID, try the creative ways above if you still want to participate e.g., greeting the kids through a window.
- If you choose not to participate, turn off your outside house lights.

Still fun and lower risk Halloween Activities:



- Decorate your house, apartment or living space.
- Carve or decorate pumpkins outside with household members.
- Have an outdoor Halloween movie night with household members.
- Have a virtual Halloween costume party.

With a little planning and creativity, Halloween can still be fun!

More information for a safe Halloween can be found at the **CDC website:**

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween