

# HALLOWEEN GUIDANCE 2020

## Trick-or-Treating

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Wisconsin Department of Health Services have stated that door to door trick-or-treat has the potential to spread the virus that causes COVID-19. The North Shore Health Department recommends that communities not schedule village or city-wide trick-or-treat events this year to avoid large gatherings of children and families. If communities and neighborhoods move forward with scheduled trick-or-treat, we recommend the following to minimize the risk of transmission:

\*Wear a face covering and keep physical distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and non-household family members. Bring hand sanitizer along to use as needed and wash your hands when you return home.

\*Avoid trick-or-treating or trading candy with non-household members.

\*Wait 72 hours before consuming candy received while trick-or-treating. As an alternative, you could purchase candy or other Halloween treats to give to your children while waiting.

\*Do not host indoor or outdoor gatherings - block parties, festivals, parades.

\*If you are sick, do not participate in trick-or-treat.

### If you choose to distribute candy:

**Limit Contact:** Only one person per household should hand out candy. Children should not reach into a bucket for candy. Candy could be placed outside spaced out on a table for children to grab.

**Stay Outside:** You should distribute candy outside (stand on your porch or in your driveway) while wearing a mask (and gloves if possible). If you are sick, do not distribute candy.



## Alternative Halloween Ideas

Virtual costume parties or contests

At home celebrations or activities  
with just household members

Drive-thru haunted houses

## Things to Avoid

Haunted Houses

Large gatherings, like festivals or parties

In person indoor gatherings

Happy hours or socializing at bars

Sharing items or trading candy

## Things to Remember

Stay local - do not travel to  
other communities for trick-  
or-treating

Stay home if you have  
symptoms of COVID-19

Practice physical distancing  
inside and outside

Wear a face covering

Dress appropriately for the  
weather



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