**General Guidance**

- It is strongly recommended that caution is exercised when deciding to participate in trick-or-treating or other events that put people in close contact with people outside of their household.
- **Do not hold large in-person Halloween parties.** If smaller parties are held, they should be limited to 10 people or fewer and should be hosted outdoors.
- Always wear a face covering, stay six feet away from people who are not from your household, and carry sanitizer and please use it often.
- Consider the people in your household who may be at greater risk of complications of COVID-19.

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### For Parents

- If taking your children trick-or-treating, limit the number of houses you visit and stay away from other trick-or-treaters.
- Wipe off candy wrappers with sanitizing wipes when you arrive home (NEVER wipe unpackaged food with wipes).
- Allow children to eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid homemade treats by strangers.
- If your child is at risk of complications from COVID-19, contact your doctor before allowing participation in Halloween activities.

### For Community Members

- Reach out to neighbors to discuss ways to ensure six-foot social distancing, how candy can be most safely distributed, and the need for face coverings.
- Refrain from having children select their own treats from a bowl or common container. Consider placing treats on porch steps or a table in the driveway, or use creative ways like hanging treats from a wall or a plastic tube to slide them down.

### For Event Operators

- Do not allow groups to intermingle and reduce capacity to allow for 6-foot distancing. Reinforce distancing with markers.
- Have hand sanitizer readily available but be mindful of alcohol-based hand rub and open flame.
- Pre-sell tickets to ensure capacities are limited.
- Consider eliminating common seating areas or play areas where congregation may occur.
- Notify your local health department immediately if you learn that someone with COVID-19 has visited your event.

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**Stay home if...**

- You are **feeling sick**.
- You have a **sick family member** at home.
- You feel uncomfortable participating in trick-or-treating or other Halloween activities.

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