

## **PUBIC NOTICE – HALLOWEEN**

Traditional Halloween will occur on Saturday, October 31. Consistent with maintaining public health and safety during this COVID19 pandemic, the Town strongly encourages all those who would participate in the traditional trick-or-treat activities to do so between the hours of 6 and 8PM on that Saturday. In addition, we strongly encourage all Falmouth residents to closely follow the attached listing of “DO’s” and “DON’TS.” These are consistent with the guidelines of Governor Baker and the Commonwealth Department of Public Health.

Enjoy this holiday, but take all necessary precautions to safeguard young people, including yourselves and all members of your families.

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# HALLOWEEN DURING COVID-19

## Trick-or-Treating Do's and Don'ts

### DO:

- Enjoy Halloween **outside** rather than attending indoor events, such as parties. Indoor gatherings is a leading cause of Covid-19 transmission.
- Place candy on a platter instead of a bowl
- Instead of traditional trick or treating, place treats outside of the home for trick-or-treaters as a “grab and go” while keeping distance from others.
- Carry hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) for use in between trick-or-treat visits. Wash, or at a minimum sanitize, hands before eating candy
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet of physical distance from all other participants who are not members of the same household.
- Wear a face mask or face covering. For more information on face masks and face coverings, please see the state's [Mask Up MA](#) webpage.

A costume mask is not a substitute for a face mask or face covering. To protect yourself and others, ensure you are wearing a protective face mask or covering instead of or in addition to a costume mask.

### DON'T:

- Attend crowded costume parties held indoors, or any gatherings that exceed indoor or outdoor gathering limits
- Go to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming; and
- Go on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.
- Bob for apples
- Go to Indoor haunted houses; and

## **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 to someone with COVID-19; or
- you have traveled to or from a state that is 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.

## **ALTERNATIVES TO TRICK-OR-TREATING:**

- Decorate your yard for others to enjoy from their car or while on a socially-distanced walk.
- Hold virtual costume contests or pumpkin carving events.
- Celebrate with members of your household with a Halloween-themed meal, Halloween movie night, or by preparing a Halloween scavenger hunt.