

Halloween: Having Fun While Staying Safe

Halloween may not seem as scary as last year now that more families are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. However, it's still important to help keep trick-or-treating and other Halloween traditions safe, especially if your children aren't [eligible](#) for the vaccine yet. To help our residents enjoy a safe and fun Halloween, we have put together these tips.

Tips for going door to door

- Stay home if you feel sick.
- Stick with outdoor trick-or-treating in small groups.
- Don't crowd doorways, wait your turn and give others space to leave before approaching.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often.
- When choosing a costume keep safety in mind. Make sure they are reflective if out after dark; your vision isn't compromised by hats, glasses or masks; shoes fit, and the costume isn't a tripping hazard.

Tips for people who are handing out candy

- Don't hand out treats if you feel sick.
- Hand out individually wrapped or pre-packaged treats. Non-edible treats are a good option, especially for children who have food allergies.
- Use tongs or make a candy chute to give more space when handing out candy.
- Make your non-medical mask part of your costume. Costume masks should not be worn over non-medical masks as that may make it difficult to breathe.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often.

Attending parties and community events

- Consider taking part in outdoor events rather than indoor as they are safer.
- Rather than visiting a haunted house, visit a corn maze or pumpkin patch instead.
- If you choose to stay home with your family, create some Halloween fun with activities such as pumpkin carving and decorating; host a scavenger hunt in your home or yard; dress as your favorite movie character and watch movies.
- For indoor festivities, make sure everyone wears a face mask.

For more ideas, check out [Canadian Red Cross](#), [Crayola activities](#) or [Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs](#).

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