



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Halloween Activities and Trick or Treat**

Traditionally, October is a month of large activities for both adults and children. In light of COVID-19, this year's Halloween activities will look different due to safety measures necessary to protect all participants. As the number of cases continues to increase, we ask that everyone keep safety in mind when it comes to planning your Trick or Treat and Halloween activities. To minimize the spread of COVID-19 and keep participants safe, please keep the following recommendations in mind:

- Trick-or-treat for the City of Canton is Saturday, October 31 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Houses participating in Trick-or-Treat should turn an outdoor light on.
- Incorporate a cloth face mask into your costume(s) and make certain it covers the mouth, nose and chin. (Masks are not recommended for children two years or younger or anyone unable to remove a mask on their own.)
- Children should always trick-or-treat with an adult.
- Trick-or-Treat with your household members instead of a large group this year.
- Wear reflective clothing.
- Carry hand sanitizer and have children wash hands before eating treats.
- Allow children to eat only factory wrapped treats. Avoid homemade treats.
- Refrain from having children select their own treats from a bowl/common container. Consider lining up treats on porch steps or a table in the driveway, or use other creative ways to distribute treats keeping spacing in mind.
- Hold online costume parties or other Halloween contests.
- Participate in drive-thru events (Canton Parks & Recreation will be hosting a Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat at Stadium Park Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. <https://cantonparksandrec.com/2020/09/17/drive-thru-trunk-or-treat/> )
- If you are not feeling well, do not trick-or-treat or pass out candy.
- **DO NOT** hold large in-person Halloween parties. If holding a party, hold the event in an outdoor area if possible and limit the number of attendees to 10 or less.

“Make good decisions about the activities you participate in and plan for the safety of all. Be accountable. Be intentional. It really is possible to have fun while following the simple prevention strategies that have been encouraged for months: wear a mask/face covering, maintain minimum 6 ft. physical distance, wash hands frequently and stay home when feeling ill,” stated Jim Adams, Health Commissioner for Canton City Public Health.

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