



PRESS RELEASE

TRICK OR TREAT

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In consultation with the Marathon County Health Department and other municipalities in Marathon County, Wausau has agreed to designate October 31 from 4pm to 7pm as the hours for those who chose to trick or treat this Halloween.

That doesn't mean it's safe or appropriate for all families to participate. It also doesn't mean families should stop following best practices when it comes to COVID-19.

If you decided to participate in trick or treating this year, make sure you do it safely. That means:

- Turn off your porch light if you don't want to participate
- Do not participate at all if you are sick
- Large gatherings and events are not recommended
- Stay in your own neighborhood
- Limit contacts
- Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose
- Stay six feet apart from others and don't crowd on porches
- No in-person contact is recommended – consider grab and go options like candy or goody bags spaced out on a table
- Be respectful of those who are not participating

The safest Halloween option for all families is to stay home. You can still celebrate by hosting a virtual costume party or contest with your family and friends, decorating your yard, or watching scary movies together.

For more information please see the following resources:

- Marathon County Health Department's Halloween Guidance ->
<https://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/HLD/Documents/covid-halloween-guidance-light-09-24-2020.pdf>
- CDC Trick or Treating and Other Halloween Activities Guidelines ->
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/halloween.html>
- DHS COVID-19: Decision Tool for Individuals and Families ->
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/decision.htm>

Stay safe and healthy, Wausau.