

# REOPENING RI

## Tips for a safer Halloween

Follow these tips to celebrate Halloween safely this year and help lower the chances of catching and spreading COVID-19



### Safer activities and trick-or-treating

- **Stay home and do not hand out candy if you have COVID-19 symptoms** or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. Keep your lights off so people know not to come to your door.
- **Keep your group as small as possible.** Limit gatherings to no more than 15 people and stick with the same 15 people.
- **Use hand sanitizer** before and after choosing pumpkins or picking apples.
- **Take it outside.** When celebrating with others, do it outdoors.
- **Remember the three Ws!**
  - ◆ **Wear a mask** that's at least two layers thick and fits snugly but comfortably over your nose, mouth, and chin without any gaps.
  - ◆ **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Or carry and use hand sanitizer that's at least 60% alcohol.
  - ◆ **Watch your distance** by staying at least six feet apart from others.
- **Trick-or-treating tips**
  - ◆ Leave individually wrapped goodie bags lined up at least six feet from your door for kids to grab and go. Do not hand out candy from a bowl.
  - ◆ Go trick-or-treating with your children to make sure they do it safely.

### Safe Halloween-themed activities

- Take part in an online pumpkin carving or costume contest.
- Display Halloween-themed decorations in your home or yard.
- Organize a neighborhood contest for outdoor Halloween-themed decorations.
- Plan a Halloween scavenger hunt for the members of your household.
- Decorate your own Halloween or fall-themed face masks.
- Prepare a Halloween-themed meal or bake Halloween treats for your household.

### Safe Halloween costume masks

- **A Halloween costume mask alone will not protect you and others from COVID-19.**
- Wearing a costume mask over a protective face covering can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe.
- The safest option is to wear face paints and a Halloween-themed protective face covering.



Find more tips for safely celebrating Halloween, Día de los Muertos, and other holidays at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html)

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