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Cleveland Local Resilience Forum

Community messaging update

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Halloween advice from Cleveland Police

Cleveland Police is asking families to adapt their traditional Halloween festivities this year to help save lives.

The four districts in Teesside all fall under the tier 2 Covid regulations and officers are advising families to think about different ways to celebrate Halloween and enjoy alternatives to traditional trick or treating on 31 October.

The police understand it's frustrating for parents and their children with the Covid restrictions in place but it would be wrong to think Halloween celebrations will continue as normal this year.

Huge efforts are being made by people to adjust to the restrictions in place, and the police know children will want to get dressed-up and mark Halloween, but officers need people to celebrate differently this year to keep communities safe. For instance, some local communities are putting pumpkins in windows so when children see the pumpkin, the adult with them gives them a sweet and they don't visit homes.

The rules that keep us safe are so important on Halloween:

- Remember hands, face, space
- Don't go knocking on doors or collect sweets from communal bowls
- Don't socialise with anyone indoors who is outside your household or support bubble
- Stick to the rule of six outdoors and make sure you follow the social distance rules
- Wash your hands regularly and take hand sanitiser with you if you go out

For the latest guidance please visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Research team call on volunteers for COVID-19 vaccine trial

Volunteers are still needed to join the fight against COVID-19 and be a part of an ongoing vaccine trial.

NHS staff from across Durham and the Tees Valley are part of a joined team running the Novavax trial at the University Hospital of Hartlepool.

If you are aged between 18 and 84 and at normal or high risk of coronavirus, you may be eligible to be take part.

Research lead Kerry Colling said: "I am delighted with how the trial is developing so far. Research staff from three health trusts in the region have come together and are working seamlessly.

"We are very pleased with the response we have had so far from the public. People want to play their part.

"We are calling on more people to come forward and get involved.

"So many of us will know of the impact it has on daily living and life. Now there is a chance for you to help your family, friends and community by joining the NHS in its fight against COVID-19."

To find out more and see if you are eligible to be involved visit

<https://www.nth.nhs.uk/news/join-the-fight-against-covid-19-and-volunteer-to-be-part-of-a-new-vaccine-trial/>

