

## PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE - CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN

Recent Updates: (Changes are highlighted in yellow)

10/20/2020: Align guidance with Health Officer Order on private outdoor gatherings.

As fall approaches, families start to plan for the upcoming holiday season beginning with Halloween. Since some of the traditional ways in which this holiday is celebrated do not allow you to minimize contact with non-household members. It is important to plan early and identify safer alternatives. The Pasadena Public Health Department would like to share information on how to take part in this holiday in a manner that reduces your risk of developing COVID-19. Consider the safer alternatives listed below.

### Halloween Activities:

**Not Permitted** (large gatherings and events are not currently allowed under the Health Officer Order)

- Halloween gatherings or parties with non-household members are not permitted even if they are conducted outdoors, unless following the Health Officer Order that permits private outdoor gatherings with no more than two (2) other households that are the same households over time (not changing the households), maintaining physical distancing of 6 feet or more at all times between households, using face coverings, and limiting the gathering to less than 2 hours.
- Carnivals, festivals, live entertainment, rides, petting zoos, and haunted house attractions are not allowed.
- “Trunk-or-treating” events where children go from car to car instead of door to door to receive treats is not permitted, because it is conducted as part of a Halloween event in a place such as a parking lot, where crowding and sharing of food occurs. Events are not allowed under the current Health Officer Order, since they bring together people from different households in large numbers.

### Not Recommended

- Door to door or car to car trick-or-treating (even if it is not part of an event) is not recommended because it can be very difficult to maintain proper social distancing on porches, at front doors and in front of cars, and to ensure that everyone answering or coming to the door is appropriately masked. In addition, sharing food is risky.

### Permitted

- Online parties and contests (e.g., costume or pumpkin carving).
- Car parades that comply with public health guidance for [Car Line Celebrations](#) including:
  - Drive-by celebrations or contests where individuals dress up or decorate their vehicles and drive by “judges” that are appropriately physically distanced or in vehicles.
  - Drive-through events where individuals remain in their vehicles and drive through an area with Halloween displays that are created by households, at their own households. For non-residential establishments, displays that are completed by staff or third party vendors must adhere to existing protocols and Health Officer Orders.
  - Drive-through celebrations where individuals can receive one bag of treats or take away items (limited to commercially packaged non-perishable treats) from an organizer while the participants remain in their vehicle. Each drive-through celebration should have only one bag of items passed through to the vehicle, avoiding multiple interactions. Those

passing through items and those in the vehicle should wear face coverings and cannot enter into the street, to ensure public safety.

- Halloween movie nights at drive-in theaters (must comply with the [Drive-In Movie Theater](#) protocol).
- Halloween-themed meals at outdoor restaurants (must comply with the [Restaurant](#) protocol).
- Halloween-themed art installations at an outdoor museum (must comply with the [Museum and Galleries](#) protocol).
- Dressing up homes and yards with Halloween-themed decorations.

**Personal Protection Measures:**

Regardless of how you choose to celebrate Halloween it is important to keep the following in mind:

1. Wear a cloth face covering when outside your home and around others that are not part of your household whether you are indoor or outdoor
2. Avoid confined spaces - Actively stay away from indoor spaces that do not allow for easy distancing of at least 6 feet between you and others
3. Avoid close contact – Stay at least 6 feet away from all other people who are not part of your own household, especially while talking, eating, drinking, and singing
4. Wash or sanitize your hands often
5. Clean frequently touched items regularly
6. If you are sick, or you have been in contact with someone who is sick with COVID-19 or has symptoms of COVID-19, stay home and away from others

**Know Where to Get Reliable Information:**

Beware of scams, false news and hoaxes surrounding COVID-19. Accurate information, including announcements of new cases in the City of Pasadena, will always be distributed by Public Health through press releases, social media, and our website. The website has more information on COVID-19 including FAQs, infographics and a guide to coping with stress, as well as tips on handwashing.

- Pasadena Public Health Department
  - <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/covid-19/#guidance-faq-protocols>

Other reliable sources of information about COVID-19:

- California Department of Public Health (CDPH, State)
  - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, National)
  - <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/novel-coronavirus-2019.html>

If you have questions, or if you observe a violation, you can request information or submit a complaint through the Citizen Service Center. Call 626-744-7311 or visit <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/CSC>.

**Key Practices**



**COVER YOUR COUGH WITH YOUR ELBOW OR TISSUE (THEN DISPOSE AND WASH YOUR HANDS)**



**STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK**



**PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING OF 6 FEET OR MORE**



**WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER FOR 20 SECONDS, FREQUENTLY**



**COVER NOSE AND MOUTH WITH CLEAN FACE COVERING**



**PERFORM DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS**

**Watch  
Your  
Distance**

