



Celebrating Halloween Safely

October has arrived which means Halloween is just around the corner. This Halloween will be different due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you consider whether to take the family out for trick and treating or have a gathering with family and friends, the CDC offers ideas to help you stay safe and healthy. Ideas have been categorized into low risk, medium risk, or high risk activities.

Low Risk

- Celebrate at home with members of your household by having a special Halloween-themed meal, carving pumpkins, and watching a movie.
- Have a family scavenger hunt in the house or backyard.

Medium Risk

- Invite the neighbors to a driveway trick and treat opportunity. To maintain social distancing, put treats in small goodie bags and place them on a table at the end of the driveway for families to pick up and go.

High Risk

- Participate in traditional trick-or-treating or attend a trunk-and-treat event.
- Hold or attend an indoor costume party with people not living in your house.

If you decide to go out, remember the 3 Ws

- Wear a face mask (a costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth face mask)
- Wash your hands
- Watch your distance and stay six feet away from people not in your household

To learn more about "Safe Holiday Celebrations," visit the Olmsted County website at <https://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/OCPHS/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>.