Make this Halloween memorable for reasons other than COVID-19! The more people, the more chance of COVID-19 showing up uninvited.

FOR FAMILIES

- Get creative- Decorate your yard or windows
- Make new traditions - Carve pumpkins at home, bake sweet treats, hide candy in the backyard, or watch a scary movie
- Take it outside – There is no risk-free way to hold an indoor house party
- Keep germs to yourself- Stay home and do not participate if you do not feel well or were in contact with someone who was sick
- Mask up – Those over age 2 and who are able are encouraged to wear a face covering
- Control the candy – Place candy in a bucket or table on the front porch. No in-person contact is recommended.
- Avoid going door-to-door in groups – Stick with your household members in your own neighborhood
- Pack hand sanitizer and keep it with an adult– It's not needed after every house
- Protect the most at risk - Those with a chronic health condition or 65+ are encouraged to stay home or Trick-or-Treat virtually on the phone
- Handle candy with care- Wash hands before/after sorting candy and before eating
- Risk of getting sick from food packaging is thought to be low- For extra caution consider holding candy overnight. Do NOT use disinfectants of any kind on the candy.

Organizations bring people together and connect communities! Help reduce the spread of COVID-19 by including important prevention measures this Halloween.

FOR ORGANIZATIONS

- Indoor parties and enclosed haunted houses are strongly discouraged – the more people, the closer together, for a longer period of time, the higher the risk for spreading COVID-19
- Take it outdoors- Host a "Trunk or Treat" line of cars handing out candy in a parking lot or a "drive through" haunted house
- Spread out - Park cars several feet apart so lines keep moving and people are not crowded
- Promote space for health - Encourage participants to wear face coverings and stay 6 feet apart during any event
- Virtual is best - Offer virtual costume contests or events
- Families first - Stay with your household members only
- Don't bring COVID-19 to the event - Stay home if you are feeling even mildly sick, are in isolation, or are in quarantine

For Halloween guidance from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, please visit
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community.htm

Have A Happy Halloween!

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