

Halloween During the Pandemic

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to use caution and plan ahead for Halloween festivities. Decisions on whether to participate should be made by local communities, individuals, and parents/guardians.

General Guidance

- It is strongly recommended that hayrides and haunted houses be canceled/avoided.
- To lower risk, consider safer, socially distant ways to celebrate.
- Do not hold large in-person Halloween parties. If holding smaller parties, limit attendance to 10 or fewer people and hold the event in an outdoor area where social distancing is possible.
- Always wear a face covering and stay 6 feet away from people who are not from your household, whether trick-or-treating, passing out treats, or attending attractions or events. Stay home if you are sick.
- Carry hand sanitizer and use it often, especially after coming into contact with frequently touched surfaces and before eating candy.
- Select events/attractions that are held outdoors and allow attendees to socially distance. Avoid events that involve being crowded in a small area.
- Consider the people in your household who may be at greater risk of complications if COVID-19 is brought into the home, such as those with certain health conditions, women who are pregnant, or older family members.
- If taking your children trick-or-treating, ask your children to stay as far from treat-givers as possible. For small children, consider holding the bag for them.
- Allow children to eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid homemade treats made by strangers.
- If your child is at greater risk of complications from COVID-19, contact your doctor before allowing participation in Halloween activities.



COVID-19 Vaccination Information

All adults ages 18 and older can get a COVID-19 vaccination using either the two-dose Moderna and Pfizer vaccines or the one-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Individuals 12 and older can get the Pfizer vaccines.

Our registration number is 419-774-4700. See richlandhealth.org/vaccine-registration for updates and contacts for all Richland County providers.

As of October 1, Richland County had vaccinated 49,030 with at least one dose of the vaccine and Ohio had vaccinated 6.31 million individuals.

COVID-19 Cases from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2021

Location	Cases	Deaths	Hospitalized
Richland County	4,173	17	96
Ohio	93,946	205	3,399
United States	3,760,567	51,683	not available
Worldwide	14,508,588	238,837	not available

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HALLOWEEN HUMOR
I threw a boomerang at a ghost. I knew it would come back to haunt me.

PREVENT FALLS

STEADY U Ohio says: Leaves are supposed to fall, but people aren't.

Learn what you can do to #PreventFalls at www.steadyu.ohio.gov

There you'll find great tips like this one: "Avoid walking on leaves and other tree debris in walkways. Even the slightest moisture can make these things very slippery, and debris can hide tripping hazards beneath."

VITAL STATISTICS

The Vital Statistics division maintains records of all births and deaths in Richland County since 1908. For information on obtaining a birth or death certificate, check the website at richlandhealth.org or call 419-774-4500.

	August	YTD
Total Births (all ages)	120	931
Births to Teens.....	5	57
Repeat Births*.....	77	587
August . . YTD		
Total Deaths	139	1011
Female.....	65	483
Male.....	74	528
Causes of Death		
Heart Related.....	41	318
Cancer.....	21	159
COVID-19 (coronavirus).....	13	97
Alzheimers/Dementia.....	11	72
Accidents (drugs/falls/crashes).....	5	62
Lung Diseases.....	11	58
Renal/Kidney.....	8	38
Strokes/CVA.....	3	37
Flu/Pneumonia.....	2	21
Parkinson's.....	4	12
Suicides.....	0	8
Homicides.....	0	5
Other (not listed above).....	16	102
Deaths Pending Autopsy.....	3	20

*repeat births = 2nd or more live births
Birth & Death statistics include City of Shelby

Infant Mortality: Richland County

August Cases: 0 **Year To Date: 1**
Infant mortality is defined as the death of a baby before his or her first birthday. Infant deaths are considered an important indicator of the overall health of a society. Deaths to residents occurring outside of Richland County are not reflected in county death statistics. **KNOW the SAFE SLEEP ABC's: Alone, on Back, in a Crib.**

CALLING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Main Number	419-774-4500
Public Health Clinic.....	419-774-4700
Public Health Nursing.....	419-774-4540
Environmental Health.....	419-774-4520
Community Health Sciences.....	419-774-4761
WIC.....	419-774-4560

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