



October 30, 2020

Dear Heidelberg Students,

The spirit of Halloween is alive, even if it looks and feels different in this year of a pandemic. Simultaneously, we are concluding our Heidelberg Homecoming Week on Saturday with a variety of virtual and in-person events on campus. Our campus health hinges upon what happens this weekend. All of us need to make intelligent and responsible decisions about our participation in Halloween and Homecoming activities.

But that doesn't mean you can't have fun. You can still have a spooky good time while keeping yourself and others healthy. There are safe ways to enjoy Halloween 2020 while continuing to observe all health guidelines to socially distance, wear masks, practice good hygiene and limit the size of gatherings to 10 people or fewer.

One safe way to celebrate Halloween is within your residence hall room, apartment or house, or you can host events online. Try some of these fun ideas that you can adapt to your space:

- Decorate your room or door
- Carve or decorate pumpkins
- Binge-watch scary movies with your roommates
- Have a scavenger hunt inside or outside with those you live with
- Splurge on some Halloween candy
- Organize a virtual Halloween party with costumes and games

Additionally, outdoor events – such as the Homecoming Parade or the Marching Band “Spooktacular” performance – on Saturday are certainly fine to attend, as long as everyone practices physical distancing and wears a face covering. The band performance requires [pre-registration](#).

We will be announcing more widespread on-campus surveillance testing in the coming days, so please be aware that you may be selected to be tested. Details will be coming soon.

Please do your part to help limit the spread of COVID-19 by observing all health and safety protocols every day but especially this weekend. Together, we can keep up the momentum we have created toward completing this semester successfully on campus. Three weeks to go!

As President Huntington noted in his Monday message earlier this week, ***wear the right mask this Halloween!***

Sincerely,

Chris Abrams
Dean of Student Affairs