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News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for October 29, 2020

Frederick, MD – October 29, 2020

Change in Frequency of Updates:

***Updates will not be posted on Nov. 3, Election Day, or Nov. 26, Thanksgiving. Statistics will continue to be updated daily at <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats> ***

Frederick County Health Department:

Confirmed Cases

4,786

Change in Last 24 Hours: +38

Confirmed Deaths

131

Change in Last 24 Hours: +0

7-Day Positivity Rate

3%

Please check our dashboard for daily statistics: <http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats>.



Frequently Asked Question: Do I need a face covering with my Halloween costume?


• *Answer:* A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face. If you wear a cloth mask under a costume mask, make sure that the mask wearer can still breathe comfortably! A Halloween-themed cloth mask may be a good option instead of a costume mask.

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Check out our tips in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). (Click to enlarge). You can also find a list of lower/moderate/and high risk activities here: <https://bit.ly/330DPBr>. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe and healthy during Halloween!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Plan on low risk activities this year:

- pumpkin carving, a virtual costume party, or a scavenger hunt. See more ideas [here](#).
- Outdoor activities are better than indoor activities.
- Small gatherings are better than large gatherings or parties.
- Enjoy pumpkin patch and hayrides in small groups. Wear masks and stay distanced if other households join you.
- Choose haunted forests instead of inside haunted houses.

Door-to-door trick-or-treating is not encouraged. If you do choose this activity, here are some tips to protect others and yourself:

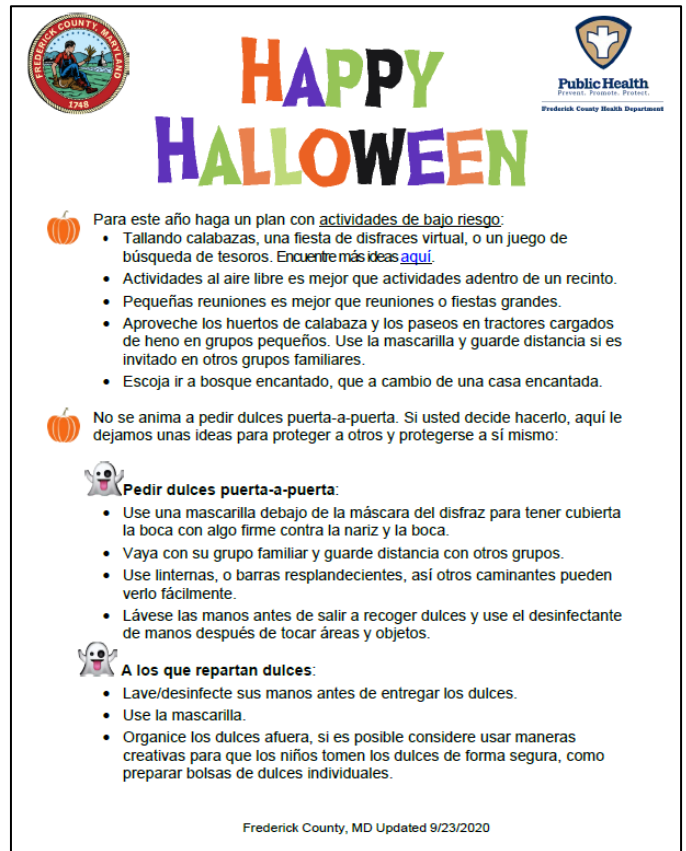
Trick-or-Treaters:

- Wear a cloth mask under a costume mask to keep a close fit over the nose and mouth.
- Go with your own household and keep distance between other groups.
- Use flashlights or glow sticks so walkers can be easily seen.
- Wash your hands before going trick-or-treating and use hand sanitizer after touching surfaces and objects.

Candy-Givers:

- Wash/sanitize hands before passing out candy.
- Wear a face covering.
- Set up candy outside if possible and consider creative ways to get candy to kids safely, like individual treat bags.

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Para este año haga un plan con actividades de bajo riesgo:

- Tallando calabazas, una fiesta de disfraces virtual, o un juego de búsqueda de tesoros. Encuentre más ideas [aquí](#).
- Actividades al aire libre es mejor que actividades adentro de un recinto.
- Pequeñas reuniones es mejor que reuniones o fiestas grandes.
- Aproveche los huertos de calabaza y los paseos en tractores cargados de heno en grupos pequeños. Use la mascarilla y guarde distancia si es invitado en otros grupos familiares.
- Escoja ir a bosque encantado, que a cambio de una casa encantada.

No se anima a pedir dulces puerta-a-puerta. Si usted decide hacerlo, aquí le dejamos unas ideas para proteger a otros y protegerse a sí mismo:

Pedir dulces puerta-a-puerta:

- Use una mascarilla debajo de la máscara del disfraz para tener cubierta la boca con algo firme contra la nariz y la boca.
- Vaya con su grupo familiar y guarde distancia con otros grupos.
- Use linternas, o barras resplandecientes, así otros caminantes pueden verlo fácilmente.
- Lávese las manos antes de salir a recoger dulces y use el desinfectante de manos después de tocar áreas y objetos.

A los que repartan dulces:

- Lave/desinfecte sus manos antes de entregar los dulces.
- Use la mascarilla.
- Organice los dulces afuera, si es posible considere usar maneras creativas para que los niños tomen los dulces de forma segura, como preparar bolsas de dulces individuales.

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Frederick County Board of Elections:

The Frederick County Board of Elections has special instructions for Maryland voters who find themselves unexpectedly unable to go to the polls themselves (such as if someone needs to quarantine or isolate for COVID-19).

They need to call the [Frederick County Board of Elections](#) Office at 301-600-1005 to make an appointment, and then send an agent to get a ballot for them at 340 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702.

They will need to complete the following forms online: [agent form](#), [absentee ballot application](#).

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For more information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19.

Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: <https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19>
- Frederick County Government: www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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A graphic titled "LOW-RISK HALLOWEEN IDEAS" set against a background of orange jack-o'-lanterns. The text is in white. The ideas listed are: Pumpkin carving with your household, Halloween scavenger hunt, Decorate your house or apartment, Neighborhood walk to see decorations, Virtual costume contest, and Halloween movie night. At the bottom left is the Frederick County seal, and at the bottom right is the Public Health logo with the hashtag #LoveFrederick.

LOW-RISK HALLOWEEN IDEAS

- Pumpkin carving with your household
- Halloween scavenger hunt
- Decorate your house or apartment
- Neighborhood walk to see decorations
- Virtual costume contest
- Halloween movie night

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