



Consider the risk of the activities you choose this Halloween

It is important to use caution and plan ahead for Halloween festivities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Keep in mind that the more people interact at a gathering, the closer together people are, and the longer the interaction lasts, the higher the risk of spread. Decisions on whether to hold and/or participate in activities should be made by local communities, individuals, and parents/guardians.



Some traditional fall and Halloween activities can be high risk for spreading viruses. There are safer, alternative ways for individuals and families to participate in Halloween.

Lowest Risk Activities

These types activities are low risk options for celebrating Halloween:

- Outdoor activities
- Space for people to spread out, 6 feet or more apart from each other
- Use of face coverings
- Fewer people
- Limited time in close contact to others
- Handwashing facilities and/or sanitizing products readily available
- Frequently touched surfaces cleaned and disinfected often

Some safe Halloween activities to enjoy: A Halloween movie night with the people you live with, Scavenger hunt with a list of Halloween-themed items to look for as you walk in your neighborhood; Carving/decorating pumpkins with members of your household or with friends outside at a safe distance, a virtual Halloween costume contest, Hide treats around your home for your kids to find (like an Easter Egg hunt)

Highest Risk Activities

These types of activities are high risk and should be limited and may need to be cancelled.

- Indoor activities
- Confined spaces
- Crowded conditions, people close together
- No or limited use of face coverings
- More people
- People spending long periods of time near each other
- Limited handwashing/sanitizing products
- Limited cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces
- Equipment/supplies used by multiple people
- Buffet/self-serve food

It's best to avoid these activities: Costume parties held indoors, Crowded Halloween parties (indoor or outdoor), Haunted houses/corn fields (especially where people may be screaming), and activities where groups of people are intermingling

