

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

# NON-TRICKY TIPS FOR A SPOOKY SAFE HALLOWEEN

**DON'T trick-or-treat, hand out treats, or go to a party if you are feeling ill (even if symptoms are mild) or in isolation/quarantine.**



### Trick-or-treating

- Choose costumes that allow your child to wear a non-medical mask. They can wear a mask underneath a Halloween mask as long as they can see and breathe comfortably. Make sure it's comfortable so your child won't need to adjust it.
- Go only with family or cohort members and keep a healthy distance from others.
- Stay in your community to limit the number of people you come into contact with.
- Carry hand sanitizer and use it after touching touch-points like doorbells or railings.
- If you can, knock instead of pushing doorbells, or keep 2 metres from the door or porch and call "trick or treat". Make sure the person calling is wearing a mask.
- Wait until you're home and have washed your hands before handling candy.

### Handing out candy

- Print posters from Alberta.ca to hang in your window or place on your door to let trick-or-treaters know if you're handing out treats this year or not.
- Wear a mask and use tongs or a grabber.
- Keep a healthy distance from trick-or-treaters. If possible, hand out candy from the driveway, open garage, or lawn instead of your front door.
- Ask trick-or-treaters to knock instead of ringing the doorbell.
- If you are indoors (school, apartment building, or mall) use a table or desk to keep a safe distance from trick-or-treaters (e.g. school classroom, apartment building, mall)

- Avoid handling treats
  - Use prepackaged candy (no homemade treats)
  - Hand treats out directly from the package they came in
  - Don't leave self-serve bowls of bulk candy
  - Make candy bundles/bags and space them out on a table or blanket for trick-or-treaters to take
- Get creative! Build a candy slide down your front steps or railing! Build a (safe) candy catapult! There are many fun ways to hand out treats while maintaining physical distance.

### Attending a party (adults and kids)

- Spend time with people you know. The smaller the group the better.
- If possible, host your party outside. It's easier to keep a healthy distance between guests and there's better air circulation. (See guidance for ["Outdoor Events"](#))
- If the party is indoors, keep it small and maintain 2 metres away from people in other families and cohorts. (See guidance for ["Indoor Events"](#))
- Don't share drinks, snacks, cigarettes, vapes or cannabis – and no bobbing for apples!
- Choose games and activities that don't involve sharing items, and allow for distancing.
  - Set up art and craft stations so that each guest has their own materials (no sharing).
  - Instead of face painting, hand out temporary tattoos or stickers that guests can put on themselves.
  - Make sure any shared items are sanitized between uses.
  - Wash or sanitize your hands often. Have hand sanitizer easily accessible.