

# Halloween 2020 Safety Tips

If you are planning to hand out treats or trick-or-treat this year, we have put together a list of safety tips to help keep you and your family safe and healthy.

- Stay home if feeling ill or if you have mild symptoms.
- Only go out with members of your direct household.
- Only trick-or-treat outside.
- Both trick-or-treaters and people handing out candy should wear a face covering.
- A costume mask is not a substitute for a face covering and should not be worn over a face covering as it may make it difficult to breathe.
- Consider building your face covering into your, or your child's, costume.
- Do not congregate or linger at doorsteps. Line up two metres (6 feet) apart if waiting.
- Avoid high-touch surfaces and objects.
- Whether collecting or handing out treats, wash your hands often and thoroughly or use hand sanitizer.
- Do not leave treats in a bucket or bowl for children to grab.
- Consider using tongs, or other similar tools to hand out treats.

When trick or treating with children it's a good idea to establish some ground rules before heading out. Some suggestions are:

1. Children shouldn't be digging around a candy bowl touching multiple pieces, ask your children to choose one piece of candy and stick with it.
2. Don't share props, toys or bowls – keep the swords, wands and tiaras from being passed around and ask each child to hold onto their own bags.
3. Bring hand sanitizer and practice not touching your face. It's good idea to take a break, do a check in and give kids some hand sanitizer to clean their hands between multiple homes. This is also an opportunity to give kids a break from wearing a mask if they need it, in a safe spot away from others where they can remove their mask with clean hands.

If you have decided to participate in handing out treats, a few tips to keep in mind are:

1. Wear a mask at all times
2. Consider grouping treats in grab-and-go bags so each visitor can just take one
3. Wash your hands frequently
4. Tongs could be used to hand out treats
5. Keep visitors outside of your home
6. At the end of the night, disinfect any doorknobs, doorbells, buzzers or other touch surfaces outside your home

Be Safe and have Fun!