



# Halloween Precautions

The Municipality of Killarney is providing you with information sent to us by Public Health Sudbury & Districts. With Halloween fast approaching, PHSD is reminding everyone to take steps to celebrate in a COVID-safe way. Whether pumpkin carving, showcasing a costume, or trick-or-treating, simple actions to modify our Halloween activities can help limit the spread of [COVID-19](#) and leave the scaring to the monsters.

## Trick-or-treating

While it is safest to stay home, if you choose to go door-to-door or hand out treats at home, take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Do not trick-or-treat or hand out treats if you are sick.
- Only trick-or-treat with members of your household.
- Trick-or-treat outside and keep distance from people outside your household.
- Wear a face covering when going door-to-door or handing out candy. Remember, a costume mask is not a substitute for a face covering.
- Do not congregate or linger at doorsteps. Stand two metres apart if waiting.
- Stay near your door when handing out candy so ghosts and goblins can avoid high-touch surfaces and objects like door handles and doorbells.
- Do not leave treats in a bucket or bowl for everyone to grab. Consider using tongs, long spoons, or other similar tools to hand out treats, or set up a table with pre-bagged treats to keep distance from trick-or-treaters.
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Respect people by staying away from homes if the lights are out.
- Consider hanging the [poster](#) (*on reverse side*) to help let your neighbors know if you are handing out treats.

## Gatherings

Limiting contacts and in-person interactions reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19. While non-essential gatherings should be limited, if you choose to host or attend a Halloween gathering, keep in mind the following tips:

- Limit close contact to members of your household.
- Keep gatherings small. Although private gatherings of up to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors are allowed under provincial legislation, non-essential gatherings of any size should be limited. Stick with members of your household for indoor activities.
- Keep two metres distance between people outside of your household and wear a face covering if distancing is not possible.
- Do not attend a gathering if you have any symptoms or if you are self-isolating.
- Keep a guest list in case it is needed for contact tracing.
- If food or drinks are served:
  - Avoid buffet-style food service and plan how to physically distance while distributing and cleaning up food.
  - Serve food on individual plates to prevent guests from passing and touching the same objects.
  - Have everyone wash their hands before and after eating.
- Consider participating in virtual events or not attending at all, especially if you are 70 years or older, are immunocompromised, or have underlying medical conditions.

**This year get creative and consider alternatives to traditional celebrations. Have fun with decorations, carve pumpkins, admire Halloween decorations at a distance, host a virtual costume parade, or come up with new ideas of your own.**



# WELCOME TRICK -OR- TREATERS

**FACE COVERING REQUIRED FOR CANDY**

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