



Halloween Business Guidance

Halloween trick-or-treating is a time-honored celebration for many and an expression of the end of summer activities and the beginning of autumn. Gatherings on main-street, neighborhoods, parks, and parking lots (“trunk-or-treat”) are common and seem safe *because* they are outside. However, the health department **DOES NOT endorse or approve** any activity at this time that encourages crowds, mixed groups of people or settings where alcohol and drugs can encourage riskier behaviors that increase the likelihood of transmission. Delta County’s current variance does allow for indoor events of 175 persons and outdoor events of up to 250 persons. Detailed information can be found on our website (<http://deltacounty.com/694/Business-Guidance>).

We encourage our communities to think carefully about how you might lower the risk, not only for yourself and your family, but for those at-risk (elderly, immune-compromised, those with disabilities and chronic illnesses), including refraining from group gatherings altogether. **Current recommendations** for Delta County in the [Safer at Home Level 1](#) phase are:

- Plan a small get together, ideally outdoors, with family and close friends; limit to 25 guests.
- Help your neighborhood with proper social distancing and one-way flow by drawing directional arrows and 6-foot spacers.

If you choose to participate (as an individual or business), remember to wear a mask that fully covers your nose or mouth, wash your hands frequently, and maintain at least 6 feet of distance from people outside your household.

The prevention recommendations* below are for those businesses that choose to participate in trick-or-treat activities:

- Activities take place **outside ONLY**
- Anyone that is sick **should not participate** and should be sent home
- Facial coverings are **required** for everyone who participates
- Physical distancing measures have been put in place.
- Handwashing facility/sanitizers are **conspicuously placed** near the facility/location
- Physical barriers have been put in place to **limit the number of persons at any one time**
- One-way entry/exit** and directional walkways (when possible)
- High-touch equipment/supplies are **cleaned between use or eliminated** from use (i.e. opening doors, lids, or containers)
- Groups are limited** to <25 where possible at any time

How to manage the “trick-or-treat” area:

- Line up individually wrapped treats
- Use a slide, tube or pipe to “deliver” the treats in a creative way from a distance
- Limit the time spent in doorways or tight spaces
- Have plenty of clear signage to discourage participation without masks, grouping and lingering in entryways, crossed flow/movement
- Increase ventilation in sheltered areas with fans

Businesses are encouraged to use the **checklist above if they choose to open during trick-or-treating events in order to minimize the impact of potential disease transmission.*