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#### Health Department, Emergency Services Offer Halloween Safety Tips County Provides Listing of Trick or Treat Times

**PITTSBURGH –** The departments of Health and Emergency Services today offered the following Halloween safety tips for trick or treaters of all ages.

"With Halloween approaching, many people are seeking guidance on how to celebrate as safely as possible," said Dr. Debra L. Bogen, Director of the Health Department. "Children can enjoy the holiday provided that they follow much of the guidance that we have been recommending throughout this pandemic."

**Practice Physical Distancing**: If you're out trick-or-treating, try to avoid crowds and maintain six feet of separation.

**Wear a Properly Fitted Mask**: Masks should cover your mouth and nose and should fit snugly so there are no gaps around the edges. Masks with a nose pinch are helpful to keep the mask from sliding down the nose. The best masks feature a tight-knit material to help prevent respiratory droplets from passing through the mask. An open weave doesn't fulfill the function of trapping large respiratory droplets that could contain the coronavirus, and are spread through coughing, talking and sneezing.

**Distribute Candy Safely**: If you're giving out Halloween treats, remember what many people did last year, which is to have containers of treats outside for children to select from so that you're not coming into close contact with everyone who knocks on your door.

**Host/Attend Halloween Parties Outdoor**: If you're attending or hosting a Halloween party, remember that outdoors is better than indoors. If you have to be indoors, try to leave windows and doors open to increase air circulation.

"Protecting oneself from the coronavirus is only part of the consideration for celebrating Halloween safely. Halloween costume and traffic safety measures still apply for trick-or-treaters," added Chief Matt Brown of Emergency Services. "I have seen a death as a result of a very dark costume and no recognition for the need of safety. Our first responders want to join in the fun while keeping their community safe and happy, but we need everyone to help us do that."

**Choose a Costume That Won't Cause Safety Hazards**: Costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant. If children will be out after dark, fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks. Opt for nontoxic makeup and remove it before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.

**Beware of Traffic**: Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Many communities have police, fire and other emergency responders out during trick-or-treat hours to provide additional safety measures. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night plays a factor in safety. Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends. Put electronic devices down, and keep hands up and walk, don't run, across the street.

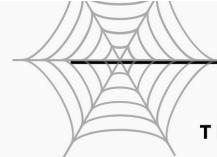
**Follow Basic Safety Tips**: A responsible adult should accompany young children. If older children are going alone, plan and review a route that is acceptable. Agree on a specific time that children should return home. Teach children never to enter a stranger's home or car. Tell children not to eat any treats until they return home and an adult is able to look at what they've received. Also remind any child with an allergy to take care to avoid any food that may impact them.

**Motorists**: Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs. Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully. Watch for children in dark clothing. New, inexperienced drivers should refrain from driving on Halloween.

Last but not least, have fun! Residents should ask for help if they need it and listen to the many emergency responders who will be out to ensure that everyone is safe during trick or treating.

Looking for a treat? Following are the list of trick-or-treat times and other Halloween events by municipality. Any community not listed did not provide the information to the county. Unless otherwise noted, the date of trick or treat is Sunday, October 31, 2021.





CASTLE SHANNON 6 TO 8 PM HALLOWEEN PARADE - OCT. 24 AT 1 PM

6 TO 8 PM

5 TO 7 PM

CLAIRTON OCTOBER 30 - 6 TO 8 PM CITY HALL TREAT DISTRIBUTION - 5-6 PM

> COLLIER 6 TO 8 PM

CRESCENT 6 TO 7:30 PM

> DORMONT 6 TO 8 PM

6 TO 8 PM

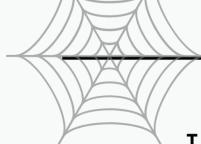
ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP 6 TO 8 PM PARADE & FESTIVAL - OCT. 23 AT 11 AM MUNICIPAL BUILDING

> **ETNA** 5 TO 8 PM

FINDLAY OCTOBER 30 - 6 TO 8 PM

> FOX CHAPEL 6 TO 8 PM

FRAZER October 30 - 5 to 8 pm



GREEN TREE 6 TO 8 PM

HAMPTON 6 TO 9 PM PARADE - OCT. 23 AT 1 PM HAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTER

> HARMAR 5 TO 7 PM

HARRISON OCTOBER 30 - 6 TO 8 PM

> INDIANA 6 TO 8 PM

JEFFERSON HILLS 6 TO 8 PM

KENNEDY October 30 - 6 to 8 pm

> KILBUCK 6 TO 9 PM

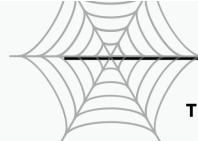
> LEET 6 TO 8 PM

LINCOLN TRUNK-OR-TREAT 3 TO 5 PM LINCOLN FIREMAN'S SOCIAL HALL

> MARSHALL 6 TO 8 PM

MILLVALE 5:30 TO 8 PM

MONROEVILLE 6 TO 8 PM



**MOON** 6 TO 7:30 PM

MT. LEBANON 6 TO 8 PM

MUNHALL 6 TO 7:30 PM

NORTH VERSAILLES 6 TO 8 PM

OAKDALE 6 TO 8 PM PARADE - OCT. 31 AT 5:30 PM TRAIL NEAR HELICON

> OAKMONT 6 TO 8 PM

**0'HARA** 6 TO 8 PM

PINE 6 TO 8 PM TRUNK-OR-TREAT - OCT. 23 PINE COMMUNITY CENTER, 2 SESSIONS REGISTRATION REQUIRED

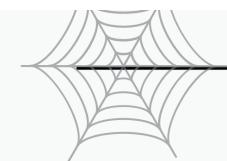
6 TO 8 PM

5 TO 7 PM

PLEASANT HILLS 6 TO 8 PM

RANKIN 6 TO 8 PM TRUNK-OR-TREAT - OCT. 28 AT 5 PM RANKIN CHRISTIAN CENTER, 4TH STREET

> ROBINSON 6 TO 8 PM



**ROSS** 6 TO 8 PM

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SCOTT 6 TO 8 PM

SEWICKLEY HILLS 6 TO 8 PM

SOUTH FAYETTE 6 TO 8 PM

> SOUTH PARK 6 TO 8 PM

TURTLE CREEK 6 TO 7:30 PM

VERONA

6 TO 8 PM TRUNK-OR-TREAT - OCT. 29 AT 4 PM MOVIE & CANNED FOOD DRIVE- 6:30 PM FARMER'S MARKET AT RAILROAD PARK PARADE - OCT. 30 AT 11 AM RAILROAD PARK

> VERSAILLES 6 TO 8 PM

WEST HOMESTEAD 6 TO 7:30 PM

WEST VIEW 6 TO 8 PM PARADE - OCT. 25 AT 7 PM PERRY HIGHWAY/HIGHLAND AVENUE

> WHITAKER 6 TO 7:30 PM



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