



City of Firebaugh

Police Department

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COVID-19 & HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a fun and exciting holiday. Many of the traditional ways in which we celebrate Halloween involve contact with non-household members in large group settings. The Firebaugh Police Department acknowledges that the spookiest day of the year will feel a lot different this year with concerns over the pandemic, and that staying at home is the best thing you can do to keep your family safe. Therefore, it is important to plan early and identify safe alternatives to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus.

Here are some alternative ideas and tips for a healthy Halloween.

- Have a scavenger hunt at home
- Dress up and hide candy or other treats throughout your home or yard
- Host an online costume or pumpkin carving contest
- Have a Halloween movie marathon with members of your household

If you choose to trick-or-treat, we respectfully recommend that families remain vigilant and practice safety. Be mindful of your health and the health of those around you. If you may have COVID or you may have been exposed to someone with the virus, you should not participate in, in-person Halloween festivities and should avoid giving out candy to trick-or-treaters.

Here are some tips and guidelines for trick-or-treating.

- All residents who participate should adhere to any public health recommendations from the Fresno County Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control. Be safe and operate with common sense.
- Wear facial cloth covering that fits snugly over your nose and mouth. Most Halloween masks will not suffice as a protective face covering.
- Social distance/avoid confined spaces. Keep a distance of 6 feet from those who live outside your household for no more than 15 consecutive minutes.



- Sanitize your hands often, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, or touching any surfaces. Use soap and water for at least 20 seconds after you have been trick-or-treating and in public places.
- Anyone handing out candy should set up outside if possible, to avoid having people knock on your door. Wear a cloth face covering (that covers both your nose and mouth) and sanitize your hands regularly when handing out candy. Please do not put out candy bowls.
- Trick-or-treaters should go to familiar homes where the residents are known and homes with porch lights on.
- Any home that is not participating in handing out candy should turn off their front light, close the front door or place a sign stating no candy will be handed out.
- Again, any household with a positive case should not participate, any household with individuals with symptoms should not participate, and any household with a person directly exposed to someone with COVID-19 should not participate.

By working together during this time, we can help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We are several weeks away from Halloween; therefore, please continue to watch for updates from the City, the public health officials, and the Firebaugh Police Department. We hope this helps. For additional information, please see the Fresno County Department of Health or CDC websites.

Be safe and have fun!

