

COVID-19 SAFETY FOR HALLOWEEN

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. You can reduce the risk of spread by making smart choices for Halloween fun.

LOWER RISK



Decorate Pumpkins

- with members of your household
- with neighbors outside at a safe distance

Decorate your Home or Living Space



Family Halloween Movie Night

Have a Virtual Halloween Costume Contest



Scavenger Hunts

- Give children a list of Halloween-themed items to look for while they walk outdoors admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- Hide candy in your yard (like an egg hunt) for members of your household rather than Trick-or-Treating

MODERATE RISK

- One-way trick-or-treating

(individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab from driveways or yard while keeping safe distance from others. To prepare goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the bags.)

- Open-air costume parade/movie night

(with a small group, outdoors, where people remain more than 6 feet apart and wear protective masks).

-Choose **pumpkin patches or orchards** that use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, where wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing.

IMPORTANT: Consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.

A costume mask should not be used 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.

If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.

AVOID THESE HIGHER RISK ACTIVITIES:

- PLEASE DO NOT trick-or-treat where treats are handed to children who go door to door
- Treats SHOULD NOT be handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots
- AVOID crowded costume parties held indoors and indoor haunted houses where people may be crowded together and screaming
- AVOID hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household
- AVOID alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors
- AVOID traveling to a rural fall festival that is not in your community if community spread of COVID-19 is high

If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

When planning to host a holiday celebration, you should assess current COVID-19 levels in your community to determine whether to postpone, cancel, or reduce the number of attendees.

Learn more holiday tips at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)