



**NEWS RELEASE
CITY OF MANSFIELD**

Tim Theaker, Mayor

For Immediate Release

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Subject: City of Mansfield Trick or Treat Night

Mansfield, OH—Mayor Tim Theaker has announced the City of Mansfield has decided to allow those individuals who want to participate in Trick or Treat to participate. City-wide Trick or Treat will be Thursday October 29, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

It is suggested that the participating age group be no older than 12.

Residents wishing to participate in Trick or Treat Night are asked to turn on their porch light between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

We also want to remind everyone there could be small children walking around and to take extra precautions when driving and to observe the Safety Recommendations listed below.

Trick or Treat Safety Recommendations

Trick or Treaters:

- First and foremost! You do not have to participate if you do not want to or you do not feel safe
- Do not participate if you or your child feels sick, has symptoms of COVID-19 or is at high risk of complications due to underlying medical conditions or with a compromised immune system
- Get an influenza vaccine at least two weeks before Halloween
- Wear comfortable costumes to ensure face masks cover both nose and mouth
- Wear cloth face masks or coverings appropriate for COVID-19, except for children under two years of age and individuals with medical contraindications
- Avoid rubber or plastic costume masks
- Go only during times designated by local authorities

- Only trick or treat with a small group of family members
- Maintain social distance of at least six feet from other groups
- Avoid going door to door in clusters
- Participate in Halloween activities outdoors
- Stay in your own neighborhood
- Avoid big parties, large gatherings and indoor activities
- Practice hand hygiene and bring hand sanitizer to use between houses
- Take only wrapped candy or treats
- Consider bringing your own candy and give to children at each stop instead of treats from neighbors

Treat Givers:

- First and foremost! You do not have to participate if you do not want to or you do not feel safe
- Do not participate if you or anyone in your household feels sick, has symptoms of COVID-19 or is at high risk of complications due to underlying medical conditions or immunocompromise
- Get an influenza vaccine at least two weeks before Halloween
- Designate one adult per household to hand out candy or treats
- Wear cloth face masks or coverings appropriate for COVID-19
- Put candy or treats in individual baggies and lay out for children instead of putting in a large bowl for self-service
- Sit outside behind a table to give out candy or treats
- Stay inside behind a screen door to watch trick or treaters from a distance

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