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As of today, October 28, 2020, Westwood remains a “Lower Risk” community for COVID-19 transmission as determined by the Governor’s Phase 3 guidance. In terms of gatherings, the Board of Health advises that no resident hosts or attends any Halloween parties or gatherings outside of immediate household members this year.

One-way Trick or Treating is a moderate risk activity according to CDC, so those who chose to participate in Trick or Treating this year should take the following precautions.

#### **For Trick or Treaters:**

- Only visit homes that have prepared “goodie bags” or treats spaced out on a table. Avoid reaching into bowls.
- Only members of immediate households should visit tables one at a time. All others should to maintain six feet apart from other groups and individuals at all times.
- Sanitize your hands frequently during your trip. Avoid touching more than 1 goodie bag at a table.
- Wear an approved face covering during your trip—please note, a costume mask does not count as an approved face covering.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after you return home.

#### **For Hosts handing out candy:**

- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after filling bags.
- Place the bags or treats spaced out on a table, in your driveway or porch.
- Stay six feet apart from all trick or treaters and wear your face covering whenever you go outside to refill treats

As a final reminder, no one should participate in Halloween this year if they are experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms, have been diagnosed with COVID 19, or have been in close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

To view our information graphic on Halloween safety visit [www.townhall.westwood.ma.us](http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us) and click the link at the top of the banner. Have a safe and happy Halloween.

Thank you,  
Jared Orsini  
Westwood Health Director