

# 2020 HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES



With Halloween right around the corner, many families are wondering how it will look in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. As you sort out your Halloween activities this year, it is important to make a plan for your family that keeps everyone as safe as possible. Here are some ways to make trick-or-treating and handing out candy safer.

Remember, some activities pose more risk than others- additional guidance is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tri-County Health Department and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

## TIPS FOR HANDING OUT TREATS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Only use pre-packaged candy. This is always a good precaution for Halloween and is especially important this year.
- Greet Trick-or-Treaters from at least six (6) feet away.
- Try putting out individual treat bags at the end of your driveway or yard's edge that are easy to grab. Avoid a bowl of candy that everyone reaches into.
- Wear a mask. Masks can be part of a costume or not, but either option will make everyone feel safer.

## TIPS FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Make a face mask part of your costume. Remind kids to avoid touching their mask.
- Take hand sanitizer with you and use it frequently.
- If you're going in a group, keep the group small and make a limit of how many houses you will visit. Consider going with or only visiting the homes of families you already spend time with. Make it fun by making a treasure map of the houses you plan to visit on your street/in your neighborhood.
- Stay outside - do not go inside of homes to get treats.
- Stay at least six (6) feet away from other people not in your group.
- Before eating Halloween candy, go through it to make sure everything is sealed. Throw away anything that has been opened. Wash your hands before and after eating candy.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.

## IF YOU ARE ATTENDING OTHER HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

- Avoid indoor trick-or-treating settings or events that typically draw larger crowds where it could be hard to physically distance, such as Trick-or-Treat Streets.
- If you're going to Halloween activities, like farms, pumpkin patches or corn mazes, call ahead to check their COVID-19 precautions before you go.
- If you invite others who do not live in your home over, keep it small and with people whom you already spend time.

## OTHER SAFE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

- Have a scary movie marathon
- Host a virtual Halloween celebration, like a costume fashion show, pumpkin carving contest or trivia night.
- Hide treats around your house or outdoors for your kids (or other adults) to find.
- Play Halloween games.
- Make a Halloween-themed dinner or special dessert.

Remember, we want to keep everyone safe but we can still have fun this Halloween by practicing good hygiene, wearing a mask, social distancing and staying home if you are sick.

