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### **Champaign, Urbana, and Champaign County Announce 2021 Trick-or-Treat Hours**

CHAMPAIGN - The Cities of Champaign and Urbana and Champaign County have set Trick-or-Treat hours for Halloween, including tips to make the holiday safer for everyone. Trick-or-treating in Champaign and Urbana will be held on Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Once again this year, area residents are encouraged to take appropriate health and safety precautions, including avoiding large groups and practicing social distancing if handing out candy or going door to door trick-or-treating. In consultation with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, the following safety tips are recommended for those who choose to participate in trick-or-treating while the COVID-19 pandemic continues, and small children are not yet eligible to be vaccinated:

- Individuals participating in trick-or-treating, including those passing out candy, should practice social distancing and avoid spending time in large crowds whenever possible.
- Face coverings are optional when trick-or-treating outdoors but should be worn for any events held indoors. A costume mask, such as those worn for Halloween, is not a substitute for a face covering. If face coverings are worn under costume masks, please ensure this does not create breathing problems, and if so, discard the costume mask.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer should be carried and used frequently.
- Candy collected during trick-or-treating should not be consumed until after participants wash their hands. As always, a parent or guardian should check all candy to make sure it is securely wrapped and safe to consume.

The Champaign County Board approved specific rules/guidelines/hours, which the cities of Urbana and Champaign have historically agreed to. Specifically, Halloween/Trick-or-Treat will be held on October 31, regardless of what day of the week it is. The rules also state if October 31 falls on a weekend that trick-or-treat hours will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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