



October 27, 2020

Dear BOWA Community:

The Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge, and Amity school districts have had a successful reopening of our school year due to your commitment to keeping our students and our community safe and healthy. We are asking that your commitment continue and that you consider different ways to celebrate fall traditions.

Traditional Halloween activities carry a high risk for spreading COVID-19. The Connecticut Department of Health recommends that families avoid higher risk Halloween traditions and focus celebrations on lower and moderate risk activities. Maintaining social distancing and following face covering rules are important when participating in Halloween activities. Additionally, you and your children should not participate in any Halloween activity, if you or they are feeling ill.

Traditional trick-or-treating is a high risk activity. Instead, the CDC and CT DPH recommends participating in one-way trick-or-treating where goodie bags or a large bowl of candy are placed outside of your home for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance. For those families who decide to participate in traditional trick-or-treating, please consider the following recommendations:

- Limit the number of homes their children visit.
- Only trick-or-treat with members of your household.
- Remain six feet away from people outside your household at all times.
- Wear a mask or face covering while outside at all times. A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth or surgical mask.

Please see the [Connecticut Halloween Guidance](#) and the [CDC Halloween Guidance](#) for more information. Thank you for keeping your children safe and healthy and for your part in keeping our school safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Colleen Murray, *Bethany Superintendent*

Dr. Vince Scarpetti, *Orange Superintendent*

Christine Syriac, *Woodbridge Interim Superintendent*

Dr. Jennifer P. Byars, *Amity Superintendent*

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