

HALLOWEEN SAFETY 2021

Halloween is a fun and exciting time with many special activities. It is important that school Halloween activities stay aligned with the school Communicable Disease Prevention Plan and limit the spread of COVID-19. The following are some recommendations to ensure Halloween activities are safe and fun.

Costumes

- Minimize accessories and integrate a non-medical mask into costumes. A costume mask is not a substitute for a mask that has multiple layers of breathable fabric, or a disposable mask, that covers the mouth and nose snugly.
- Costumes need to allow ease of frequent and proper handwashing or hand sanitizing.
- Face painting should be done at home (no sharing or applying face paint at school).

Treats

- Ensure proper hand hygiene before and after handling treats.
- Minimize contact and avoid crowding when distributing commercially prepared, pre-packaged, and sealed treats.
- Food and beverages should not be shared. Homemade and communal treats (e.g. cakes, cupcakes, popcorn, candy-apples etc.) are not recommended at this time.

Activities

Here are some fun and safe activities:

- Pumpkin Patch: Ensure adequate space that allows for participants to spread out and avoid crowding during pumpkin selection.
- Costume Parade: Students can safely show off their Halloween costumes while spread out or taking turns. If the parade is held indoors, everyone is required to wear a non-medical mask and spread out within the available space.
- Dancing and Singing: Plan these activities to occur outdoors when possible and ensure students are spread out. Students are required to wear a mask while dancing and singing indoors.

Dr. Bonnie Henry says, “Keep it outside, keep groups small, and do some of those really fun things that worked last year!”

Thank you for making Halloween 2021 safe and fun for all staff and students!

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