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MEMORANDUM FOR HALLOWEEN ON JBSA

FROM: 502 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: JBSA public health guidance for Halloween

1. To minimize COVID-19 spread on installation and in alignment with Center for Disease Control and Prevention and JBSA Public Health Emergency Officer recommendations, the following mitigation strategies will be implemented for Halloween across JBSA:
 - a. Outdoor events are highly recommended over indoor gatherings.
 - b. Official functions in indoor locations can be no more than 50% occupancy and must be well-ventilated with open windows and doors.
 - c. Social gathering will be limited to no more than 10 people.
 - d. Candy must be individually wrapped.
 - e. Physical distancing of at least 6 feet must be maintained.
 - f. Masks must be worn at all times. Do not use costume masks in place of cloth masks unless made of two or more layers of breathable fabric. Masks must cover mouth, nose and not leave gaps around your face.
 - g. Hand washing and hand sanitizing stations should be made available to the maximum extent possible.

2. If planning to Trick-or-Treat, please wear a cloth mask, physically distance and bring hand sanitizer:
 - a. Do not go trick-or-treating if you are sick.
 - b. Make sure you and your children are wearing cloth masks when going out to trick-or-treat.
 - c. Limit the size of your group. The safest group of trick-or-treaters are those within your household.
 - d. Maintain distance more than 6 feet apart between other groups.
 - e. Bring hand sanitizer and use frequently.
 - f. Avoid going inside others homes.
 - g. Wait until you get home to enjoy your treats!
 - h. Only eat packaged treats.
 - i. Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds when you return home.

3. If you decide to hand out treats, please follow the below guidance:
 - a. Don't hand out candy if you or someone in your household is feeling sick.
 - b. Don't require trick-or-treaters to come up to your front door. Participate in physically distanced trick-or-treating. Find creative ways to create space between you and the trick-or-treaters.
 - c. Prepare individually wrapped goodie bags or leave individually wrapped candy for families to grab and go on a disinfected table at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard
 - d. Be sure to disinfect the table periodically
 - e. When preparing goodie bags, be sure to wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after or wear gloves.

4. Do not host or participate in any in-person Halloween event if you or anyone in your household:
 - a. Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others.
 - b. Has symptoms of COVID-19.
 - c. Is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results.
 - d. May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
 - e. Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.
5. Halloween marks the start of the holiday season. The installation is closely monitoring state, city and local recommendations and laws for gatherings, and we will update our guidance based on conditions both on and off installation.
6. Our goal is to find ways for JBSA to celebrate during this time, but we have to ensure the health and safety of our community in order to continue the mission.

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