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**To:** Chippewa County Residents  
**From:** Angela Weideman, Health Officer/Director  
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**Re:** Halloween Guidance

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A safe Halloween during the COVID-19 pandemic may look and feel a little different this year as people decide how they will celebrate – whether it’s having fun from a distance, trick-or-treating, enjoying Halloween at home or something in between.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has posted guidance to the [COVID-19 Staying Safe in Your Community](#) page with recommendations on how to have a safe and healthy Halloween.

DHS recommends avoiding the following types of events:

- Large outdoor gatherings such as parties, festivals, and parades
- In-person indoor parties and celebrations
- Happy hours or socializing at bars
- Traditional trick-or-treating from neighbor to neighbor

The guidance provides ideas for alternative celebrations, such as:

- Virtual costume contests and parties
- Increasing celebrations at home through decorations and family activities
- Drive-through haunted houses

If your community plans to host trick-or-treating this year, it is recommended that individual grab bags be placed outside for children to take for a contact-free experience.

You can read all of the recommendations on the [COVID-19 Staying Safe in Your Community](#) page. Additionally, please review the [Decision Tool for Individuals and Families](#) to help think through how to reduce risk and how individual decisions might impact others.

### Additional Resources:

- [CCDPH Trick or Treating Safely Flyer](#)
- [Sorry No Trick or Treaters Sign](#)
- [CDC Holiday Celebrations Guidance](#)