

# TIPS TO STAY SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN

## IF YOU ARE TRICK OR TREATING:

- Make a cloth face mask part of your family's costumes.
- Remind your kids to avoid touching their mask.
- Take hand sanitizer with you and use it frequently.
- Keep groups small and limit how many houses you'll visit. Always stay outside — don't go inside other homes to get your treats.
- Stay at least six feet away from other people not in your group.
- Before eating Halloween candy, go through it to make sure everything is sealed, and throw away anything that has been opened. Wash your hands before and after eating candy.
- Go on a drive-by parade to visit friends and family to show off your costumes.
- Avoid indoor trick-or-treating settings or events that typically draw larger crowds where it could be hard to physically distance, such as Trick-or-Treat Streets.



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## IF YOU ARE HANDING OUT CANDY:

- Wear a mask — it can be part of a costume or not, but either way it will make everyone feel safer!
- Avoid contact as much as possible. For example, put out individual treat bags that are easy to grab so kids don't have to rummage through candy bowls. You can also use a mug to scoop candy to avoid touching, or put out a tray with candy that is sanitized between groups. Wash your hands before and after preparing treat bags or trays.
- Greet trick-or-treaters from at least six feet away. Use tape to mark six foot spots for families to stand in while picking up their candy.
- Only use pre-packaged candy — this is always a good precaution for Halloween and especially important this year!

## IF YOU ARE STAYING IN FOR HALLOWEEN

- Talk with your family about what your plan is for Halloween and how this year will look a little different. Transform your back yard or home into a Halloween wonderland. Hide candy all around for a treasure hunt and decorate different areas/rooms into Halloween themes or games. Use decorating as a way to get the whole family involved!
- Host a virtual Halloween celebration, like a pumpkin carving contest or trivia night.
- Play Halloween games or watch spooky movies as a family.
- Make a Halloween-themed dinner or special dessert.
- Work together to make a Halloween playlist that you can jam to all month long!
- If you invite others who do not live in your home over, keep it small and with people with whom you already spend time.

