

News Release from the Government of Saskatchewan

Halloween

If you are going to participate in Halloween activities, do so safely. Don't attend or host large events that exceed gathering size limits under current public health orders or Reopen Saskatchewan Guidelines. This includes house parties, public events and pub crawls. Activities that do not follow public health orders or Reopen Saskatchewan Guidelines have been shown to be possible "superspreaders" and hosts/businesses can be fined under the *Public Health Act*.

Halloween Trick-or-Treating

Trick-or-treating is permitted with the following measures in place:

Neighbourhood Trick-or-Treating

- Two metres distance must be maintained between individuals who are not in the same household/extended household at all times.
- No direct physical contact should occur between trick-or-treaters and people distributing Halloween treats.
- Participants should consider using tools (e.g. tongs) to distribute candy at a distance.
- Physical distancing must be used when approaching houses (i.e. wait until group ahead is gone, take turns). For houses or neighbourhoods anticipating a high volume of trick-or-treaters, people distributing candy are encouraged to place tape markers every two metres between doorways and sidewalks/driveways to promote physical distancing.
- Due to the number of people potentially touching the treats prior to being handed out, consider cleaning candy wrappers with disinfectant wipes or holding the treats for 72 hours before consuming.
- Only wrapped, store-bought treats should be distributed.
- Common touch areas (e.g. handrails, doorbells, doorknobs, etc.) should be frequently cleaned and disinfected while distributing candy.
- Trick-or-treaters should practise frequent hand hygiene by carrying portable hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
- People distributing candy should practise frequent hand hygiene while handing out Halloween treats.
- Trick-or-treaters should consider incorporating non-medical masks (e.g. cloth or other materials) into their costumes, while ensuring their eyes are not covered for safety reasons.
- Individuals handing out candy should consider wearing [non-medical masks](#) (e.g. cloth or other materials) where two metres of physical distance cannot be maintained.
- Where possible, only one household member should hand out candy.
- Alternatives to trick-or-treating may be considered, such as:
 - Costume viewing from windows/virtual/photos.
 - Decorating households and yards for viewing from afar.
 - A costume parade where physical distancing can be maintained.

For guidelines regarding Halloween Trick-or-Treating (including door-to-door and Mall/Retail Trick-or-Treating) Haunted Houses and Pumpkin Patches, visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-halloween>.