

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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