



CELEBRATING A SAFER HALLOWEEN DURING COVID-19



Due to rising cases of COVID-19 in our city, Toronto Public Health does not recommend hosting or attending in-person gatherings for Halloween this year. For the safety of your family it is recommended that you limit your in-person celebration to those you live with.



As well, because of higher risks for COVID-19 in the modified Stage 2, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health is not recommending traditional door-to-door trick or treating in Toronto, Ottawa, Peel, and York Region. It is important that families not travel outside of their region to celebrate Halloween.

While Halloween will look different this year, with some imagination, there are still many ways to have fun and celebrate safely.

CELEBRATE VIRTUALLY

Connect virtually this year to celebrate. Share your ideas and spooky selfies online with friends and family. Or invite them to join in virtually for scavenger hunts, decorating contests and Halloween-themed tales. There are many low-risk Halloween activities you can enjoy. With increasing cases of COVID-19 in our community, say no to Halloween gatherings.





CREATIVE AND SAFER ALTERNATIVES TO TRICK-OR-TREATING:



GET DRESSED UP

- Organize a virtual costume party to show off your costumes.
- A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask or face covering and should not be worn over a cloth mask as it may make it difficult to breathe. Consider making your cloth mask a part of your costume.
- Share photos of your Halloween costume on social media or by text.



GET DECORATING

- Have a virtual competition with your neighbors for the best outdoor Halloween decorations.
- Decorate pumpkins, your living space or a Halloween-themed cloth mask or face covering.
- Hang decorations outside your home for everyone to enjoy.



ENJOY A FRIGHTENING EVENING AT HOME

- Enjoy an evening at home with scary or fun storytelling, movies, magic tricks, or a special meal dressed up in costumes with the people you live with.



SHARE TREATS SAFELY

- Make and decorate spooky treats with your household members.
- Prepare treat bags for family and friends. If preparing treat bags, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before and after. Plan for contactless delivery and maintain your distance when dropping off.



A HALLOWEEN-STYLE SCAVENGER HUNT

- Set up a trick-or-treat-style scavenger hunt around your home for your kids. Hide spooky items for your children to find.