

RESOLUTION NO. 38-20

Recommendation Trick or Treating Hours

WHEREAS, the observance of Halloween traditions will bring many of the children of Chatham out trick-or-treating; and

THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM wants this Halloween to be as safe and as enjoyable as possible for those taking part;

The Village is recommending to the parents of children taking part in the trick-or-treating that Halloween be observed on

Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 00 p .m .and those families who want to be visited by the Trick-Or-Treaters leave their porch light on.

See attached Halloween Guidance for Trick or Treating from the Illinois Department of Public Health

PASSED this 13TH day of October, 2020.

Village President



Village Clerk





Halloween Guidance

As we enter fall, families are starting to plan for the upcoming holiday season, starting with Halloween. Because some of the traditional ways to celebrate this holiday do not allow for proper social distancing, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is providing the following guidance to allow for safe Halloween celebrations. Trick-or-treating events need to incorporate social distancing, masking, and proper handwashing, as well as adherence to [event size limitations](#). For this year, it would be safest to plan special events at home, using social media and other meeting platforms to connect with family and friends. However, for those who choose to celebrate in person IDPH is offering the following guidance. Please reference your local health department, village/city, or county information for guidance or policies specific to your location as well. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers additional guidance, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>.

As a reminder, if you think you could have COVID-19 or may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters. Individuals at increased risk for severe illness should not attend in-person Halloween gatherings.

Neighborhood trick-or-treating

- 1) As an alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating, anyone who would like to distribute treats should leave individually wrapped candy or treats on a table, on their front walkways, sidewalks, or any outdoor space that allows for at least 6 feet of social distance from the door. The individually wrapped candy should be spread out so each piece is not touching another. Anyone distributing candy or treats should wash their hands properly for at least 20 seconds before placing the candy on the table and when replenishing.
- 2) All individuals participating in trick-or-treating, including those passing out candy should maintain social distance of least 6 feet and wear [proper face coverings](#). A costume mask, such as those worn for Halloween, is not a substitute for a face covering. If face coverings are worn under costume masks, please ensure this does not create breathing problems, and if so, discard the costume mask.
- 3) Only household members should trick-or-treat together, and they should maintain 6-foot social distance from other trick-or-treaters at all times. Mixed household trick-or-treaters are discouraged.
- 4) Alcohol-based hand sanitizer should be carried and used frequently.
- 5) Candy collected during trick-or-treating should not be consumed until after handwashing. As always, a parent/guardian should check all candy to make sure it is wrapped and should discard unwrapped candy.

- 6) And, of course, practice good dental hygiene as well.
- 7) Outdoor areas are preferred for trick-or-treating. Enclosed indoor areas, like apartment buildings, present greater risk of transmission. Open doors and windows as appropriate to promote increased ventilation.

Alternatives to Trick-or-Treating

Trunk or treat events are considered a higher risk activity and are discouraged. An alternative activity involves trick-or-treating in a large parking lot or other outdoor setting with adherence to social distancing. Tables are pre-set up with participants allowed to parade with a parent/guardian while maintaining at least 6-foot social distancing and wearing proper face coverings at all times. A limited number of people should staff the event, keeping tables replenished and monitoring social distancing. Proper handwashing should be performed before candy is consumed.

1. Recruit a set number of table sponsors.
2. Create a timed entry schedule to figure out what the attendance limit will be.
3. Create a map of where tables will be with plenty of space between.
4. Advertise with information about reserved time slots, social distancing, and mask wearing.
5. Package candies or favors in treat bags for easy distribution.
6. Create signage to direct the flow of foot traffic.
7. Draw markers on the ground to indicate 6 feet for social distancing.
8. Mask up and enjoy!

Other Halloween Activities and Events

Haunted Houses, Forests, or Walks

- Halloween haunted houses are currently not allowed in [Restore Illinois Phase 4 Guidelines](#). Instead consider open-air, one-way haunted forests or haunted walks where social distancing of 6 feet or greater and appropriate masking is enforced. If screaming is anticipated, even greater social distancing is advised to lower the risk of spreading respiratory viruses.

Pumpkin Patches, Orchard Visits, and Hayrides

- Visitors to these locations should use hand sanitizer before handling the produce. Cloth face coverings and social distancing should be enforced.
- Hayrides should not exceed 50% capacity with parties spaced at least six feet apart. Best practice is for hayrides to be limited to members of the same household. Participants should wear a mask to keep your nose and mouth covered at all times when around people who don't live in your household.

Fall Festival Events

- Avoid attending fall festivals outside your community if you live in an area with [community spread of COVID-19](#).

Social Gatherings, Costume Parties in Adult Settings, Halloween Parties at Bars

- Large gatherings with more people are considered higher risk than smaller group gatherings, and must adhere to [event size limitations](#)
- Indoor parties or gatherings with attendees who are not adhering to social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart), wearing masks, handwashing, or otherwise participating in prevention behaviors will result in a higher risk for transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 illness. These types of gatherings are strongly discouraged.

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