

## Tips for a Safe and Healthy Halloween

- Celebrate Halloween outside rather than indoors whenever possible.
- Place Halloween candy on trays or platters rather than in bowls to minimize the number of times candy is touched by different people.
- Opt for one-way trick-or-treating, with treats placed outdoors on tables for 'grab and go' while keeping distance from others. Homeowners can encourage the fun and celebrate the evening from a safe distance in their own yards.
- Leave hand sanitizer by the treats for visitors to use.
- Wear a face mask or face covering, in addition to what may be part of a costume. Please see [Mask Up MA](#) for more.
- Observe good hand hygiene, including hand washing and use of alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol. Carry hand sanitizer and use it often, especially after encountering frequently touched surfaces and before eating candy.
- Refrain from touching your face.
- Maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet from everyone who is not in your household. Even if you are wearing a mask.
- Understand that some neighbors may be uncomfortable participating in Halloween trick-or-treating this year and may leave their lights off.
- Respect the spirit of the evening and 'take one please' when candy is left out for you to enjoy.

### Things to Avoid this Halloween:

Attending crowded costume parties held indoors, or any gatherings that exceed indoor or outdoor gathering limits;

Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming; and  
Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.

Indoor haunted houses; and

Hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.

**Remember: Stay home and refrain from Halloween activities, including handing out Halloween treats, if:**

- You feel unwell
  - You have tested positive for COVID-19
  - You have been exposed or had close contact with someone who is known to have COVID-19
  - You have traveled from a state not classified as lower risk within the last 14 days
- For more information on lower risk states, please see the state's COVID-19 [Travel Order](#) webpage.

**As a reminder, any Halloween activities are subject to the current state [gathering size limits](#) as well as applicable [sector-specific workplace safety standards](#).**

**These guidelines were developed with information specific to the Town of Weston, the Department of Public Health for Massachusetts and [Halloween activity guidance released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).**