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CITY OF FULTON ENCOURAGES HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING

HEALTH GUIDELINES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY

The City of Fulton and the Callaway County Health Department encourages families to celebrate Halloween in 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are steps everyone can take to ensure a fun, yet safe trick-or-treating experience. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released a list of recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and influenza.

For Residents Handing out Candy

- Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.
- Wash hands before handling treats.
- Wear a mask.

For Trick-or-Treaters

Wear A Mask

- Make your cloth mask part of your costume.
- A costume mask is NOT a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Do not wear a costume mask over a cloth mask. It can make breathing more difficult.
- Masks should NOT be worn by children under the age of two or anyone who has trouble breathing.

Wash Your Hands

- Bring hand sanitizer with you and use it after touching objects or other people.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Parents: supervise young children using hand sanitizer.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home and before you eat any treats.

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Keep Your Distance

- Stay at least six feet away from others who do not live with you
- Indoors and outdoors, you are more likely to get or spread COVID-19 when you are in close contact with others for a long time.

In addition to special COVID-19 related suggestions, there are other basic tips everyone trick-or-treating should take to ensure safety:

- An adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds. If older children are going alone, plan and review a route that is acceptable. Agree on a specific time when they should return home and make sure everyone has a flashlight with batteries.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on.
- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- Use reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. (If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.)
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will.

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