



Guidelines for Halloween Safety

With Halloween approaching, the following suggestions are provided for families and communities for a safe, socially-distanced Trick-or-Treat experience for children and adults across Hawaii!

Incorporate facemasks into costume designs. Non-medical grade facemasks are a primary tool for reducing COVID19 spread. Use this as a creative and educational opportunity in costume design.

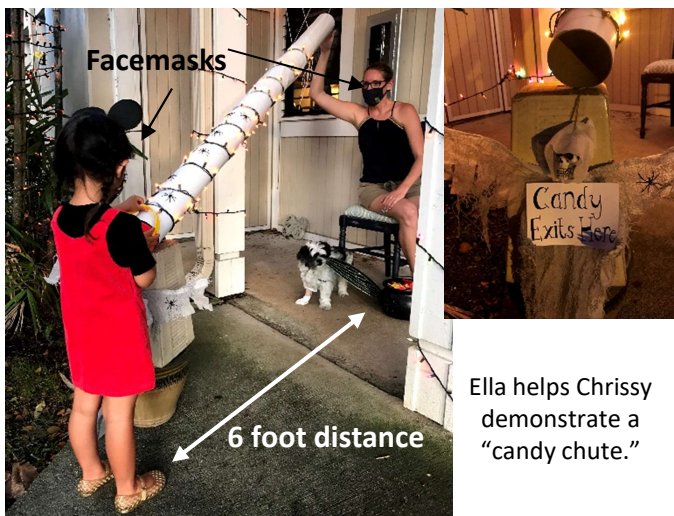
Socially distanced candy distribution. Limit contact with the candy bowl. Instead, invent a means of contactless candy distribution! This can even be turned into a STEM project for keiki. An internet search can get the creative juices flowing!

Provide guides for social distancing. Use tape or chalk to indicate 6 foot spacing.

Bring hand sanitizer. Remind keiki to periodically disinfect their hands during the evening.

Respect the decisions of households who opt out this year. Risk factors for infection are not all visible, and your neighbors may be caregivers or first responders.

Always follow local and state laws on social distancing, gatherings, and personal protection.



Ella helps Chrissy demonstrate a "candy chute."

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AVOID A HIGH-RISK HALLOWEEN

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| Pumpkin carving outside at a safe distance from neighbors and friends | One-way trick or treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go | Traditional trick or treating |
| Virtual costume contests | Pumpkin patch visit, wearing a face covering and using hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins | Indoor haunted house |
| Movie night with people in your household | | Hay rides shared with those outside your household |
| | | Indoor Halloween parties |

Visit hawaiiCOVID19.com for Safe Halloween tips.

Neighborhood boards and organizations. Consider organizing Halloween volunteers to brainstorm safety measures that make the most sense for your community. Some suggestions include:

- Create a one-way flow for trick-or-treaters on the sidewalk to limit contact between non-family units;
- Encourage participating households to stay outside with candy to limit contact with doors and doorbells;
- Post signs around your community and on social media (e.g. Nextdoor) outlining safety measures;
- Have neighbors offer friendly reminders about social distancing between family units;
- Design a means for households to clearly indicate whether they *are* or *are not* participating this year;
- Add socially distanced options for celebrating (before All Hallows Eve): neighborhood costume parade, association pumpkin carving, door decorating contest, etc.

References

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