An aerial photograph of the Dallas skyline at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and blue. A large, bright orange full moon is in the upper right. A spiderweb is overlaid in the upper left, with a small black spider on one of its strands. Two thick, dark diagonal lines cross the image from the top corners towards the bottom. The city buildings are silhouetted against the sunset sky.

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Given the current risk level of **ORANGE** for COVID-19 and the moderate risk of transmission in Dallas County, we DO NOT recommend routine and traditional Halloween activities. This is particularly important if you are at high-risk for complications of COVID-19. Should the risk level move to the **RED** Phase (High Community Risk for COVID-19 Transmission), individuals should follow the principles of stay home, stay safe and further limit activities. Should the risk level move to the **YELLOW** Phase (Low Community Risk for COVID-19 Transmission), individuals can reference the **Updated Dallas County COVID-19 Health Guidance for the Public, September 2020** for limits on social gatherings and other applicable guidance for restaurants, movie theatres, etc.



UNSAFE AND NOT RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES:

Halloween gatherings, events, or parties with non-household members. THIS INCLUDES BARS – Remember, the fewer people you interact with, the more you limit your exposure.

Carnivals, festivals, live entertainment, and haunted house attractions – Even when outdoors, these events require close contact with others and frequent close contact for staff working at those events. Restrict public gatherings to fewer than 10 people for outdoor activities and require physical distancing of at least 6 feet between people and use of facial coverings. Costume masks are not sufficient.

Door-to-door trick or treating - It is difficult to maintain proper physical distancing on porches and at front doors, and sharing food is risky whether reaching into a shared candy bowl or being given candy by hand.

“Trunk or Treat” events - Where children go from car to car instead of door to door to receive treats. Even though it is outside, it is difficult to avoid crowding and contamination in candy bowls.

INSTEAD, DALLAS COUNTY EXPERTS RECOMMEND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR HAVING FUN AND ENJOYING HALLOWEEN WHILE PROTECTING YOUR HEALTH:

Online parties/contests such as costume or pumpkin carving.

Car parades where individuals do not congregate outside vehicles. Individuals in vehicles should be within households.

Halloween movie nights at home or drive-in theaters, which must comply with the public health drive-in movie theater guidance.

Halloween-themed meals at home or OUTDOOR seating at restaurants that comply with the safety protocols such as universal masking, physical distancing between parties/tables.

Dressing up homes and yards with **Halloween-themed decorations.**

Scavenger hunt style candy searches around your home or yard with household members.



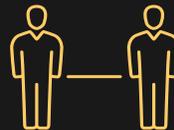
Organizations that normally hold Halloween events may consider activities such as curbside/drive-thru provision of candy to families.

**Contact should be limited, and individuals should stay masked.
Placement of items in a trunk to avoid contact is preferred.**

IF YOU DO GO OUT FOR HALLOWEEN, PLEASE REMEMBER:



Wear your mask and make sure it covers your nose AND mouth.



Watch your distance and remain at least 6 feet away from others.



Wash your hands frequently with either alcohol hand gel or soap and water.



Get your flu shot 2 weeks before Halloween to make sure you are protected.