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## **SPIRIT HALLOWEEN ANSWERS THE CALL TO SAVE HALLOWEEN** *Palisades Center Location Now Open!*

**West Nyack, NY (September 2020):** Contrary to rumors swirling on the internet, Spirit Halloween, the nation's largest specialty Halloween retailer, is not going to let the spookiest holiday of the year be canceled. Instead, the team has spent months preparing to safely open more than 1,400 locations so that Halloween lovers can revel in the best day of the year. The store at Palisades Center is open on level two, carrying the hottest trends and fan favorites. Guests are encouraged to shop early and celebrate all season long.

"We are passionate about Halloween and are fully committed to returning with a full fleet of stores because our guests share our passion," said Steven Silverstein, Spirit Halloween CEO. "Halloween restores hopefulness and provides an outlet for escape. Yes, the world has changed, but there are so many ways to participate and enjoy Halloween. We personally have seen an outpouring of enthusiasm and positive support for our determination to fully open our stores, and we agree, we all need Halloween now more than ever!"

"In this unprecedented time, it's great to see local venues and retailers in our community, including Spirit Halloween, bringing Halloween joy to families," said Patrick Carroll, Clarkstown Councilman.

"It is great to have Spirit Halloween back to help us usher in the fall season and help families prepare for a fun and safe Halloween," said Darrin Houseman, General Manager of Palisades Center.

The countdown to Halloween has started and Spirit Halloween is open with plenty of time for customers to experience the fun and joy of finding the perfect costume and décor. With Halloween falling on a Saturday and a full harvest moon this year – it's sure to be spooky!

## **Store Safety a Priority**

As always, Spirit Halloween offers the same high-quality, one-of-a-kind shopping experience as years past, now with heightened health and safety protocols. To ensure the safety of all associates and guests, Spirit Halloween has teamed up with Environmental Infection Prevention (EIP) and Lighthouse Facility Solutions. These infection prevention experts have created a best-in-class, science-based model for retail stores built on research, development and successful use in more than 500 hospitals. Together we're bringing a rigorous regimen of disinfection and cleaning standards to the Spirit Halloween store in Palisades Center.

Spirit Halloween in-store safety measures include: all guests and associates wearing protective face coverings, social distancing markers, hand sanitizer stations at the entry of all stores, plastic shields around all registers, increased disinfecting of high-touch surface areas and employee screenings.

Every store will include these additional safety precautions:

- Capacity limits
- In-depth associate training on hand hygiene and disinfectant protocols
- Single-use disposable microfiber wipes to diminish the risk of cross-contamination
- Hospital-grade Defender disinfectant, known to kill coronavirus in one minute

"Strict standards and protocols are already in place," said Silverstein. "However, we will remain agile and alter policies as needed based on CDC guidelines as well as state and local directives. We all need Halloween this year, and we will continue to be the premier destination for all things Halloween offering interactive one-stop shopping for everything, including exclusive costumes, décor, animatronics, party goods, and accessories."

Focusing on Halloween 365 days a year, Spirit Halloween has served Halloween enthusiasts for more than 37 years, specializing in costumes, décor and accessories for children, teens and adults, as well as providing the greatest selection of exclusive animatronics – and this year will be no different. Whether planning a family party, a scavenger hunt or trunk or treating, head into the Spirit Halloween at Palisades Center to find a variety of top costumes, including the best of pop culture, an everyday heroes line, Halloween classics as well as the official Dungeons & Dragons costume collection to help create #TheBestHalloweenEver.

At the heart of Spirit Halloween is Spirit of Children, a program that focuses on making hospitals less scary for kids and their families. Since its inception in 2007, Spirit of Children has raised more than \$65 million for hospitals across the country. Donations made to Spirit of Children at Palisades Center will stay within the local community, with 100 percent of funds going to the Child Life department at partner hospitals. This year, Spirit of Children has a goal to raise more than \$11 million.

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## **About Palisades Center**

Palisades Center is a four-level shopping center offering 225 brands, 16 sit-down restaurants, a bowling alley, ice rink, the world's tallest indoor ropes course, comedy club, and more. With its unique and diverse merchant mix, Palisades Center is the go-to place for local shoppers and tourists alike. To learn more, visit [www.palisadescenter.com](http://www.palisadescenter.com), [www.facebook.com/palisadescenter](https://www.facebook.com/palisadescenter), [www.twitter.com/palisadescntr](https://www.twitter.com/palisadescntr), or [www.instagram.com/palisadescntr](https://www.instagram.com/palisadescntr).

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