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Riverside County health officials offer alternatives to traditional Halloween celebrations

California Health Officials Strongly Discourage Traditional Trick-or-Treat

As Riverside County residents prepare to celebrate Halloween, Riverside University Health System-Public Health (RUHS-PH) is encouraging the community to make this year's festivities as safe as possible by planning lower-risk online, at-home and car-based activities.

To limit the spread of COVID-19, the California Department of Public Health released [safety guidelines](#) strongly discouraging traditional trick-or-treating and asks families to plan safer alternatives. These alternative celebrations include a candy scavenger hunt at home, online pumpkin carving and costume contests, and car-based tours of Halloween displays. Riverside County health officials are following the state's guidance.

Families and individuals are also encouraged to check www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus for guidance on holiday celebrations.

RUHS-PH and state traffic officials offer these tips for drivers and those who are out walking:

- The days are getting shorter. Be visible and carry a flashlight or reflective vest if you are out at dusk or at night so drivers can see you.
- Stick to familiar, well-lit routes.
- Only cross the street at crosswalks or corners where it is safe. Always look left, right, then left again before crossing.

- If you are doing car-based tours of decorations, be extra alert for other vehicles backing out of driveways or leaving parking spaces.
- Watch for pedestrians and yield to them at all crosswalks.

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