A safe Halloween may look and feel a little different this year, but you can still enjoy Halloween, while reducing the risk of spreading COVID-19. Here’s how:

All the usual Halloween precautions (see back) need to be in place, but this year:

FACE COVERINGS – You will need to wear a face covering – so why not make it fun! Have your child select their own face covering and then decorate it together to match the costume.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – When out trick-or-treating, travel only with your household members, be sure to maintain 6 feet of social distance from others, and make interactions brief.

HYGIENE – Keep from transferring the virus by washing hands often, use hand sanitizer and wait until hands are clean before digging into the candy, and again before eating the candy. Also, don’t touch your face, or share costume props or food. Be sure to clean/disinfect high-touch surfaces. And, of course, if you feel sick or could be contagious, you must stay home and away from others.

BE READY FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS – In an outdoor area such as a porch or driveway: set up a table to hand out candy using 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. Always wear a face covering around others and practice hand hygiene.

CELEBRATE CREATIVELY – Host a virtual Halloween “watch” party with online video/chat and 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 drive-through treat distribution, one household per car; coordinate a contact-free neighborhood scavenger hunt; organize a neighborhood car parade or socially distanced costume parade for best decorations/costume and give treat bags or toss candy

RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS – Some people may not want to participate in Halloween. If the porch light is off, please do not disturb.
How Can we Keep Amador County as Safe as Possible?

Take the S.A.F.E. Halloween Oath:

S – Social distance. Stay in your own group. Remember to wear reflective tape and use flashlights to easily be seen by others.

A – Always use good hand hygiene. Bring hand sanitizer with you and remember not to touch your face.

F – Facial coverings should be worn when giving out candy and trick or treating.

E – Examine and inspect all treats for tampering.