



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 26, 2020

TO: **Businesses, community groups, and others who are considering hosting holiday events that may lead to gatherings**

FROM: **COVID Command Center, Information and Guidance Branch**

RE: **Safer Holiday and Halloween Tips for Community Groups**

The following information serves as a reminder to businesses, community groups, and others who are considering hosting holiday events of what is permitted and how to make holiday celebrations safer.

- **Avoid large gatherings:** In accordance with both State and County restrictions, social gatherings are limited to up to three households with a maximum of 25 total people, and must remain outdoors. If food or drink are involved, then outdoor social gatherings are limited to up to three households with a maximum of 6 total people. Free-form events that may lead to gatherings during holiday celebrations are discouraged because there are no mechanisms to ensure adequate social distancing, mixing of households, and face covering compliance. Street gatherings, events, contests, fairs, or festivals such as those that might take place in parks or closed streets are not permitted at this time, even if a street has been closed to support local economic activity.
- **Indoor gatherings are prohibited.** The State and County prohibit indoor social gatherings at this time because the risk of COVID-19 transmission is MUCH greater indoors. See www.sfcddcp.org/indoorrisk
- **Childcare/Out of School Time Programs:** Childcare and Out of School Time programs can host holiday-themed activities while youth are in their regularly scheduled programming with their stable cohort of 14 youth and two adults.
- **Consider new ways to celebrate Halloween traditions:** Have a virtual costume contest, or pumpkin carving contest. If you gather with other households, meet outside and with only two other households.
- **Provide goodies for families.** Consider providing bags with candy, stickers, pumpkins or art projects for families to work on at home. Consider including things like face masks and hand sanitizer.
- **Keep masks on:** Remind families to wear face coverings, and to incorporate a face covering into their costume! Wearing face coverings when outside of the home keeps everyone safer.
- **Maintain social distance:** Door to door trick or treating poses an increased risk of community transmission. Don't use closed streets or parks to convene unauthorized gatherings, or encourage households to gather. Just Add Music permits should not be used to convene social gatherings.
- **Find out more** on our full Safer Halloween Tip Sheet posted at: www.sfcddcp.org/safersocial