Q: When and where is the event?
A: The JDRF Halloween Drive is the culminating in-person event to celebrate local families' fitness and fundraising efforts for the JDRF One Walk. It will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2020 from 3-6 pm at the CAS Campus, located at 2540 Olentangy River Road in Columbus.

Q: Why isn't JDRF hosting the regular walk this year?
A: Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic it just isn't safe to bring thousands of people together in person right now. Your local JDRF chapter has worked hard in partnership with CAS to still provide an in-person experience to celebrate our walk families, and that's why the JDRF Halloween Drive was created. The goal is for families to register at walk.jdrf.org/centralohio and work hard between now and Oct. 25 to raise money for JDRF and also walk safely in their own neighborhoods, logging miles in the new app called Strava. The JDRF Halloween Drive will be our chance to gather together, from the safety of individual vehicles, to share in a magical Halloween-themed drive-through experience while celebrating the T1D community as well as the fundraising and fitness successes of our JDRF One Walk participants.

Q: Can I still earn walk incentives?
A: Of course! At the JDRF Halloween Drive event, captains will receive earned incentives for their team. Boxes will be pre-packaged and can be placed in your trunk with no contact. Mile of Hope signs will be distributed the week after the event. You can view a complete list of incentives online here.
Q: If I’ve registered at walk.jdrf.org and am raising money for walk, am I already registered for the JDRF Halloween Drive event?
A: Everyone will need to register separately to attend the JDRF Halloween Drive event. Once you are registered for the One Walk, you will receive an email with information about how to register for the JDRF Halloween Drive at no charge.

Q: Is this event just for team captains, or can my whole team attend?
A: An important element of the JDRF One Walk is the support of family and friends, so we welcome all JDRF supporters who are registered to walk to attend, but you must register each car separately. At the JDRF Halloween Drive, only team captains will receive any earned team incentives and will be responsible for distributing contents to their teams. We encourage you to organize a caravan ahead of arrival time so your supporters can experience the magic of the event together!

Q: At the event, will I be able to get out of the car?
A: For everyone’s safety, no one will be permitted to depart their vehicles while on CAS campus. Photos of the JDRF Halloween Drive experience can be taken safely from the vehicles.

Q: How long will it take to drive the route at the JDRF Halloween Drive?
A: It will take approximately 10-15 minutes to traverse the entire route.

Q: How and when will I receive earned incentives?
As captains arrive at the event, a JDRF volunteer will check you in and verify you and your team’s earned incentives. At the end of the route, you will pop your trunk and a volunteer will deposit in your trunk without contact any earned items. Team captains are responsible for distributing incentives to their team members. For JDRF walk shirts, V1P shirts, and JDRF national prize packets, those are all distributed individually to eligible participants via USPS mail. Other incentives not picked up by captains on walk day will be forfeited.

Q: The JDRF Halloween Drive presented by CAS is obviously Halloween themed. Will it be too scary for little kids? Is it too juvenile for my teenagers?
A: This is designed to be a family-friendly event, so while there will be lots of Halloween-themed elements and décor, our goal is to entertain and not to frighten. Any actors on site will remain at least 6 feet away from your vehicle, and there will not be strobe lights, overly graphic elements, major startles or jump scares. Adults and older kids will be captivated by intricate and over the top costumes, whimsical scenes, and favorite old stories brought to life in new ways.

Q: Should I wear a costume?
A: Yes, we’d love for you to embrace the Halloween theme and dress in costume! We also encourage teams to decorate their cars. Take pictures and send to us for promotion and social media features, and to keep as a special memory.
Q: Will the JDRF Halloween Drive presented by CAS event be open to the public?
A: The event will be open to public for a fee, with all proceeds benefiting JDRF. Tickets are on a per car basis can be purchased online at jdrfhalloweendrive.org. Registered JDRF One Walk participants will receive a code to register their vehicle at no charge.

Q: How do I find out any last minute changes, like weather delays?
A: Unless weather is severe, we plan to hold this event rain or shine. We will communicate primarily by email, so please make sure you are signed up as a team with a designated team captain. Please be sure to also register all attendees as team members. We also invite you to join our Facebook Walk group, for important updates, community, fundraising ideas, and more!

Q: Will restrooms be available?
A: No. The CAS building will be closed and there are no portable facilities.

Q: Is there food or JDRF swag available for purchase?
A: No, we will not be selling food, JDRF apparel, or any other items during the JDRF Halloween Drive. We ask that attendees stay in their vehicles the entire event for everyone’s safety.

Q: How can I help support the event? Do you need day-of volunteers?
A: The most helpful thing you can do is spread the word! Share the jdrfhalloweendrive.org information on all of your social media pages, tell your friends to join your caravan or start their own team, and encourage others in the JDRF Columbus Walk Facebook group! If you’d like to get more involved in the pre-event support, please reach out to Jessica at jfboyd@jdrf.org. We will likely need very few day of volunteers, but can find virtual opportunities for you to support in other ways!

Q: I’ve also read about a JDRF Walk on November 1. What is the difference between this and the JDRF Halloween Drive on October 25?
A: Due to many cancelled in-person JDRF fall walk events, the JDRF national organization is hosting a months-long global walk experience that is done remotely, culminating on November 1 with an online event called the Finish Line Festival. The October 25 event is our local Central Ohio community socially distanced in-person event, the JDRF Halloween Drive. When you register and fundraise at walk.jdrf.org, your efforts will count toward both events.

THANK YOU!