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Taunton Board of Health Issues Reminders For a Safe Halloween

Taunton, MA...Today Heather Gallant, Board of Health Director, is reminding residents to use caution and follow CDC guidelines when engaging in Halloween activities.

“We want to make sure families are keeping safe and using good judgment when it comes to Halloween activities,” said Gallant.

“Halloween is an exciting time for kids, and we want to encourage safe outdoor activities that families can enjoy,” said Mayor O’Connell.

Traditional Halloween activities are fun, but some can increase the risk of getting or spreading COVID-19 or influenza. Plan safe or alternate ways to participate in Halloween.

Alternate ideas to enjoy Halloween:

- Decorate your home for Halloween.
- Carve pumpkins with members of your household or outside with neighbors or friends.
- Walk from house to house, admiring Halloween decorations at a distance.
- Go on an outdoor Halloween-themed scavenger hunt.
- Go to a one-way, walk-through haunted forest or corn maze.
- Hide treats in and around your house and hold a Halloween treat hunt with household members.

Make trick-or-treating safer:

- Limit visits to family and close neighbors.
- Avoid direct contact with other trick-or-treaters.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.
- Wash hands before handling treats.
- Wear a cloth mask as part of your costume. Do **NOT** wear a costume mask over a cloth mask. It can make breathing more difficult. Children under 2 and those with breathing difficulties should not wear masks.

In addition to wearing a cloth mask, always remember: indoors and outdoors, stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.

Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov), [Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov), or [Taunton-ma.gov](https://www.taunton-ma.gov) for more tips and ideas for a safe and healthy Halloween.

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