This guidance from the Westwood Board of Health is to help individuals, families, friends, and our community enjoy a happy and healthy Halloween this year while the risk of COVID-19 remains.

Limits on Gatherings

As a reminder, the Governor's COVID-19 Order #52 limits gatherings to the following:

- Indoor gatherings at all venues and locations limited to 25 people
- Outdoor gatherings at private residences limited to 50 people
- For indoor and outdoor gatherings of more than 10, if participants are not in the same household, all persons over the age of 5 must wear a face covering



Ideas for a Safer Halloween



At Home

- Hold a virtual costume contest
- Spruce up your home with decorations
- Create a haunted house in your home, for people you live with
- Hide candy in your home for your kids
- Carve pumpkins
- Do face painting



Outdoors

- Outdoor costume parade
- Outdoor scavenger hunt
- Outdoor scary movie viewing

If you feel sick or were exposed to someone with COVID-19, stay home. If you choose to do activities outdoors, wear a mask that is effective at limiting the spread of COVID-19 and stay 6 feet apart.



Trick-or-Treating

The safest option is to avoid trick-or-treating. If you choose to trick-or-treat, please consider:

For trick-or-treaters:

- Only visit homes that have prepared goodie bags on a table for each visitor to take. Avoid bowls you have to reach into.
- Your immediate household should be the only group walking up to the home.
- Sanitize hands before taking a goodie bag. Avoid touching more than 1 goodie bag.
- Sanitize hands after touching a goodie bag.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart from anyone else who is trick-or-treating.

For hosts handing out candy:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after filling bags.
- Fill goodie bags with candy. Avoid touching your face when preparing the goodie bags.
- Place the bags on a table or spaced out on your lawn or driveway. Visitors should be able to grab one goodie bag without touching another.
- Wash your hands again after preparing the bags.