CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

and Stay Safe from COVID-19

With COVID-19 still lurking in our community, door-to-door trick or treating is considered high risk for both children and those who hand out the treats. However, there are ways to make it safer and still have fun. Most important….don't bring COVID-19 Trick or Treating with you!

No one should go Trick or Treating or give out candy if they have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19.

- **If you decide to go Trick or Treating:**
  - o Bring hand sanitizer and use it each time after your child gets candy.
  - o Everyone in your group needs to wear a mask. Halloween masks don't count! Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe.
    Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
  - o Don't stand close to the door. If possible, stay 6 feet (2 meters) from the person giving out candy and from other groups that are trick or treating.

- **If you decide to provide treats for Trick or Treaters:**
  - o If you want to prepare goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the bags.
  - o If possible, don't open your door to give out treats. Leave individually wrapped treats beside your door in a bowl, or in your yard on a chair or table. Let the ghosts and goblins help themselves.
  - o Try to put the treats where Trick or Treaters have room to spread out.

- **Still fun…but even lower risk:**
  - o Decorate your house, apartment, or living space
  - o Carve or decorate pumpkins outside with household members or neighbors and friends who stay 6 feet (2 meters) apart
  - o Have an outdoor Halloween movie night with family and friends, spaced at least 6 feet (2 meters) apart. If it's a really scary movie and people are going to scream, then space people more than 6 feet (2 meters) apart.
  - o Attend a costume party outdoors where protective masks are worn and people can remain more than 6 feet (2 meters) apart
  - o Safer still… have a virtual Halloween costume contest

Be positive and keep an open mind. Halloween this year will be different, but you can still make it special with a little planning and creativity!