



SUNCOAST

AMPLIFYING WHAT WORKS
COVID-19 RESPONSE

Charlotte
DeSoto
Manatee
Sarasota

Through the COVID-19 Response initiative at The Patterson Foundation, this weekly Amplify communication aims to weave together what works in each of the counties for a healthier and more thriving Suncoast. You're receiving this message because you've been identified as a community advocate, and we hope you'll share these stories and messages far and wide in your network.

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital 10 Tips for a Safe Halloween This Year

- **Ditch the Candy Bowl.** Quite possibly the most important thing you can do is skip the "communal" candy bowl.
- **Grab-and-Go.** Set up a table, decorate it if you wish, and place the wrapped candy out on the table individually, allowing kids to come up and pick their favorites without touching any other pieces.
- **Keep it Clean.** If you set up a table, put hand sanitizer on it as well.
- **Forget the Front Door.** Having kids come up to your door to get candy will make social distancing tough.
- **Mask Up.** Halloween was tailor-made for masks! Make the mask part of your kid's costume.
- **Keep it Local.** While the goal most years is to get to as many houses as possible and stuff that bag full of candy, this year it might be best to stay closer to home.
- **Stay Small.** If your kids are venturing out in the neighborhood, keep the group small.
- **When in Doubt, Wait it Out.** Using individually wrapped Halloween candy helps keep the chances of spreading the coronavirus fairly low.
- **Decorate More and Celebrate at Home.** If trick-or-treating is just too risky for your family, celebrate at home.
- **Do What Works for Your Family.** Bottom line: There is no one right way. As long as you stick to the three main rules — maintain social distancing, wear a mask, and keep hands clean — then the rest is really up to you, your family, and your neighbors.

Read the full article [here](#).

CDC's Tips to Safely Celebrate Holidays

Protect those not yet eligible for vaccination such as young children by getting yourself and other eligible people around them vaccinated.

- If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend a gathering.
- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have contact with someone who has COVID-19.
- Wear well-fitting masks over your nose and mouth if you are in public indoor settings and are not fully vaccinated. You might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission if a member of your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.
- If you are gathering with a group of people from multiple households and potentially from different parts of the country, you could consider additional precautions (e.g., avoiding crowded indoor spaces before travel, taking a test) in advance of gathering to further reduce risk.

Learn more [here](#).



DID YOU KNOW?

CDC recommends everyone 12 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccination to help protect against COVID-19. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. Learn more [here](#).

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Suncoast COVID-19 Stats Week of October 25, 2021

COUNTY	7 Day Rolling Ave. of Daily New Cases	A Population ^12 with at Least One Vaccination Dose
Charlotte	23 ↓ last wk: 26	73% —
DeSoto	4 — last wk: 4	57% —
Manatee	37 ↓ last wk: 46	68% —
Sarasota	25 ↓ last wk: 43	76% —

The measures we are continually taking are working! Each of us must continue to do our part to get back to normal. Encourage your family, friends, stakeholders, clients, and others to continue to get vaccinated. Getting vaccinated is the best protection against COVID-19. Let's keep our community's numbers heading in the right direction!

CONTACT US

Please forward this to your network, and when you have stories about overcoming and thriving during COVID-19, please send them to Cheri Coryea at:

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