

Celebrating Hallowe'en... during COVID-19



If you choose to trick-or-treat door-to-door:

- Stay home if you have symptoms, even if they are mild.
- Trick-or-treat outdoors as much as possible.
- If trick-or-treating indoors maintain physical distancing as much as possible and wear a face covering, especially when physical distancing is a challenge.
- Be creative and build the face covering into your costume, but know that a costume mask is not a substitute for a face covering, and that a costume mask should not be worn over a non-medical mask or face covering because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe.
- Do not crowd doorsteps - take turns one at a time.
- Do not sing or shout for your treats.
- Keep interactions brief with those giving out treats.
- Use hand sanitizer often, especially before and after handling your face covering and after touching frequently touched surfaces; wash your hands with soap and water when you arrive home from trick-or-treating, and before and after handling or eating treats.
- There is no need to clean or disinfect pre-packaged treats.

If you choose to give out treats:

- Do not participate in Halloween festivities if you have symptoms, even if they are mild.
- Keep interactions with trick-or-treaters short and encourage them to move along after receiving their treat from you.
- Consider wearing a face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained:
- If you are dressing up, consider including the face covering as part of your costume.
- Give out only purchased and packaged treats.
- Do not ask trick-or-treaters to sing or shout for their treats.
- Clean your hands often throughout the evening using soap and water or with hand sanitizer.



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