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## Halloween Safety Tips



Friday, October 30, 2020

The City of Coral Gables Police Department is providing the below tips from the CDC on how to safely proceed with Halloween Trick-or-Treating.

Make trick-or-treating safer:

- Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.
- Wash hands before handling treats.


Wear a mask:


- Make your cloth mask part of your costume.
- A costume mask is **not** a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Do **NOT** wear a costume mask over a cloth mask. It can make breathing more difficult.
- Masks should **NOT** be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing


Wash your hands:

- Bring hand sanitizer with you and use it after touching objects or other people.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Parents: supervise young children using hand sanitizer.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home and before you eat any treats.

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Because of historically large crowds congregating in certain neighborhoods and to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors, Coral Gables Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli has declared the following which shall be effective Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 12 a.m. until Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 8 a.m.:

1. Santa Maria Street and all roads in Cocoplum shall be closed to pedestrian traffic associated with Halloween activities. "Halloween activities" include but are not limited to trick-or-treating and congregating in costume or Halloween-themed clothing.
2. The pedestrian closure shall not apply to residents of Santa Maria or Cocoplum.
3. Santa Maria Streets shall be closed to vehicular traffic except for residents of the street and their guests.
4. Cocoplum shall be closed to vehicular traffic except for such traffic by residents of Cocoplum or their verified guests. The verification shall be performed by the guardhouse employee on duty at the time.
5. Enforcement. Violations of this order may be enforced with the following procedures: Verbal warning, Written Warning, Code Enforcement/Civil Citation of \$100, or Arrest.


Stay at least 6-feet away from others who do not live with you as you are more likely to get or spread COVID-19 when you are in close contact with others for a long time.


Happy Halloween!

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