

# HALLOWEEN 2020

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



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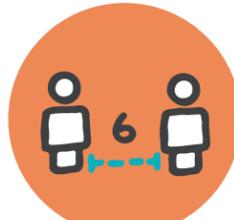
## General reminders



**Wear a face mask**



**Wash hands frequently**



**Maintain social distancing**



**Stay home if you feel unwell**



**Avoid touching your face**



**Indoor gatherings are not recommended**

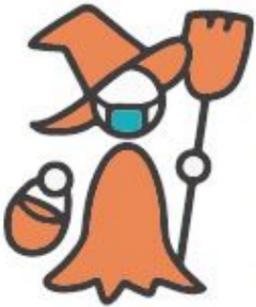


**Limit outdoor gatherings of non-household members**

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 2 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 can help protect everyone's safety. Please follow these simple guidelines to minimize the spread of COVID-19:



### FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Trick-or-treat with those from your household
- Maintain 6 feet physical distance from anyone not in your household.
- Avoid large groups or clustering at doorsteps.
- Wear a protective face mask, in addition to your Halloween costume, 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 use frequently while trick-or-treating.
- Do not eat anything until you return home and have thoroughly washed your hands with soap and water.
- Do not participate in Halloween activities if you are feeling unwell, exhibit any [COVID-19 symptoms](#) have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or have recently traveled to a higher risk state.



### FOR THOSE HANDING OUT TREATS

- Plan ahead to give trick-or-treaters pre-packaged treat bags of candy.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after preparing treat bags or candy for trick-or-treaters.
- It is strongly recommend to line 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.

### RESIDENTS NOT WISHING TO HAND OUT CANDY

- Do not answer your door
- Turn off porch light
- Place a note on your door indicating you are not participating

## AVOID THE FOLLOWING HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES

- ✗ Do **NOT** attend crowded indoor costume parties
- ✗ Do **NOT** go to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together & screaming.
- ✗ Do **NOT** participate 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 \(Halloween\)](#)