HAPPY HALLOWEEN from Amador County Public Health

Halloween can still be celebrated safely despite COVID-19. Here are our COVID-19 related and general recommendations for a safe October 31st:

<u>Face Coverings</u>: Wear a face covering if those around you are not vaccinated or if it's unknown. Masks are recommended for all indoor public settings. Have your child select their own face covering and decorate it to have it match the costume.

<u>Know Your Risk Level:</u> If you or a family member is at high risk for getting severely ill from COVID-19, you might consider choosing low risk activities and skipping some events all together. Outdoor events are typically safer than those indoors. You are encouraged to stay local.

<u>Prepare for Trick-or-Treaters:</u> In an outdoor area such as a porch or driveway: set up a table to hand out candy using a candy-grabber or tongs; make treat bags and hang them from streamers outside; or place a bowl of candy and bottle of hand sanitizer at the end of the driveway/walkway. Wear a face covering around others and practice hand hygiene.

<u>Celebrate Creatively:</u> To lower risk, host a virtual Halloween "watch" party with online video/chat; have best costume or craft project contests; have a Halloween movie night with household members either at home or drive-in; do reverse trick-or-treat by dropping off small gift bags on your neighbor's porch; or, celebrate outdoors in an open garage.

<u>Inspect</u> all treats for tampering. <u>Be Alert</u> while driving or Trick-or-Treating. <u>See and Be Seen:</u> Use reflective tape and flashlights. <u>Keep Pets Safe:</u> Bring them indoors with I.D. collar and current license tags. <u>Give Only Commercially Wrapped Treats</u> and consider giving healthier or non-food items

CREEP it safe and have fun!