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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL USAFA PERSONNEL

FROM: 10 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: USAFA Installation Halloween Activities Guidance

1. As you make the decision to participate in Halloween activities this month, I encourage you to find safe ways to strengthen connections while staying mindful of our current environment. To ensure the health and safety of our families and community, please remain cognizant of high-risk COVID activities, follow all Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and ensure preventive measures are implemented.

2. Any events held on the U.S. Air Force Academy (to include base housing areas) must comply with the following CDC and city safety guidelines:

a. Protective masks must be worn by all participants; Halloween masks alone are not sufficient.

b. Members not from the same household must remain socially distanced by at least 6 feet. Installation-hosted Halloween events must mark queue spots for attendees.

c. Trick or treating will be allowed from 1700-2000 on Saturday, 31 October 2020. The following modifications will be adhered to:

(1) Individually wrapped treats lined up at the end of the driveway or yard for families to grab and go, while maintaining social distancing.

(2) Use of 6 foot long tables, plastic slides, cardboard tubes, or plastic pipes to deliver candy from a distance.

(3) Other low and moderate risk activities modifications and activities as contained in CDC guidance are permitted.

d. Trunk-or-Treat activities are approved, so long as they adhere to the guidance outlined in Section 2. c. (1-3) of this memo.

e. The high risk activities listed below will not be permitted:

(1) Traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children in open door ways.

(2) Trunk-or-Treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars.

(3) Indoor costume parties, haunted houses, hayrides, and similar activities involving groups of individuals from multiple households.

3. Adherence to these guidelines is paramount as we continue our fight against COVID-19. Thank you for your continued support and I wish you and your families fun and safe Halloween activities!

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Commander

Attachment
Halloween CDC Guidance

Halloween (Center for Disease Control Guidance for 2020)

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween. If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

Lower risk activities

These lower risk activities can be safe alternatives:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with
- Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house

Moderate risk activities

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)
 - If you are preparing goodie bags, [wash your hands](#) with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the bags.
- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart
- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
 - A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.
 - Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

- Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest where appropriate mask use is enforced, and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
 - If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing
- Having an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends with people spaced at least 6 feet apart
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 - Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on [hosting gatherings or cook-outs](#).

Higher risk activities

Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door
- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household
- Using [alcohol or drugs](#), which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors
- Traveling to a [rural](#) fall festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19