



HALLOWEEN TIPS

Halloween needs to look different this year to reduce risk of spreading COVID-19.

If you're trick-or-treating

Only trick-or-treat with people you live with.

Going with people you don't live with can expose you to COVID-19.

Trick-or-treat in your neighborhood. Sticking to your neighborhood may reduce the likelihood of the virus spreading out more broadly.

Wear a mask to reduce your risk when you are running into other people. Get creative and make your cloth face covering part of your costume!

Do not come within 6 feet of other groups. Leave space on the sidewalk and when going up to houses.

If you're handing out treats

Set your bowl outside. This way trick-or-treaters can get candy without coming too close.

Consider the placement of your bowl. If you normally put your bowl just outside your door, maybe place it at the bottom of your steps or in your driveway. This way trick-or-treaters won't create a bottleneck in tighter spaces.

Risk from touching candy should be low, but here are some tips to reduce risk even further if you're concerned:

- **Remind kids to spot the piece of candy they want before touching it** to avoid rummaging in the bowl.
- **Bring hand sanitizer** so you all can sanitize your hands often and wash everyone's hands when you get home.
- **Let the candy sit for a day or two** before eating any.

Get creative with distributing candy and maintaining distance. Have you seen these [candy chutes?](#)

Consider prepackaging candy so there isn't rummaging in a candy bowl.

Consider placing hand sanitizer by your treats.

Gatherings & other fall activities

- **Do not hold gatherings or parties.** Save your epic Halloween party ideas for next year!
- **Stick to outdoor activities that allow 6 feet physical distancing;** these are the least risky.
- **Attend outings with people you live with.** Stick to members of your household when you go to a corn maze, go apple picking, or go to a haunted house.
- **Look for activities that schedule groups by appointment or limit capacity.** This way you can more easily stay 6 feet from other groups.
- **Wear masks and stay 6 feet from people you don't live with.**

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