

TRICK-OR-TREAT 2020 GUIDELINES

*For the Villages of
La Grange,
La Grange Park,
Western Springs
& the City of Countryside*



Trick-or-Treating hours this year are Saturday, October 31st from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The CDC released alternative ways to participate in Halloween to protect communities from COVID-19 ([click here](#)). Consistent with that list and IDPH Guidelines ([click here](#)), the Village/City suggests that residents consider modifying trick-or-treating by providing individually wrapped treats placed on a clean surface (folding table), picked up by families at a safe distance, like at the edge of a driveway or yard.

Trick or Treaters

- If you're sick, stay home.
- Trick or treat with immediate family only.
- Remain 6 feet away from anyone you don't live with.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and your nose (wear a face mask under other costume masks).
- Sanitize hands frequently while out trick-or-treating, especially before eating treats.

Events & Gatherings

The IDPH issued guidelines for gatherings ([click here](#)):

- Haunted houses are not allowed under Phase 4.
- Gatherings of more than 50 people or 50% of a building's max occupancy are prohibited.
- If you think you have been exposed, take extra precaution for 14 days and consider staying home and getting tested.

Parents & Guardians

- If you are sick, stay home.
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations.
- Discuss it before going out and be sure to make sure they are following the guidelines throughout the night.
- Help young trick-or-treaters stay on the right side of the walkway to be sure they're leaving distance between them and people walking the other direction.
- Carry a flashlight at night and be sure children have reflective clothing.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and your nose.
- Wash your hands as soon as you return home. Make sure children are sanitizing their hands frequently throughout the night.
- Inspect your children's candy for anything out of the ordinary before they eat it.

Homeowners

- Do not hand out candy if you are sick.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your nose and your mouth.
- Consider marking 6-foot lines on the sidewalk in front of your home and leading to your driveway/front door to help small visitors know how far apart they should stand.
- Place a distribution table or some other barrier between yourself and visiting trick-or-treaters to ensure they remain 6 feet away.
- Distribute candy on a disinfected table or use some other method to eliminate direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Wash or sanitize your hands often throughout the night.
- If you do not wish to participate in Trick-or-Treating, please place a note near the front stoop/entryway for visitors to see or turn your porch light off.

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