

HALLOWEEN RECOMMENDATIONS



CORONAVIRUS
COVID-19

Learn how to celebrate Halloween safely. The guidance below will help you and your family make decisions to stay safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

EVERYONE

Always practice preventive actions!

- Avoid indoor and outdoor gatherings. If you choose to host a gathering, follow Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) [guidelines](#).
- Wear a mask/cloth face covering when social distancing is not possible.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from those who are not your household members, especially while talking, eating, drinking, and singing.
- Avoid confined spaces that don't allow for social distancing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is unavailable, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched items regularly.
- Stay home if you are sick, experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19.

HOMEOWNERS

Help your neighbors celebrate safely!

- Do not hand out candy if you are sick.
- Use duct tape to mark 6-foot lines in front of your home and leading to driveway/front door.
- Hand out candy in one of the following ways:
 - Leave individual bags of candy on the doorstep to limit contact with other people.
 - Distribute candy on a disinfected table positioned between you and trick-or-treaters.
 - Consider handing out candy in an open space (ex., on your driveway) where social distancing is easier.

PARENTS & TRICK-OR-TREATERS

Talk to kids about why celebrations may be different this year and that you will still have fun!

- Stay home if sick.
- Choose a different activity:
 - Hold an online costume party or pumpkin carving contest.
 - Participate in a neighborhood parade with social distancing.
 - Participate in a decorated car parade while in costume.
 - Attend Halloween movie nights at drive-in theaters.
 - Eat a Halloween-themed meal.
 - Enjoy a Halloween-themed art installation at a museum.
 - Decorate homes and yards with Halloween themed decorations.
- Modify trick-or-treating activities:
 - Wear a cloth face covering over your mouth and nose.
 - o A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth face covering.
 - o Do not wear a costume mask over a cloth face covering if it causes difficulty breathing.
 - o Instead, consider a Halloween-themed cloth face covering.
 - Limit the number of houses to visit.
 - Only visit houses with safety measures in place.
 - Only trick-or-treat with household members.
 - Do not gather in groups around houses.
 - Keep 6 feet or more of distance between you, your children and other trick-or-treaters.

Visit the [CDC Website](https://www.cdc.gov)
for more Halloween
activity ideas organized
by risk-level.

