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Summit Police Department Issues Safe Halloween Celebrations Guidance

SUMMIT, NJ, October 8, 2020 – The Summit Police Department is issuing guidance received from the New Jersey Department of Health for safe Halloween 2020 celebrations. As New Jersey continues to respond to increasing cases of the COVID-19 coronavirus, recommendations for adapting traditional celebrations and considerations for ways to celebrate Halloween safely are listed below.

For children who will be trick-or-treating:

- Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose when trick-or-treating and giving candy; Costume masks do not count;
- Limit your group to current household members;
- Maintain a distance of six feet from others not in your household;
- Use hand sanitizer frequently;
- Limit the number of homes on your route. Do not go inside homes. Do not ring door bells or knock on doors;
- Only accept candy that is in factory sealed packaging;
- Wipe down wrapped candy before opening; and
- Always be careful crossing the street, wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight.

For households:

- Turn off your porch light if you do not want trick-or-treaters;
- Stay outdoors when giving out treats;
- Wear a mask, wash your hands and use hand sanitizer before and after passing out candy; Disposable gloves are an option too;
- Limit close contact with trick-or-treaters; and
- Arrange treats so that children may grab and go without accessing a shared bowl.

As a reminder, no one should participate in Halloween activities if they or a household member have a known exposure to COVID-19, and are sick or symptomatic, or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not yet met the criteria for discontinuing isolation.

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