

## **Halloween Safety Advise from the Sarpy / Cass Health Department**

Basic COVID-19 Safety Recommendations:

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth UNDER your costume mask.
- Wash your hands.
- Maintain at least six-foot distancing from others.

**If you are sick, stay home and don't prepare or distribute treats or participate in Halloween activities.** Older adults, especially those with underlying health conditions or who are at a higher risk for COVID-19, should consider not participating in activities. Additional recommendations include:

### **Trick-or-Treating**

- Keep groups to eight or less and maintain social distancing.
- Use hand sanitizer while out and wash hands when you return home.
- Don't eat candy while trick-or-treating.

### **Handing Out Treats**

- Wash hands before touching treats.
- If possible, put treats in prepackaged bags.
- Don't allow children to reach into the treat bowl.
- Be creative with physical distancing. Stay on the porch and line-up treat bags or use plastic or cardboard pipe to make a six-foot-long chute.
- Use tape or chalk to mark six-foot lines on sidewalks in front of homes and leading to doorsteps.

### **Trunk-or-Treat Events**

- Masks should be required for these events.
- Consider a drive through-style event.
- Consider a timed & ticketed event that promotes correct distancing.
- Don't eat candy during the event.
- Use hand sanitizer and wash your hands when you return home.
- Neighborhood Halloween Celebrations and Parties
- Toss candy from six feet away to children who remain on the sidewalks.
- Set up curbside/drive through treat pickup sites.
- Try a reverse trick-or-treat that lets children stand in front of their houses as treat bags are distributed to them.
- Keep gatherings outdoors and limit participation to eight guests or less.

### **Pumpkin Patches**

- Wear a mask
- Sanitize hands before and after touching pumpkins
- Skip the hayrack rides especially with strangers
- Avoid screamers or keep your distance even more
- If it becomes too crowded, visit at a different time

### **Haunted Houses**

- This is extra risky with screaming and being indoors. Wear a mask at all times.
- Keep six-foot distance, even while waiting in line.