



Kentucky Public Health
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Celebrate Halloween Safely

This guidance is designed to help curb the spread of COVID-19. It will be reassessed and updated as the situation evolves and we learn more in the weeks leading up to Halloween.

At All Events / Activities



Wear a face covering.



Sanitize hands often.



Maintain six feet distance from others.

Recommended Activities: Trick-or-Treat the Safe Way

If trick-or-treating is permitted in your community, please trick-or-treat the safe way.

- Place individually wrapped candy outside on the porch, driveway, or table.
- Maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet from anyone not within your household.
- Always wear a face covering. Halloween masks DO NOT count as a face covering.
- Clean hands before and after touching the wrapped candy.
- Trick-or-treat in family groups and don't congregate in large groups.
- Trick-or-treat in your own neighborhood. Do not travel to other neighborhoods.
- Use hand sanitizer often, especially after contacting frequently-touched surfaces and before eating anything.

Consider safe alternatives:

- Carve or decorate pumpkins for display
- Decorate your home or living space
- Have a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Watch Halloween movies with the people you live with
- Have a scavenger hunt for Halloween treats in and around your home
- Drive-by costume or car decorating contest with judges who are social distancing

AVOID high-risk activities:

- Traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating
- Trunk-or-treat events with large groups in parking lots
- Costume parties
- Haunted houses
- Hayrides or tractor rides
- Traveling to fall festivals in neighboring towns
- Any event with large crowds

REMINDER

- Stay home if you are sick
- If your child is at greater risk of complications from COVID-19, use extra caution and avoid moderate and high-risk activities
- Consider the people in your household who may be at risk of greater complications from COVID-19
- Focus on keeping Halloween fun and safe for children by avoiding adult activities that further increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission

