COVID-19 Trick-or-Treat Guidance

Fall is here and the holiday season is upon us, beginning with Halloween. It's still possible to enjoy Halloween traditions by adopting some new safety measures. The CDC has released low, moderate, and high risk Halloween activities. The state is expected to provide information soon about trick-or-treating, and the recommendations below are based on what is known now. When state guidelines become available, adjustments may be necessary.

Door-to-door trick or treating is *not recommended* since it is difficult to ensure physical distancing and mask-wearing.

If You Still Choose to Trick-or-Treat, Follow These Precautions:

- ☐ Do not trick-or-treat if you've been around someone who has or might have COVID-19
- ☐ Screen yourself for symptoms before trick-or-treating
- ☐ Wear a face covering
- ☐ Trick or treat only with your household
- ☐ Wash hands before and after trick-or-treating and use hand sanitizer after ringing doorbells
- ☐ Cover coughs and sneezes
- ☐ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth and face coverings
- ☐ Don't share Halloween masks
- ☐ Choose to go trick-or-treating when it is less crowded
- ☐ Stay six feet or more away from other households
- ☐ Wait until the group ahead of you leaves the walkway and doorway
- ☐ If wearing a Halloween mask, be sure you can wear a face covering under it
- ☐ Put your bucket/bag by the door, back up six feet and wave
- ☐ Wait until you get home to taste your treats. While the risk of getting COVID-19 from food packaging is low, you can wipe off packaging with soap and water or let it sit for 24-72 hours

General Trick-or-Treating Safety:

- ☐ Use reflective tape and choose light-colored costumes so you are visible
- ☐ Bring a flashlight
- ☐ Avoid sharp props
- ☐ Make sure costumes are safe: not too long so you don't trip, vision not obscured by mask or headwear

Giving Out Candy:

- ☐ Choose pre-packaged candy
- ☐ Do not hand out candy if you have been around someone who has or might have COVID-19
- ☐ Screen yourself for symptoms before giving out candy. Don't hand out candy if you have symptoms
- ☐ Wear a face covering
- ☐ Mark a spot six feet from the door with tape or chalk
- ☐ Use tongs to give out candy
- ☐ Disinfect frequently touched surfaces like doorbells, handrails, and gates

Alternatives to Trick-or-Treating

- ☐ Decorate your house
- ☐ Have a Halloween movie marathon
- ☐ Hunt for candy or prizes in the dark at your home
- ☐ Bake spooky Halloween treats
- ☐ Carve pumpkins or have a dance party over video call
- ☐ Have a drive-through event: costume contest, Halloween displays, handing out treat bags

Activities are Not Allowed: No Halloween gatherings, events, parties, carnivals, festivals, live entertainment, or haunted houses (family entertainment businesses allowed, if modified)