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Health Department Recommends Peabody Residents Follow State Guidelines for Halloween Safety

October 5, 2020 - The Peabody Health Department is recommending that residents follow state guidelines for a safe and healthy Halloween this year.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health released the following “Tips for a Safe and Healthy Halloween” which include:

- Wear a face mask or face covering. For more information on face masks and face coverings, please see the state’s [Mask Up MA](#) webpage. A Halloween mask is not a substitute for a face covering.
- Observe good hand hygiene, including hand washing and use of alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol. Carry hand sanitizer and use it often, especially after coming into contact with frequently touched surfaces and before eating candy. Wait until you get home and wash your hands before eating candy.
- Stay home and refrain from Halloween activities, including handing out Halloween treats, if:
 - you feel unwell;
 - you have tested positive for COVID-19;
 - you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19; or
 - you have traveled to or from a state that is not classified as lower risk within the last 14 days. For more information on lower risk states, please see the state’s COVID-19 Travel Order webpage.
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet of physical distance from all other participants who are not members of the same household.
- If possible, keep events small and outdoors.

For additional tips, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>.

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