

# THE ONLY THING SCARY ABOUT HALLOWEEN SHOULD BE THE COSTUMES

## STAY SAFE!

The way we celebrate Halloween in Michigan will be different this year due to COVID-19. There are still many ways to celebrate safely. Here are some tips to help Michiganders stay safe this year.

Make sure to also check on and follow guidance or regulations released by the local health department.

## HOMEOWNERS

- Do not hand out candy if you are sick.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose.
- Position a distribution table between yourself and trick-or-treaters.
- Distribute candy on disinfected table to eliminate direct contact.
- Wash hands often.
- Consider handing out candy in an open space where distancing is possible, rather than from the front door.
- Consider a neighborhood costume parade, it is an easy way to keep safe space between children.

## PARENTS AND TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Share with your children that this year may be different than last, but let them know some of the new ways you plan to celebrate and still have lots of fun.
- Stay home if sick.
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations. Keep a 6-foot distance from others not in your family group.
- Trick or treat in small groups.
- Participate in one-way trick-or-treating and guide children to stay to the right to ensure social distancing.
- Avoid congregating in groups around houses.
- Carry a flashlight at night and ensure your children have reflective clothing.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose
  - A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
  - Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask if wearing both causes difficulty breathing. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- Only go to houses with safety measures in place.
- Inspect candy.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, especially before eating or after coughing/sneezing, and as soon as you return home.

## HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR SAFE HALLOWEEN GATHERINGS:

- Consider refraining from Halloween gatherings this year or use an online meeting platform to have a virtual party instead.
- If you choose to have a gathering:
  - If weather permits, hold the gathering outside.
  - Only have a few people over to limit the possibility of crowding.
  - Have all food and party favors set out individually to prevent cross contamination. (Avoid buffet-style or shared food and drinks.)
  - Make sure there are plenty of areas with hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
  - Stay 6 feet away from others.
  - Wear a fun face mask, instead of a costume mask.

To maximize protection from COVID-19 for age-eligible children and adults, get vaccinated as soon as you can. To find a vaccine location near you, visit [VaccineFinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org).

State of Michigan COVID-19 Website

[Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Holiday Gathering Guidance:

[CDC.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/celebrations.html](https://www.CDC.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/celebrations.html)

