



HALLOWEEN 2020

GUIDELINES AND IDEAS TO CELEBRATE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Trick-or-treating hours: 5-8 pm
- Trick-or-treat only with members of household and stay in your own neighborhood.
- Maintain social distancing of at least six feet from anyone who is not an immediate family member.
- Wear a protective cloth face mask and incorporate it into your Halloween costume. A costume mask should not be worn as a substitute for a cloth mask 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.
- Sanitize hands frequently while out trick-or-treating.
- Select costumes that fit appropriately and are not tripping hazards. Make sure that costume swords and similar accessories are short, soft, and flexible.
- Avoid walking in the road. Walk on sidewalks or the edge of yards.
- Select houses with their front porch lights on in familiar neighborhoods.
- Don't go inside any house or accept a ride from a stranger.
- Don't pet or approach any animals.



FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Trick-or-treating hours: 5-8 pm
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations.
- Carry a flashlight at night and be sure children have reflective clothing.
- Wear a face mask covering your mouth and nose.
- Sanitize your hands often. Make sure children are sanitizing their hands frequently throughout the evening.
- Inspect your children's candy for anything out of the ordinary before they eat it. Candy should be discarded if the wrapper is faded or torn if the candy is unwrapped.

FOR HOMEOWNERS

- Trick-or-treating hours: 5-8 pm
- Do not hand out candy if you're sick or have a fever.
- Wear a face mask covering your nose and mouth and keep at least six-feet of social distancing.
- Mark six-foot lines on the sidewalk in front of home and leading to driveway/front door to help visitors know how far apart they should stand.
- Place a distribution table or barrier between yourself and visiting trick-or-treaters to ensure they remain six feet away.
- Instead of having children reach into a communal candy bowl, distribute individual pieces candy or goody bags on the table to eliminate direct contact with trick-or-treaters (called one-way trick-or-treating).
- Sanitize your hands often throughout the night.



GUIDELINES FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENTS

- To limit crowds, event organizers are encouraged to stagger arrival time and departures for participants. A suggestion is to provide a sign-up process for families who would like to attend.
- Vehicles and event tables need to be appropriately spaced outdoors to encourage social distancing.
- Sidewalk chalk can be used to mark areas at least six feet apart where people are directed to wait between cars. Chalk can be used to draw arrows to direct one-way foot traffic.
- Instead of a bowl or trunk full of treats that encourages trunk-or-treaters to reach into, provide a table with individual pieces of candy or goody bags for the children to pick up.

IDEAS FOR FUN, CREATIVE, LOWER-RISK CELEBRATIONS

- Carve or decorate pumpkins with family members.
- Participate in reverse trick-or-treating in which children dress up in their costumes and stay in their yard or front porch. Neighbors can stop by to admire the costumes at a safe distance and place candy in a bucket for the children.
- Participate in a holiday scavenger hunt in which children walk outdoors looking for a list of Halloween-themed items.
- Enjoy a movie night with family.
- Set up a virtual Halloween costume party.

