

SHEPPARD AFB HALLOWEEN 2020

These events are sanctioned by the Installation Commander and will look different than previous years.

Intent: Have fun and celebrate while implementing mitigation strategies to keep our community safe.

Action: Before you go to an event, consider the risks and utilize smart mitigation strategies and established parameters to keep yourself safe. **Use good judgement and have fun!**

Trick-or-Treating in Sheppard Housing – 31 Oct 2020 from 1700 - 2000:

- **ALL SHEPPARD HOUSING PARTICIPANTS WILL HAND OUT CANDY FROM DRIVEWAYS.** Handing out candy from your door as done in the past is NOT authorized due to safety concerns.
- Families are encouraged to participate in the time blocks below. The intent is to help keep a smooth and steady flow and avoid gatherings. If you have multiple ages, feel free to choose the block that works for you.
 - Ages 0 – 9: 1700 – 1830
 - Ages 10 – High School: 1830 – 2000

Patrons:

- Face coverings will be worn at all times
- Participate in trick-or-treat with small groups (Ring 1 / household members)
- Avoid crowds, distance from others
- Travel in accordance with designated traffic / pedestrian routes
- Costumes with masks will contain a proper face covering to function as a barrier for safety
- Use good hand hygiene, sanitize often
- Participating houses **will distribute candy from their driveways.** Do not go to the door, if not in the driveway, they are not participating.
- Let candy sit once returning home; have candy available at home that you purchased while the candy collected sits for a couple of days.

Candy / Treats Preparation:

- Individually packaged products only
- Factory-wrapped treats, no homemade foods / candies
- Preparer washes hands prior to opening packages; hand sanitize frequently
- Store in easy access container for minimal contact during distribution

Candy / Treats Distribution:

- **DISTRIBUTION WILL ONLY OCCUR FROM YOUR DRIVEWAY**
 - o Allows for plenty of space to spread out as necessary
- Wear face covering at all times
- Designate one person (preferably an adult) to pass out candy
- Do not leave open bowl out for all to access / pre-stage individual servings on a table
- Distribute individually. Options to help increase safety would be to use tongs to distribute
- Hand Sanitize often – consider offering hand sanitizer to those getting candy as well
- Avoid hand to hand exchanges, drop treats in bags / containers

Candy Pick-up:

- Wear face covering at all times
- Not all houses will be comfortable participating, if not in driveway they are not participating
- Travel in small groups, minimize gatherings
- Accept candy from individual distributing; Do not take candy by reaching into bowls

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- Hold out bag / container for candy / treats to be dropped in, avoid hand to hand exchanges
- Once home, let candy rest for a couple of days prior to enjoying
 - o To alleviate candy concerns, have candy additional candy available to enjoy upon returning home while candy collected rests

Trick or Treating off base:

- Wear face covering at all times
- All parameters above apply
- Stay in one neighborhood that you are familiar with (families you already now)
- Consider houses not affiliated with Sheppard AFB may not implement similar strategies

Trunk or Treat:

- Wear face covering at all times
- Follow all parameters listed above
- Have cars spaced out at least 10 feet
- Manage flow of traffic through to minimize congestion / lines
- Designate one person to hand out candy
- Hand sanitize often
- Distribute individually. An option to increase safety is to use tongs to distribute.

Hayrides / corn mazes / apple orchards / pumpkin patches:

- Wear face covering at all times
- Limit if possible to ring 1 / household. If not possible distance from others
- Hand sanitize often
- Utilize cashless payment when possible
- Bring containers for storage
- Wash hands after handling produce
- Wash produce prior to eating/handling

Haunted Houses: NOT AUTHORIZED.

- High risk due to slow moving gatherings through typically tight spaces and yelling / screaming
- Crowding at entrances / waiting in line. Entering houses / facilities increases risk of exposure.

SAFETY REMINDER:

We are ALL counting on YOU to make wise choices. Enjoy trick or treating but don't be fooled...COVID-19 is real! Our ability to adhere to these measures will drive future holiday decisions for the installation. Don't be the gremlin that spoils the fun!



FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, CONTACT YOUR ORGANIZATIONS RECOVERY WORKING GROUP MEMBER.