

Many Halloween activities can occur safely despite COVID-19 if these recommendations are followed:

- Any at home activities such as decorating, pumpkin carving or scavenger hunts for candy are safe.
- For outside activities, such as trick-or-treating, it is recommended that all participants wear a face covering and they can even be decorated in Halloween-themed designs! Distancing should be maintained and only wrapped candy should be distributed: for example, the candy might be placed in a basket where children can pick it up while without coming in close contact with others.
- Outdoor group activities should be avoided, and distancing should be maintained.
- Warning, it is not recommended to hold indoor gatherings:
- Indoor gatherings and Halloween parties should be avoided as they represent the largest risk for transmission.
- After trick-or-treating, candy collected should be placed "in quarantine" for 24 hours and not consumed before the next day.
- As at all times, frequent hand washing remains an important hygiene measures and is advised after returning home from Halloween activities.

Lastly, people who are in quarantine or isolation or who have symptoms of COVID should not participate in Halloween activities.

*Provincial guidelines may be produced in the coming days and these messages will be updated accordingly.

