# 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.

## 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**

- 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 truck-or-treat, avoid gathering in large groups.
- Large indoor parties, haunted houses, or other events are not recommended this year.

**Do not**

- Do not host or sponsor activities with alcohol, which could cloud judgment and increase risky behaviors.
- Travel to other communities is not recommended.

Learn more about Halloween guidance at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).
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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