



# PLAN A SAFE AND HEALTHY HALLOWEEN DURING COVID-19



As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations rise in our area, it's time to plan for a safe and healthy Halloween. **Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses**, including door to door trick-or-treating.

**Help us stop the spread!** As an organization, please share *10 Ideas for a Safe and Healthy Halloween* (see attached) with households and agencies in your area. In addition, please consider helping to plan an alternative community event for your municipality, such as the one outlined below.

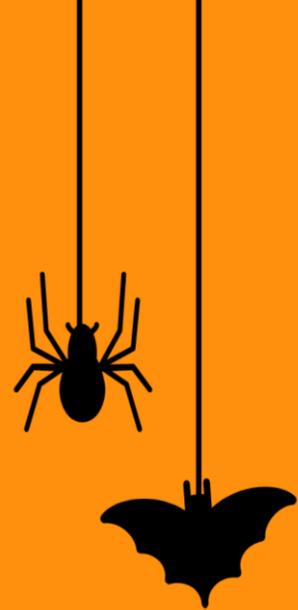
### **A Safe Halloween Community Event: Drive-by Trick-or-Treat**

Sauk Prairie Healthcare, in partnership with municipal leaders and law enforcement, is offering a central drive-by trick-or-treat in the Sauk Prairie area. Want to help host this fun and safe Halloween event in your community? Here are their planning tips:



- Seek partners to co-sponsor a central drive-by trick-or-treat location in each community.
- Consider traffic safety when choosing a good location, such as a school parking lot.
- Choose a day and time for the event. To coordinate across communities, consider Halloween, Saturday, October 31, from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm.
- Ask area businesses and community residents to donate and drop-off individually wrapped, store bought treats by a certain date, for example, October 23.
- Ask municipalities to sponsor and promote the celebration as the *official* trick-or-treat event.





- Ask municipalities to provide guidance to the community that there should **not** be house to house trick-or-treating due to increased community spread of Covid-19 and related concerns for public health and safety.
- Ask schools, health systems, churches, and chambers of commerce to promote the event.
- Ask community volunteers to assemble treat bags to hand out to each trick-or-treater.
- Ask police to help with traffic control.
- At the event, ensure volunteers wear appropriate personal protective equipment (such as a mask and gloves) when handing out treat bags. Encourage creativity: the mask and gloves could be part of a great costume!
- Ask schools to sponsor recording the event and play it on local cable access channels. *Signed participant release forms may be needed.*
- Promote and enforce the following message: **If you have symptoms of COVID-19, or if you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in this or other in-person Halloween festivities and you should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.**



For more information about planning a drive-by trick-or-treat event, contact Jodie Molitor, Health Educator, Sauk County Public Health, at [Jodie.Molitor@saukcountywi.gov](mailto:Jodie.Molitor@saukcountywi.gov) or 608-355-4315.



# 10 IDEAS FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY HALLOWEEN DURING COVID-19

This October, Sauk County has a high rate of COVID-19 cases. Halloween will be different. Many traditional activities, like door to door trick-or-treating, are too risky. When planning Halloween celebrations for your family, organization, and community, look for safe alternatives to stop the spread. Consider these 10 ideas for a healthy and fun Halloween this year.

1. Go BIG on decorating.
2. Host a pumpkin decorating contest (socially distanced).
3. Host a costume contest or parade (socially distanced).
4. Look for a costume that includes a mask that covers the mouth and nose. Most typical Halloween masks do not.
5. Have an eerie, glowing egg hunt. Break out those plastic Easter eggs and decorate them with scary faces or decals, fill them with candy, and hide them for your kids to find outside or in the house. Stuff them with [glow sticks](#) and have a nighttime hunt.
6. Host a scary movie drive-in.
7. Host a zoom Halloween party. Have everyone learn the dance 'Thriller.'
8. You've been "boo'ed." Pay it forward and drop an anonymous Halloween treat at a friend or neighbor's house – think pumpkin spice and cinnamon.
9. Check out these websites to order fun Halloween-themed face masks of your favorite characters: Etsy.com, Maskclub.com, Shopdisney.com, Redbubble.com, Oldnavy.gap.com, Gapfactory.com, Leahkirsch.com (matching mask & shirt), Snapfish.com (put your kid's name on the mask), Amazon.com, Target.com (Scooby Doo), Ivyandpearlboutique.com (Baby Shark), Cubcoats.com (matching soft wristlet animal), Thepaperstore.com (unicorns).
10. For more ideas, check out the CDC Holiday Guidelines at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

