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Wayne County Public Health Shares Ways to Keep Safe During Halloween
Residents can still enjoy the holidays with precautionary steps and safety measures in place

WAYNE COUNTY – As communities prepare for Halloween, the Wayne County Public Health Division is providing a quick and easy guide for children and adults to celebrate safely during COVID-19, including virtual activities and family-friendly games.

“Despite the current conditions due to COVID-19, residents can still enjoy festivities with loved ones, but with greater care,” said County Executive Warren C. Evans. “We encourage everyone to be mindful and manage each activity and event with safety as a top priority.”

Current measures to limit spread still apply during the holiday months:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Social distance of at least six feet
- Wear a face covering that covers both the mouth and nose
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently

To help residents, Wayne County Public Health has compiled a list of low to moderate risk activities and ideas, from virtual costume contests to home decorating competitions within the neighborhood. These ideas promote fun while socially distancing and preventing the potential transmission of COVID-19.

“There are dozens of safe alternatives to the customary trick-or-treating and parties,” said Carol Austerberry, Wayne County Public Health Officer. “We have provided some suggestions to get started and we hope communities build on our ideas to make this season fun for all.”

The safe celebration guide can be found for download on the Wayne County COVID-19 webpage, www.waynecounty.com/covid19.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also provided guidance. The CDC considers trick-or-treating a high-risk activity and offered alternative activities to consider, as well as safety tips if parents and children choose to trick-or-treat.

“Get creative. We are all wearing masks, so why not decorate them?” said Austerberry. “Make safety fun this holiday.”

The guide will also be distributed through the Wayne County School partnership with Wayne RESA and community groups throughout the County. Parents can find additional information on the Wayne County website, along with links to other sites with activities and games for families to share.

For more information and updates on Wayne County’s COVID-19 response please visit www.waynecounty.com/covid19 or call 2-1-1 or (734) 287-7078.

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