

Moderate-Risk Activities

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to physically distance (such as at the end of a driveway or edge of a yard).
- Going to an outdoor costume parade or party – small group.
- Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest or an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends. If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised.
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards.

Higher-Risk Activities – AVOID!

Avoid these activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door.
- Trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in parking lots.
- Crowded costume parties held indoors.
- Indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming.
- Hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.
- Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors.
- Traveling to a fall festival outside your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19.

Making Trick-or-Treating Safer

- Establish ground rules ahead of time.
- Don't let kids dig around a candy bowl, touching multiple pieces. Ask them to choose one and stick with it.
- Don't share or pass around props, toys, costumes or candy bowls. Ask each child to hold onto their own candy bag.
- Bring hand sanitizer and practice not touching your face.
- Take a break, do a check-in, and give kids hand sanitizer between multiple homes. This is an opportunity to remove masks with clean hands, in a safe spot away from others.
- Put bowl out on sidewalk or end of porch or make individual goodie bags for trick-or-treaters to take. Stay on porch to see trick-or-treaters.
- At the end of the night, disinfect any doorknobs, doorbells, buzzers or other high-touch surfaces outside your home.
- Put ALL of your candy away for three days. Maybe buy some candy ahead of time while you allow time to pass.