

Trick-or-treating hours in Oswego expanded to 2:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31

Take precautions to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread

The Village of Oswego is encouraging all residents to choose safer ways of celebrating Halloween this year to help stop the spread of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Centers for Disease Control has identified traditional trick-or-treating has a high-risk activity that can promote the spread of COVID-19. Therefore the Village of Oswego

encourages residents to make a conscious decision this year on whether or not to participate in trick-or-treating.



Residents who wish to participate in trick-or-treating this year are encouraged to abide by the following guidelines to reduce the risk of community spread:

- If you or someone in your house is ill, do not go trick-or-treating or give out candy to trick-or-treaters.
- Wear a face mask. Face masks that are a part of Halloween costumes will not protect you or others from coronavirus particles as effectively as a regular cloth or surgical face mask.
- Stay at least six feet apart from other trick-or-treaters not in your household.
- Do not visit homes that are not participating in trick-or-treating. Residents should turn their porch light on if they are participating, and off if they are not.
- Parents should accompany children to ensure that trick-or-treaters are following appropriate health and safety guidelines.
- Consider facilitating one-way trick-or-treating. Place individually wrapped treats out on a table near the sidewalk or at the end of your driveway for children to grab and go.
- Trick or treating hours, which are typically from 3:30 to 8 p.m. in Oswego, have been expanded from 2:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, to allow trick-or-treaters the ability to space out further.

Trick-or-treating alternatives

Residents are encouraged to celebrate with lower-risk activities, like pumpkin carving, decorating, scary movie nights, and scavenger hunts with people in your household. The CDC has issued guidance for families on safer ways to celebrate on its website.