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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

• Trick-or-treat and celebrate only with people you live with. Any time you're near people you don't live with, wear your mask and watch your distance. Do not host or attend a Halloween party.
• Stay home and do not hand out candy if you have COVID-19 symptoms, if you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or if you are in quarantine or isolation.
• Trick-or-treat before dark so you can keep a safe distance from other trick-or-treaters.
• Use hand sanitizer before and after choosing pumpkins or picking apples.
• Remember the 3 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 people you live with.
• Decorate your own Halloween or fall-themed face masks.
• Prepare a Halloween-themed meal or bake Halloween treats for people you live with.

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

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