



Dover Halloween Advisory

Halloween is an important and very social holiday. Because of COVID-19, though, it is important that Dover residents do their best this year to minimize the risk from social interactions during Halloween activities. The Dover Board of Health has several recommendations to help balance enjoyment of the holiday and the risks related to social contact.

★ Participate in Town-sponsored activities

- The Dover Parks and Recreation department is offering both virtual and in-person opportunities for Halloween fun in Dover this year.



Spooktacular Virtual Costume Contest

Entry deadline: 4:00PM on FRIDAY, 10/30/2020

Email your Halloween costume photos to Nicole in the Dover Parks & Rec office (ndicicco@doverrec.com) anytime until 4:00PM on FRIDAY, 10/30/2020 and EVERY ENTRY will receive a Halloween prize pack!
(Individual collection of prize packs will be arranged upon receipt of costume photo submissions.)

1st , 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be awarded on Halloween Day for three separate age groups:

- Pre-K through 1st grade
- 2nd through 4th grade
- 5th through 8th grade

AND for one group in the:

- Family category



Outdoor Pumpkin Decorating at the Caryl Community Center

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

LOCATION: Caryl Community Center

Dover residents are invited to join us for an afternoon of pumpkin decorating at the Caryl Community Center with family, friends and Dover neighbors!

Families will reserve the time-slot of their choice, and will be provided with their own family table, the number of pumpkins requested at sign-up and an individual family decorating kit. After decorating their pumpkins, children will then be given a bag of pre-packaged Halloween treats too!

Families must [pre-register](#) to reserve their table at pre-arranged times between 1:00pm-4:45pm

INCLUDED: 45 minutes of decorating at an individual family table with pumpkin and decorating kit provided for every registered child and followed by Halloween treat bags for registered participants!

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT: https://doverrec.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs

For more information on these Halloween events, or any of our other in-person and virtual programming opportunities, please visit: www.doverrec.com, [@doverrec](#) on Facebook, [@doverrecma](#) on Instagram, or [@doverrec](#) on Twitter.

★ Trick-or-treating

Trick-or-treating does carry some risk, and families that chose to trick-or-treat should follow the guidelines below to keep the risk as low as possible. Children who are trick-or-treating should:

- travel in cars and/or walk only with members of their own households, accompanied by an adult household member
- wear face masks, not costume masks
- maintain at least 6 feet of separation from non-household members
- line up and maintain social distance if there is more than one group at a given home



- if the resident of the home comes out to replenish candy, stand back at least 6 feet
- stay outdoors at all times
- be respectful and don't ring the doorbell at homes with no outdoor lights

Residents who welcome trick-or-treaters should:

- turn on outdoor lights
- greet children through a closed storm door or window
- place treats outdoors in individual bags and separate them in order to minimize crowding
- avoid opening the door to pass out treats
- when/if it becomes necessary to replenish bags of treats outdoors, wait until there are no people nearby to come outside, and wear a mask

Residents who do not want trick-or-treaters to come to the door should:

- turn off outdoor lights



★ **Middle and High Schoolers should limit social activities as much as possible!**

If socializing is unavoidable, parental oversight, mask-wearing, social distancing, being in very small groups, and being outdoors all help to reduce risk.

★ CDC Halloween guidance:
[Trick or Treating and Other Halloween Activities](#)

★ MA DPH Halloween guidance:
[News Halloween During COVID-19](#)

