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NASHUA TO HOST HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING WITH COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES IN PLACE

The City of Nashua will host its annual trick-or-treating from 6-8 p.m. on Halloween night, Saturday, Oct. 31. Residents are asked to abide by guidelines put forth by the City of Nashua's Department of Public Health and Community Services in an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

If you are sick or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in Halloween activities in-person and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

1. Stay home if you are not feeling well.
2. Stay with your family (household members if possible).
 - Avoid large gatherings.
 - Find ways to trick-or-treat while staying at least 6 feet away from others, including when handing out and accepting treats.
3. Wear a face covering. Costume masks are not a replacement for a cloth face covering.
 - Cover your nose and mouth when trick-or-treating or handing out treats.
4. Hand out treats in a creative way that promotes social distancing.
 - Do not place treats in a "grab" bowl.
5. Practice frequent hand cleaning.
 - Bring alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you while trick-or-treating, and use it often.
 - Wash your hands with soap and water immediately after returning home.

Residents can also host a stay-at-home activity, like a family scavenger hunt or an at-home trick-or-treat. When handing out candy, individually wrap goodie bags and line them up for trick-or-treaters to grab at the end of your driveway or edge of a yard, in an effort to encourage social distancing. If you do not want trick-or-treaters coming to your door, turn off your outside lights.

While participating in trick-or-treating, all children should be accompanied by an adult, walk on sidewalks and use crosswalks, carry a glow stick and/or a flashlight and be aware of your surroundings. Motorists are cautioned to drive slowly and stay alert, watch for children crossing the street, enter and exit driveways slowly and after dark, keep a lookout for trick-or-treaters wearing dark-colored clothing.

Nashua's trick-or-treating hours are subject to change, based on rates of COVID-19 in Nashua in late October.