



2020 Trick-or-Treating Guidelines

The City of Marquette is issuing the following recommended guidelines on trick-or-treating in the City of Marquette. Trick-or-treating is not cancelled; however, we strongly recommend residents adhere to safe practices as defined by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Center for Disease Control when trick-or-treating or distributing candy. Official trick-or-treating hours in the City of Marquette will be on Saturday, October 31st from 4-7 p.m.

Marquette County is currently at the second highest risk level (D) and the U.P. is at the highest risk level (E) in the rate of new cases of COVID-19.

Top recommendations for trick-or-treating:

- **Stay home** if you or a member of your household is sick or has symptoms of COVID-19.
- Only participate in one-way trick-or-treating. Explain it to your trick-or-treaters that this is safer than traditional trick-or-treating.
 - “One-way trick-or-treating” is where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard).
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations.
- Trick-or-treat only with the people you live with.
- Avoid congregating in groups around houses.
- Wear a face mask covering both your mouth and nose. A costume mask **is not** a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Only go to houses with safety measures in place.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, especially before eating or after coughing/sneezing, and as soon as you return home.
- Check out www.halloween2020.org to learn about alternative Halloween activities if you do not wish to take your children trick-or-treating

The top recommendation for passing out candy is to participate in one-way trick-or-treating! This is the safest way to pass out candy! If you choose not to follow one-way trick-or-treating, please follow these recommendations for passing out candy:

- **Do not** hand out candy if you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Turn your yard/porch light on to indicate you are participating.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose.
- Position a distribution table between yourself and trick-or-treaters.
- Distribute candy on disinfected table to eliminate direct contact.
- Wash hands often.
- Consider handing out candy outdoors in an open space where distancing is possible, rather than from the front door.

Opting Out

It is perfectly acceptable if you don't want to participate in passing out candy. To assist trick-or-treaters with respecting your wishes, please turn off your yard/porch light and consider posting a sign saying you are not participating this year. We would like to encourage anyone who is participating to turn on their porch light to help differentiate between houses that are and are not participating.

More Information

Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339--540429--,00.html>

www.Halloween2020.org

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