



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF COVINGTON**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-32

HALLOWEEN PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer signed Executive Order 2020-EO-01, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Covington due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize a mayor to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, as we enter the fall season and the month of October, it is necessary to develop a plan and procedures for the Halloween holiday; and

WHEREAS, federal and state directives have been issued in an attempt to ensure Halloween is celebrated safely; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommend adopting federal and state directives regarding Halloween celebrations and documenting procedures for Covington so that Covington citizens and guests are fully informed of applicable Halloween regulations.

NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Covington, Kentucky by KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 39B, and in furtherance of the declaration set forth in Executive Order 2020-EO-01, hereby order:

1. Children will be permitted to trick-or-treat within the legal boundaries of Covington beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2020; and
2. Individuals participating in Covington trick-or-treating are expected to:
 - a. Stay within their own neighborhoods;
 - b. Always wear a face covering. Halloween masks DO NOT count as a face covering;
 - c. Maintain appropriate social distancing while trick-or-treating;

- d. Participate in trick-or-treating in family groups, and families should not congregate with people outside of their household in larger groups;
3. Homes participating in trick-or-treating shall place individually wrapped candy outside on the porch, driveway, or table. Treats shall not be handed directly to trick-or-treaters. Use of large bowls or containers for candy should be avoided to limit potential contact points.
4. The most updated guidance can be found at the following websites:

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/cv19halloweenguidance.pdf>

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/cv19halloweenonepager.pdf>

Covington citizens and guests are encouraged to visit the state websites frequently to ensure updated information is received.

5. For Operators of Events/Attractions:
 - a. Follow all state executive orders and guidelines, as well as local requirements and guidelines;
 - b. Reduce capacity to allow for 6 foot distancing between groups as well as employees/volunteers at all times. Reinforce distancing rules with markers or dividers;
 - c. Have hand sanitizer readily available for all participants;
 - d. Pre-sell tickets to ensure capacities are limited;
 - e. Consider eliminating common seating areas or play areas where children may congregate. If seating is provided, keep it outdoors and separate benches/tables by at least 6 feet. Sanitize seating and tables between each use; and
 - f. Notify your local health department immediately if you learn that someone with COVID-19 has visited your attraction.

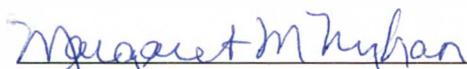
This Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 6, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Signed on this the 6th day of October, 2020,


Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:


Margaret M. Nyhan, City Clerk

10-06-2020
Date