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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HALLOWEEN 2020

Staying Safe During COVID-19

The Grafton Board of Health would like to make some recommendations and suggestions on how to have a fun, yet safe Halloween.

If you are going trick-or-treating or to other outdoor activities, you should aim to go out before dusk.

EEE and WNV are still considered a threat until the first hard frost. Remember the 5D's: Dress in long sleeves and pants, Dawn & Dusk are mosquitoes most active periods, Deet is an effective repellent and follow label instructions.

Relative to **COVID-19**, wear a face mask or face covering that is effective at limiting the spread of COVID-19, maintain 6 foot distance from anyone not in your household, observe good hand hygiene and use hand sanitizer frequently, stay home if you feel unwell, and do not go out in large groups.

For those handing out treats to trick-or-treaters, consider lining up pre-packaged treat bags for families to take outside while maintaining social distancing, such as at the end of a driveway, walk or yard. All Halloween related activities on private and public property must comply with the State's gathering limits related to COVID-19.

Please click on the link below as well as the release from the CDC and MA Department of Public Health.

https://www.mass.gov/news/halloween-during-covid-19?_ga=2.79243284.1607194700.1601645967-310373982.1601645967

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Keep yourself, your loved ones, and your community safe this Halloween by following the CDC and MA Department of Public Health COVID-19 guidelines below.

General reminders



- Wear a face mask
- Wash hands frequently
- Maintain social distancing
- Stay home if you feel unwell
- Avoid touching your face
- Limit indoor gatherings to ≤25 people*
- Limit outdoor gatherings to ≤50 people*

*Gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors. For indoor and outdoor gatherings of more than 10 people where participants other than those in the same household will be in attendance, all persons over the age of 5 must wear a face covering unless they have a medical condition. For more details, see [Governor's COVID-19 Order No. 52](#).

Trick-or-Treating

Modifications to traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating are required in order to protect everyone's safety. Please follow these simple guidelines to minimize the spread of COVID-19:



FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Maintain 6 feet physical distance from anyone not in your household.
- Avoid large groups or clustering at doorsteps.
- Make sure your costume includes a mask that covers your nose and mouth and is effective at limiting the spread of COVID-19 (See the [Mask Up MA](#) webpage).
- Carry hand-sanitizer and wash hands thoroughly before eating anything.
- Do not participate if you are feeling unwell, exhibit any [COVID-19 symptoms](#), or if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

FOR THOSE HANDING OUT TREATS

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after preparing treat bags or candy for trick-or-treaters.
- Consider lining up pre-packed treat bags for families to take outside while maintaining social distancing, such as at the end of a driveway or yard.
- Wear [a mask](#) and maintain 6 feet physical distance from any trick-or-treaters.



AVOID THE FOLLOWING HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES

- ✗ Attending crowded indoor costume parties, or any other large indoor gatherings.
- ✗ Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming.
- ✗ Participating in activities like hayrides or tractor rides if you cannot socially distance 6 feet from other participants who are not in your household.

For more information on Halloween COVID-19 guidelines, visit:

[Mass.gov: Halloween During COVID-19](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Holiday Celebrations \(Halloween\)](#)