



Halloween Tips

The best way to have an enjoyable Halloween is to follow public health recommendations and help keep ourselves and communities safe.

For those trick-or-treating:

- Trick or treaters outdoors should put the following precautions in place:
 - Don't go trick or treating if you are feeling ill, even if symptoms are minor
 - Choose costumes that allow a non-medical mask to be worn underneath. Make sure you can see and breathe comfortably
- Halloween masks are not a substitute as they do not provide the same level of protection as they often have holes and are not made of the correct material.
 - Practicing physical distancing
- You should only be trick or treating with those in your same household
 - Consider pre-arranged stops/visits to family/friends; physical distancing still must be maintained. Respect homes by staying away if the lights are out.
 - Ensure hands are washed thoroughly after handling candy wrappers and before eating or handling any food.

For those giving out treats:

- Don't hand out candy if feeling ill or self-isolating
 - For those wishing to provide treats, make it obvious to trick or treaters.
 - Instead of offering a shared bowl, only hand out sealed, pre-packaged treats.
 - Those giving out candy should be wearing a cloth mask or face covering.
 - Consider strategies to maximize and maintain physical distance from trick treaters; ALWAYS maintain a physical distance of **at least** 2m or 6ft.
- Place the candy at the end of the driveway or door step to avoid contact at the door
- Other suggestions: use tongs, a baking sheet, or make a candy slide-be creative
- Be more outside than inside!
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