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### *Covid-19 Halloween For Children...Take II*

This year as parents, grandparents, and community members' we are still navigating how to keep our children well. We have put in place many safety protocols, routines, and continuous dialogue with one another related to how to remain safe in uncertain times. Although we are awaiting the Emergency Use Authorization on a Vaccine for our children, the roll out is pending. As we await the Vaccine how do we balance children's mental health as it applies to engagement in the community via events, sports, and holiday's with the safety protocols we feel necessary?

Many dialogues are occurring at the national, state, and regional levels within Early Childhood Mental Health community about how to advise families, and caregivers about weighing the calculated risks of safety, while ensuring social-emotional wellness of our children through appropriate engagement. As we plan for Halloween *the American Academy of Pediatrics* has provided the following guidance to support all of us as we make these important decisions:

*<https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases/health--safety-tips/american-academy-of-pediatrics-enjoy-halloween-with-safety-precautions/>*



