

City of Darien Guidance on Halloween Celebrations

The City of Darien has, over past years adopted the stance that parents are the best judges of their children's participation in Halloween activities. Under the current conditions brought about by our dealing with the Coronavirus, the City is once again taking the stance that parents need to make the decision as to whether or not their children engage in any form of Halloween activity. The only change this year is that we recommend that parents take the following precautionary measures:

- Have their child wear a face mask verses a Halloween face mask;
- Have their child wear gloves as part of their Halloween outfit;
- Monitor their child if they are participating in "Trick or Treating."

For households participating in "Trick or Treating," we ask those individuals to wear facemasks as children visit their homes. We also advise them to wear gloves, and only provide children with candy items that are pre-sealed when purchased.

For those households that choose not to participate in "Trick or Treating," we advise them to turn off their porch/coach lights or simply put a note on their door stating that they are not participating in the Trick or Treating event.

Please note, that while these items serve as our current guidelines to parents regarding the Halloween celebration, the State of Illinois may restrict participation in various Halloween events through their development of guidelines issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). If the state does issue guidelines that conflict with our stated practices, we will communicate that information through our Darien Direct Connect and each of our other social media outlets.

Again, we believe these decisions are best made by parents, and we only advise that each family practices this holiday with the health and safety of all of our children as their main goal.