



## **Celebrate Halloween Safely by Following COVID-19 Precautions**

Like in past years, the Village has set a trick-or-treating period on Saturday, October 31, 2020 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### ***Let People Know If You Are Open to Trick-or-Treaters***

Homes that are welcoming trick-or-treaters should be sure to turn on their outdoor lights. If you do not wish to participate this year just leave your outdoor light off. Not all families may feel comfortable with trick-or-treating this year; please teach children not to ring the doorbell.

Signs are on the Village's website for residents to place at their homes to indicate if they plan to participate in trick-or-treating this year. These signs can be downloaded and printed from the Village's website [www.villageofgrayslake.com](http://www.villageofgrayslake.com) under the Residents tab in the 2020 Halloween Signage section.

### ***Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating Safety Guidelines for a Safe Experience***

1. Do not participate in trick-or-treating if you are feeling unwell, if someone in your house is unwell, if you are awaiting COVID-19 test results, if you have recently returned from travel, or if you know that you have been exposed to COVID-19.
2. 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.
3. 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. Gloves are recommended.
4. If you choose to greet children at the door, pass out candy to each child instead of inviting them to take a treat from a communal bowl. Hand candy out from behind your glass storm door or through a window.
5. Only household members should trick-or-treat together, and they should maintain 6 feet social distance from other trick-or-treaters at all times. Mixed household trick-or-treaters are discouraged.

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6. All individuals participating in trick-or-treating, including those passing out candy should maintain social distance of at 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.
7. Maintain a safe distance from other trick-or-treating groups, and do not approach a house until the previous group has left.
8. 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.
9. Alcohol based hand sanitizer should be carried and used frequently.
10. Mark a safe distance from your door using chalk and ask children to stand behind the line before you open the door to pass out candy.
11. Consider distributing non-candy items that parents can easily sanitize, such as wrapped stickers, pencils, mini pumpkins or erasers.
12. Do not distribute homemade treats or fresh fruits.

Guidelines may be updated in the future based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health, so please keep an eye on our website. No matter how you choose to celebrate, please make sure to do it safely!