



TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH MASSACHUSETTS

October 26, 2020

GUIDELINES FOR HALLOWEEN

The CDC has indicated that traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door is considered a high risk activity. The Westborough Board of Health and Board of Selectmen are proposing the following guidelines to decrease risk and ensure the safety of all residents:

- Residents who choose to trick-or-treat should do so in their own, immediate neighborhood. Residents from other parts of Westborough and those from other communities should not come to the downtown of Westborough to trick or treat this year.
- The following parking lots will be closed on Halloween night:
 - Westborough High School
 - Gibbons Middle School
 - Armstrong Elementary School
 - Parkman Street Spaces next to the Forbes Municipal Building
- Wear a face mask or face covering. A costume mask is not a substitute for a face mask or face covering. To protect yourself and others, ensure you are wearing a protective face mask or covering instead of or in addition to a costume mask.
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet of physical distance from all other participants who are not members of the same household.
- Opt for one-way trick-or-treating, with treats placed outside of the home for trick-or-treaters as a “grab and go” while keeping distance from others.
- Place candy on a platter instead of a bowl.
- Trick-or-Treat with your immediate family or your circle of close, safe contacts.
- Observe good hand hygiene, including hand washing and use of alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol. Carry hand sanitizer and use it often, especially after coming into contact with frequently touched surfaces and before eating candy.
- Refrain from touching your face.

- Stay home and refrain from trick-or-treating if you feel unwell, tested positive for COVID-19, been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or have traveled to or from a state that is not classified as lower risk within the last 14 days.
- If you have concerns about large crowds at your house you can turn your lights off or participate in a limited fashion by buying less candy.

The following activities are encouraged as alternative activities to trick-or-treating that are lower risk such as:

- Decorating your yard for others to enjoy from their car or while on a socially-distanced walk.
- Hold virtual costume contests or pumpkin carving events.
- Celebrate with members of your household with a Halloween-themed meal, Halloween movie night, or by preparing a Halloween scavenger hunt.