



NEVADA'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN

Celebrating Halloween is a fall tradition many Nevadans look forward to each year. In light of the persistent COVID-19 Coronavirus Disease, it is important that we do all we can to minimize the risk of catching or spreading the COVID-19 virus while having fun on these special days.

Many traditional Halloween activities, such as door-to-door trick-or-treating, have a lower risk because they take place outdoors or the interactions may be short. As Nevadans plan their Halloween activities, consider and follow these guidelines and best practices.

Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Influenza vaccinations are also vital to preventing respiratory disease. Promoting vaccination can help Nevadans safely return to normal activities.

GUIDELINES & BEST PRACTICES

- If you haven't been vaccinated yet, [find a vaccine](#).
- Outdoor gatherings are generally safer than indoor gatherings.
- All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, must wear face coverings in public indoor spaces or while in crowded outdoor settings if you are in a county where a mask mandate is in place based on the [Current Status: Mitigation Measures page](#).
- Vaccinated Nevadans who are immunocompromised should continue to take all precautions recommended for unvaccinated [people](#), including wearing a well-fitted mask, until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider. For more information for vaccinated individuals, see the CDC's guidance: [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated](#)
- Wash your hands frequently, and avoid touching your face, nose, mouth, or eyes until hands are washed or sanitized.

STAY HOME & AVOID CONTACT WITH OTHERS IF:

- You have recently tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently in the isolation period.
- You are currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test.
- You are sick, have any respiratory infection symptoms, or have any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Any household member has COVID-19, is exhibiting respiratory infection symptoms, or any COVID-19 symptoms.
- You have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and are currently in the quarantine period.
- You believe to have been recently exposed or come into contact with a COVID-19 case.

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Trick-or-Treat

If you choose to participate in door-to-door trick-or-treating, keep the following in mind:

- Maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet from anyone not within your household.
- Incorporate a cloth or surgical mask into your costume, and don't use a costume mask as a substitute for a cloth or surgical mask.
- The COVID Trace app will help Nevadans protect each other and slow the spread by notifying you if you've likely been exposed to COVID-19. Download the COVID Trace app in the app store or [click here](#) for more information.
- If trick-or-treating door to door, limit the time you spend at doorways and avoid crowded doorways.
- Wash your hands before eating candy and after contacting frequently touched surfaces.
- Have adults accompany trick-or-treaters to help them follow precautions.
- Whether you're trick-or-treating or handing out candy, keep your masks on – save the candy eating for when you return home!

ACTIVITIES BY RISK LEVEL

Lower Risk Activities

Consider participating in these lower risk activities to celebrate the Halloween Holiday.

- **Carving or decorating pumpkins** with members of your household and displaying them.
- **Decorating your house**, apartment, or living space.
- Put together a **Halloween scavenger hunt** with household members where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors around their home admiring decorations at a distance.
- Having a **virtual Halloween costume contest** or pumpkin-carving contest.
- Set up a **virtual scary movie night** and simultaneously watch with friends from your own homes.
- Create a **virtual haunted house experience**. Set it up in your own home, and virtually guide people through the horror.

Moderate Risk Activities

If you are going to engage in Halloween activities with people from outside of your household, consider activities outside.

- **Carving or decorating pumpkins** with neighbors and friends outdoors.
- Organize a **small group, open-air neighborhood costume parade** with predetermined routes marked to maintain safe distances of at least 6 feet between participants.
- Visit an **open-air, one-way, walk-through pumpkin patch**, corn maze or orchard where people wear masks or people are able to maintain social distancing.



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Higher Risk Activities

The following higher risk activities may spread the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming.
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors.
- If you are **hosting or attending a gathering at a private residence**, please review [CDC Guidance for Activities, Gatherings, and Holidays](#).

GUIDANCE FOR EVENT PLANNERS

Pumpkin patches, haunted houses, corn mazes, etc. held in public spaces

- Adhere to state and local orders and restrictions.
- Use timed reservations to limit occupants, lines, and areas of congestion.
- Consider one-direction flow of participants with signs, directional arrows, and spacing indicators.
- Remind participants before arrival and onsite to stay home if sick, exposed, positive for COVID-19, or quarantined.
- Use signs to remind participants to use masks, maintain distance, and wash hands.
- Set up handwashing stations.
- Eliminate common-touch items and props.
- Consider exclusively outdoor spaces.
- Require COVID-19 face coverings/masks at all times, except when actively eating or drinking.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FEEL SICK OR MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED

If you participated in a Halloween celebration and begin to feel sick or think you may have become exposed:

Unvaccinated Nevadans having close contact to someone with COVID-19 should:

1. Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
2. Watch for fever (>100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19 and contact your healthcare provider if symptoms appear.
3. If possible, stay away from people you live with, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

Vaccinated Nevadans having close contact to someone with COVID-19 should do the following:

1. [Wear a mask](#) indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until a negative test result.
2. Get tested 5-7 days after [close contact](#) with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
3. Get tested and [isolate](#) immediately if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: CDC Guidance for Activities, Gatherings, and Holidays](#)
- [Public Health Communications Collaborative: Halloween Safety Tips](#)