

# Recommended COVID-19 Best Practices for Trick or Treating

**If you are planning to distribute Halloween treats this year, please consider the following recommendations:**

- Refrain from distributing treats if you have an underlying health condition, a compromised immune system, or are displaying any signs of the coronavirus infection (fever, cough, congestion, difficulty breathing, fatigue, achiness, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, loss of taste or smell)
- Wear a facial mask at all times (scary is optional!)
- If you are not handing out candy but plan on leaving it out for trick or treaters, consider placing individual “treat bags” out instead of a single bowl filled with treats
- If you are handing out treats, wear disposable gloves and watch for children approaching your home so they do not have to touch the doorbell
- Avoid distributing home-made treats

**If you or your children are trick-or-treating, please consider the following recommendations:**

- Stay home if you have an underlying health condition, a compromised immune system, or are displaying any signs of the coronavirus infection (fever, cough, congestion, difficulty breathing, fatigue, achiness, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, loss of taste or smell)
- Avoid close proximity to other children who are not in your immediate household or a common association
- Refuse treats from those distributing treats directly without gloves or a mask
- Avoid “bunching up” of children by waiting your turn to approach homes and maintaining social distance between other groups of children
- Utilize hand sanitizer at regular intervals while trick or treating
- Consider sanitizing unopened, sealed treats with a sanitary wipe or safe aerosol sanitizer at the conclusion of the event
- Dispose of any opened treats immediately