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PRESS RELEASE

City of Schenectady Encouraged to Celebrate Halloween Safely to Stop Spread of COVID-19

*Follow NYS Department of Health and CDC safety guidance
Celebrate Halloween this year with members of your household*

SCHENECTADY – This Halloween, the City of Schenectady encourages residents to follow guidance issued by the New York State Department of Health (DOH) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Creative and low-risk ways to celebrate Halloween this year include:

- Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with

“While it is not recommended residents partake in high-risk activities such as door-to-door trick-or-treating, the New York State Department of Health has outlined a number of creative ways you can safely celebrate Halloween with your family this year,” **Mayor McCarthy said**. “We ask that residents please be mindful of this guidance so that we can continue to stop the spread of COVID-19.”

The full list of Halloween safety tips from the NYS DOH is available [here](#) and from the CDC can be found [here](#).