

Halloween Safety

Reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission by taking precautions this Halloween, while still enjoying the festivities.

While CDC considers some activities, like trick-or-treating, higher risk, WDH offers guidance for lowering the risk of that and other holiday activities.



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Families

- ✓ Use hand sanitizer frequently while engaging in trick-or-treating or other Halloween festivities.
- ✓ Wash your hands thoroughly when you return from activities.
- ✓ Participate in low-risk outdoor activities whenever possible and maintain 6-foot distance from other households.
- ✓ Use a Halloween themed or decorated face covering while participating in activities.
- ✗ Do not wear a costume mask over a protective face covering because it can make it hard to breathe.
- ✗ A costume mask is not a substitute for a protective face covering, unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers your mouth and nose without gaps around the face.

Communities

- ✓ Wash your hands frequently and sanitize frequently touched objects (e.g., doorbell) if you are handing treats out at your door.
- ✓ Use pre-filled bags of individually-wrapped candy for trick-or-treaters.
- ✓ Consider alternatives to trunk-or-treat activities, such as open-air costume parades with proper distancing or virtual costume contests. If you do host a trunk-or-treat, avoid gathering in large groups.
- ✗ Large indoor parties, haunted houses, or other events are not recommended this year.
- ✗ Do not host or sponsor activities with alcohol, which could cloud judgment and increase risky behaviors.
- ✗ Travel to other communities is not recommended.

Día de los Muertos Safety

Reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission by taking precautions during Día de los Muertos, while still enjoying the festivities.

WDH offers guidance for lowering the risk of activities associated with the celebrations.



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Families

- ✓ Wash hand frequently or use hand sanitizer often while participating in celebrations.
- ✓ Wash your hands thoroughly when you return from activities.
- ✓ Participate in low-risk outdoor activities whenever possible and maintain 6-foot distance from other households.
- ✓ Make Día de los Muertos themed or decorated face coverings.
- ✓ Prepare traditional family recipes. If sharing meals with others, deliver them in a way that doesn't involve close contact.
- ✓ Make an outdoor ofrenda for neighbors to enjoy.
- ✗ Avoid large dinner parties with people from different households or geographic locations.

Communities

- ✓ Organize virtual celebrations or community displays that people can enjoy from a distance.
- ✓ Organize an outdoor celebration where households can maintain 6-foot distance.
- ✓ Host an outdoor open-air parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart.
- ✓ Large indoor celebrations with singing or chanting, or other crowded indoor events are not recommended this year.
- ✗ Do not host or sponsor activities with alcohol, which could cloud judgment and increase risky behaviors.
- ✗ Travel to other communities is not recommended.