

Lexington, Texas Community Halloween Guidelines 2020

Issue: safety for community and children of Lexington, Texas

Background: Concerns for current pandemic, COVID-19, to maintain the tradition of the Halloween wide community event.

Recommendations:

1. If gathering in large groups attempt to maintain six feet distance.
2. For anyone 10 years and older masks are encouraged. Do not use costume masks in place of cloth masks
 - a. Do not use a costume mask (such as for Halloween) as a substitute for a cloth mask unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers your mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around your face.
 - b. Do not wear a costume mask over a cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
3. Wash your hands frequently or use alcohol based sanitizer frequently.
4. People with or exposed to COVID-19
 - a. Do not host or participate in any in-person festivities,
 - i. if you or anyone in your household Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others
 - ii. Has symptoms of COVID-19
 - iii. Is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results
 - iv. May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
 - v. Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19
5. People at increased risk for severe illness
If you are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should
 - a. Avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household.
 - b. Avoid larger gatherings and consider attending activities that pose lower risk (as described throughout this page) if you decide to attend an in-person gathering with people who do not live in your household.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Create one way traffic areas for passing out candy.

Adults distribute candy instead of allowing children to dig into candy bowls.

Create candy shoots that maintain six feet distance.

References: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>