

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween celebrations need to look different this year to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

If you're trick-or-treating . . .

Stay home if you are sick. DO NOT hand out treats or trick-or-treat if you are sick.

Only trick-or-treat with people you live with. Going with people you don't live with can expose you to COVID-19.

Wear a single face mask that covers both your nose and mouth. Do not use a costume mask as a substitute for a cloth mask unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric.

Trick-or-treat in your neighborhood. Staying close to home may reduce the likelihood of the virus spreading out more broadly.

Do not come within 6 feet of other groups. Leave space on the sidewalk and when going up to houses.

Have hand sanitizer available. Use sanitizer often and before eating, or after coughing/sneezing. Wash your hands thoroughly when you return home.

If you're handing out treats . . .

Turn on your porch light or post a sign on your door to let trick-or-treaters know you're participating.

Get creative with distributing candy while maintaining physical distance:

- **Limit contact:** Candy should be handed out by one individual who should be masked and gloved. Children should not be allowed to grab candy out of a bowl.
- **Use a table:** Distribute treats by placing on a table on the front porch, walkway or driveway instead of handing treats out.
- **Think outside the box:** Consider fun ways of distributing candy and maintaining distance such as candy chutes or individual grab bags or paper cups.

Creative & Fun Ways to Celebrate Safely

Hold virtual costume contest and parties. Dress up and get online with friends and other families to celebrate!

Increase at-home celebrations with decorations, food, and family activities. For example, make Halloween-themed treats and watch spooky movies with your family.

Attend outings with the people you live with. Stick to members of your household when you go apple picking, or driving around to look at Halloween yard displays.

Try something new. Design a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat experience with your family members, in and around your home.

Activities to Avoid

- Large gatherings, such as parties and festivals
- In-person indoor parties and celebrations
- Happy hours or socializing at bars
- Haunted Houses



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