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Trick or Treat Guidance Document

The Trumbull County Combined Health District, Warren City Health District and the EOC have drafted this guidance document so that a mechanism could be developed and provided to the political subdivisions in Trumbull County for a safe distribution of candy and treats to the Trick or Treaters during COVID.

This guidance document was drafted locally, and is designed to help curb the spread of COVID-19. It may be reassessed and updated should the county's risk level be elevated under the state's Ohio Public Health Advisory Alert System.

- **Trick or Treat Date & Time:**

We are recommending that all political subdivisions hold their Trick or Treat on the same day and time, Saturday, October 31st, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, to limit the amount of Trick or Treaters going from community to community.

- **Methods of Treat Distribution:**

- **Option 1 – Drive Thru**

- This option, in our opinion, is one of the safest methods, as individuals would not be getting out of their vehicles. They would drive to a select location(s), chosen by the political subdivision, where treats would be distributed by city/village/township personnel and/or volunteers, and the Trick or Treater participants would remain in their vehicle at all times, and should be family members living in the same household.
- **Health Assessments:** *(Please See the Symptom Checker at the End of this Document)*
 - The workers/volunteers distributing the candy/treats, need to conduct a health assessment for COVID-19. If any symptoms are noted, the individual should not participate in the distribution of candy/treats.
 - All participants (parents, guardians & Trick or Treaters) in a vehicle should conduct a health assessment for COVID-19, and if any symptoms are noted, they should not attend/participate in the Trick or Treat Drive Thru.
- **Social Distancing:**
 - Workers/volunteers who are distributing candy/treats should maintain a 6-foot minimum distance as much as possible during the event.

- **Face Coverings:**
 - Workers/volunteers must wear face masks or facial covering that covers the nose and mouth while preparing the candy/treats and during distribution to comply with the state's mask orders.
 - If participants in the vehicle are not family members living in the same household, individuals would need to have facial covering (mask or face covering that cover the nose and mouth), to comply with the state's mask orders.

- **Hand Hygiene:**
 - Workers/volunteers who are boxing and/or distributing candy/treats should wash their hands and sanitize them with an FDA approved hand sanitizer as often as possible, especially after making contact with high touch surfaces, such as door handles.
 - Participants of the event should also wash their hands and sanitize them with an FDA approved hand sanitizer as often as possible, especially after making contact with high touch surfaces, such as door handles.
 - For anyone distributing candy/treats, it is not recommended that Trick or Treaters be allowed to reach in to a bowl of candy/treats to take their own, unless the candy/treats are placed in individual baggies and they can be picked up one at a time without touching the other baggies.

- **Mass Gathering:**
 - Workers/volunteers should not exceed 10 persons.
 - Participants are not to get out of their vehicles during the event.

- **Option 2 – Traditional Door-to-Door Trick or Treating**
 - **Health Assessment:** *(Please See the Symptom Checker at the End of this Document)*
 - All Trick or Treaters, parents or guardians escorting Trick or Treaters should conduct a health assessment for COVID-19 according to the protocol, and stay home if they are exhibiting any symptoms.
 - Household members who are passing out candy/treats must also conduct a health assessment for COVID-19, and if they are exhibiting any symptoms, should not pass out candy/treats.

 - **Social Distancing:**
 - Trick or Treaters should stay in groups by household, and not co-mingle with others as much as possible.
 - Household groups must also maintain a 6-foot distance from other Trick or Treaters as much as possible.
 - As a homeowner passes out candy/treats, it is recommended that they be handed out one at a time, and that a distance of 6 feet is maintained.

- **Face Coverings:**
 - Per the state mask orders, in an outdoor location, where social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained, masks shall be worn; therefore, if you live in an area where there is a high volume of Trick or Treaters, face covering that covers the nose and mouth must be worn. This would include when going up to the door.

- **Hand Hygiene:**
 - Trick or Treaters, parents and guardians should wash their hands and use a FDA approved hand sanitizer prior to going out, and also carry hand sanitizer with them to periodically sanitize their hands, especially after making contact with high touch surfaces.
 - Homeowners distributing candy/treats should also wash their hands and use a FDA approved hand sanitizer, and periodically sanitize their hands, especially after making contact with high touch surfaces, such as when opening & closing the door.
 - It is not recommended that a homeowner leave out a bowl of candy/treats for Trick or Treaters to reach in and take their own, unless the candy/treats are placed in individual baggies and they can be picked up one at a time without touching the other baggies.

- **Option 3 - Trunk or Treat: This is the least desirable method of distribution because of the need to limit the group gathering to 10.**
 - **Health Assessments:** *(Please See the Symptom Checker at the End of this Document)*
 - The workers/volunteers distributing the candy/treats, need to conduct a health assessment for COVID-19. If any symptoms are noted, the individual should not participate in the distribution of candy/treats.
 - All participants (parents, guardians & Trick or Treaters) in a vehicle should conduct a health assessment for COVID-19, and if any symptoms are noted, they should not attend/participate in the Trick or Treat Drive Thru.

 - **Social Distancing:**
 - A distance of 6 feet must be maintained between groups during the event. In addition, according to the state's mass gathering order that is in effect at this time, there can be no more than 10 attending the event at one time, including those distributing candy/treats; therefore, a "waiting area" would need to be designated for other groups waiting to participate. To control the flow, participants must stay in the vehicles until it is time for their group.

- **Face Coverings:**
 - Anyone participating in this type of event must wear face masks or facial covering that covers the nose and mouth while preparing the candy/treats and during distribution to comply with the state’s mask orders.
 - Trick or Treaters and their parent or guardian must also wear a face mask or facial covering that covers the nose and mouth during the event.

- **Hand Hygiene:**
 - Workers/volunteers who are boxing and/or distributing candy/treats should wash their hands and sanitize them with an FDA approved hand sanitizer as often as possible, especially after making contact with high touch surfaces, such as door handles.
 - Participants of the event should also wash their hands and sanitize them with an FDA approved hand sanitizer as often as possible, especially after making contact with high touch surfaces, such as door handles.
 - Bowls should not be left out for Trick or Treaters to take their own candy/treats, unless they are in individual baggies and are placed in a way that they can be taken without touching other bagged candy/treats.



You may have COVID-19 if you:

Have one or both of these symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing

Have at least two of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat

Symptoms may be mild or severe and may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

