



Warren County Health Services

Guidance for Halloween

TRICK-OR-TREATERS

We ask that you please avoid conventional door-to-door trick or treating, and consider safer alternatives, such as a neighborhood drive-up event.

If you decide you or your family want to take your child door-to-door, please:

- Stay home if sick.
- Trick-or-treat with people from your household only.
- Stay in your neighborhood, and avoid traveling to other neighborhoods or communities to trick-or-treat
- Remain 6 feet apart from people who are not from your household.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wear a face covering for **BOTH your mouth and nose** (even under your Halloween mask).
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then wash your hands.
- Hand sanitize (with sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol) frequently while out and about, especially during key times such as before eating.
- Wash your hands when returning home and **before you enjoy your treats**. This includes washing after candy is unwrapped.

HOMEOWNERS

- Consider leaving out a bowl of candy for self-service, or turn off your lights, if you are not comfortable handing out candy.
- **Do not hand out candy if you are sick.**
- Consider leaving individually wrapped packets of candy on a table on your porch or driveway, to lessen interaction.

- Wear a face covering over BOTH your mouth and nose if you choose to interact with trick-or-treaters.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- If participating in handing out candy from your front door, consider the following:
 - Mark 6-foot lines in front of your home with chalk or tape, and leading to driveway/front door, to encourage social distancing.
 - Position a distribution table between yourself and trick or treaters.

PARENTS

- Stay home if sick, and dissuade anyone in the home from going out if there is an ill person in the home.
- Try to encourage neighbors to participate in alternative trick-or-treating, such as a drive-by “trunk or treat” or car parade.
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations.
- Guide children to stay on the right side of the road to ensure social distance.
- Wear a face covering over **BOTH your mouth and nose**.
- Wash your hands as soon as you return home.
- Require that your children to unwrap candy, throw out the wrapper, and wash their hands before eating it.

More Halloween guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control [can be found at this link](#). Please call Warren County Health Services at 518-761-6580 if you have additional questions.