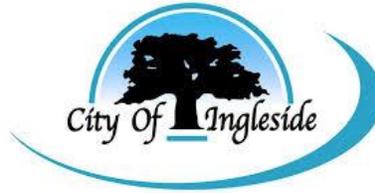


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A HALLOWEEN MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RONNIE PARKER

October 30, 2020

As Halloween approaches, I have received many inquiries as to what our residents can and can not do on Halloween.

I have not issued any Orders that would restrict our children from participating in Trick or Treating or celebrating Halloween this year, however we all need to set some strict parameters to keep both kids and adults safe and prevent Halloween from becoming a COVID-19 spreader.

I hope Halloween will bring some semblance or normalcy to our community. The Coronavirus pandemic might be changing Halloween 2020, but it is still possible to celebrate this spooky holiday safely.

Traditional Halloween celebrations often involve crowds, close contact, and activities in closed spaces. Outdoor activities are recommended. Please wear masks that cover the nose and mouth. Costume masks are not an acceptable substitute for cloth or disposable masks. Please respect social distancing guidelines and wash hands frequently. While out, please move in small groups and keep your group a safe distance from other groups as you go.

If you will be handing out candy, it is recommended that you wash your hands and spread the candy out on a table, where each child can take a piece and go—or prepare small grab bags of candy to put out, and set the table out at the end of your driveway.

And of course, if you or anyone you've been exposed to recently has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, you should not participate.

Taking these key steps of wearing a mask, keeping our distance, gathering in small groups outdoors, and washing our hands, we can provide our children a safe and Happy Halloween this year.

2020 has given us enough tricks, but there's never enough spooky treats for the little ghouls and monsters.

I hope all of you have a safe and Happy Halloween!

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