



TRICK-OR-TREATING DURING COVID-19

Florence County Health Department does not recommend large events and gatherings at this time.

PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS, HOMEOWNERS, AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

- Stay home if sick. DO NOT hand out treats or trick-or-treat if you are sick.
- Trick-or-treat with people you live with. Household members go together.
- Practice social distancing. Remain 6 feet apart from people not in your household.
- Wear a face mask that covers BOTH your mouth and nose when appropriate. This means even under/over your Halloween accessories as necessary.
- Homeowners distribute treats by placing them in a bucket or on a table on the front porch instead of handing things out. No in-person contact.
- Have hand sanitizer available. Use it often and before eating or after coughing/sneezing.
- Avoid public interaction with high risk groups both in the home and in nursing home facilities.

GET VACCINATED AGAINST THE FLU:

- Consider getting the flu vaccine before Halloween to keep you healthier overall.
- COVID-19 and flu viruses both cause respiratory illnesses that spread easily from person-to-person.
- While the flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, it can minimize your risk of getting sick or being hospitalized from the flu.

ADDITIONAL TRICK-OR-TREATING SAFETY REMINDERS:

- Examine all treats and wash hands before eating them.
- Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- Guide children to walk on the left side of the road and walk on sidewalks when possible.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Carry a flashlight at night and ensure children have reflective clothing.
- Wear well-fitting masks and costumes appropriate for the weather that avoid blocking vision.
- Homeowners can post a sign or use porch lights to indicate if they are participating in trick-or-treating.

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