

## Trunk or Treat – COVID-style

Trunk-or-Treats are an excellent way to reach out to your community. The current pandemic offers a unique opportunity to provide a safe place for children and their families to Trick-or-Treat this Halloween.

Local churches providing this opportunity should follow the guidelines established by their Healthy Church Team.

### **Option 1: Socially Distance Trunk of Treat**

- Cars in the parking lot should be parked every other spot to provide the 6-foot social distance needed. If not using the parking lot, mark off the spots to ensure cars are 6-feet away from each other.
- Create a “Trunk or Treat” one-way path that families would follow. This path should ensure that families are 6-feet apart from each other. There should be a clear start and end for the path. Have an appropriate number of volunteers to direct traffic.
- Volunteers handing out candy should put treats in baggies (Halloween themed or zip lock) to hand out from a safe distance. A week before, have masks and gloved volunteers put candy in zip locked bags. You could set up a table at each trunk and when trick or treaters come by, slide the treat bag to the child.
- Sanitize and wipe down tables between families for the registration table and candy tables.
- Masks are required by all.
- Health Acknowledgment Form or Poster should be present and visible at the registration table. Set up a system to get contact information. You can do a postcard sized form for each family to use, sanitize each pen after use or give out a church pen. Or have a volunteer take down the information.
- Limited Childcare for children who cannot wear masks may be provided.
- All volunteers fill out Health Acknowledgment Form/Poster.

### **Option 2: Drive Thru Trunk of Treat**

- Cars in the parking lot should be parked every other spot to provide the 6-foot social distance needed. If not using the parking lot, mark off the spots to ensure cars are 6-feet away from each other.
- Create the one-way path that families will drive. There should be a clear start and end for the path. Have an appropriate number of volunteers to direct traffic, wearing traffic vests or bright colors if able.
- Masks are required for everyone outside vehicles.

- Volunteers handing out candy should put treats in baggies (Halloween themed or zip lock) to hand out from a safe distance. A week before, have masks and gloved volunteers put candy in zip locked bags.
- As families drive through, volunteers hand out their candy bags gloved and masked in a plastic shoebox. Sanitize the box after each family.
- As cars arrive, there should be a check-in station/registration table. Health Acknowledgment Form or Poster should be present and visible at the registration table. Set up a system to get contact information. You can do a postcard sized form for each family to use, sanitize each pen after use or give out a church pen. Or have a volunteer take down the information.
- All volunteers fill out Health Acknowledgment Form/Poster.
- Sanitize anything touched.

### **Option 3: Hybrid Model**

- Provide opportunities for both socially distanced Trunk or Treat and Drive Thru.
- Set certain hours for a walk through Trunk or Treat following guidelines in Option 1 and then transition to a drive thru Trunk or Treat following guidelines in Option 2.

### **Other things to consider:**

- Give the Trunk or Treat a theme and let the directional signs, the baggies, etc. go along with the theme.
- Set up a photo booth at the end of the Trunk or Treat path so that families can take pictures of their kids in costumes.
- As families leave the Trunk or Treat there should be a “Thank You” bag from the church. This is a simple gesture of thanks for coming out to your Trunk or Treat. Include, candy, some church swag, and a business card with the church worship opportunities. “Thank You” bags should be packaged a week ahead of time by volunteers who are masked and gloved.
- Use the contact information you collected at the registration table to send a brief follow-up email expressing your gratitude and appreciation for families choosing to Trunk or Treat at your church.