

## Halloween Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Halloween and other fall festivities are going to look and feel quite a bit different than in years past due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but we can still find ways to celebrate, have fun and stay safe.

The Loudoun County Health Department **does not recommend door-to-door trick-or-treating** this year because that is considered high risk for COVID-19 transmission for both the trick-or-treater and for the person handing out candy.

The Health Department urges anyone who chooses to participate in any Halloween activities this year to follow these safety guidelines:

- **Stay home and away from others if you are sick.**
- **Maintain at least six feet of distance** between yourself and others who do not live in your household at all times.
- **Wash your hands** before going trick-or-treating or handing out candy.
- **Wear a cloth face covering.** Halloween masks may not fit snugly against the face and may not cover the nose and mouth. Wearing a cloth face covering under a Halloween mask may make it hard to breathe and is not recommended.
- **Hand out candy from a distance.**

**The Health Department also does not recommended** other activities that are considered **high risk**, such as trunk-or-treating, crowded events, indoor haunted houses, hayrides and travel outside your community for fall activities.

Instead, consider some **lower risk activities** that can be enjoyed with family, neighbors or friends at a safe distance, such as pumpkin carving or decorating outside, distanced or virtual costume contests, touch-free scavenger hunts and online photo contests.

Explore more detailed information about having a safe Halloween this year online:

- Visit [loudoun.gov/safehalloween](https://loudoun.gov/safehalloween) for more details.
- Get more [ideas and tips for a safe Halloween from the CDC website.](#)
- Read the [VDH interim guidance for Halloween events, including for operators of haunted houses.](#)

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