



## **Covid-19 Information**

### **Guidelines for Celebrating Halloween Safely**

You CANNOT participate in Halloween Festivities if:

- You must self-isolate because you returned to the NWT from somewhere other than Nunavut within the past 14 days
- You feel sick or you have symptoms of Covid-19
- You're waiting to hear the results of a lab test for Covid-19
- You or anyone in your household has been diagnosed with Covid-19
- You have been told by a health care provider that you must self-isolate
- You are in a household with someone self-isolating or who has not maintained physical distance.

**\*\*This includes trick-or-treating, handing out treats, or participating in gatherings indoors or out\*\***

Participation in Halloween Festivities is **NOT RECOMMENDED** if:

1. You or someone in your home is vulnerable or high risk including:
  - Those with pre-existing chronic conditions
  - seniors and elders
  - those who are immuno compromised
- In a high- risk closed setting such as long term care facilities

- Stick to the gathering limits
- In a private home, you may have up to 5 additional persons from outside your household, as long as the total number of people does not exceed 10
  - Indoor gatherings cannot exceed 25 people unless an exception is approved for your event by the Chief Public Health Officer
  - Outdoor gatherings cannot exceed 50 people unless an exception has been approved by the Chief Public Health Officer

## **Tips for a safe, fun Halloween**

- Only trick-or-treat at places that clearly signal that they're participating (porch lights, lit jack-o-lanterns or decorations).
- Keep trick-or-treating partners to your household and friendship circle
- Trick-or-treat outdoors
- Keep interactions brief
- when approaching houses- take turns one at a time at the door and stay 2 meters from others
- Keep mittens on the whole time you trick-or-treat. Once home, wash mittens and costumes, wash your hands for 20 seconds, DO NOT touch your face with mittens
- Only visit places where you feel comfortable in the preventative measures that are being taken

- Wash your hands well before and after handling and eating treats
- Wearing a non medical mask when you're outside is a good idea- make it apart of your costume!

### Avoid:

- trick-or-treating in indoor spaces like apartment buildings
- gathering or corwding on doorsteps
- singing or shouting for treats

### Giving out Treats:

- Maintain and encourage safe physical distance
- limit the amount of time interacting with others
- frequently clean and disinfect all high touch surfaces throughout the evening
- Show that you are not participating in festivities by:
  - Turning off porch lights
  - not lighting jack-o-lantern, putting out decorations
  - do not answer your door
  - put a friendly sign on porch or door showing you're not participating this year.
- hand out purchased, pre packaged treats
- Consider creative ways to hand out treats by using:
  - a hockey stick
  - tons
  - wrapping paper tube as a slide

## Avoid

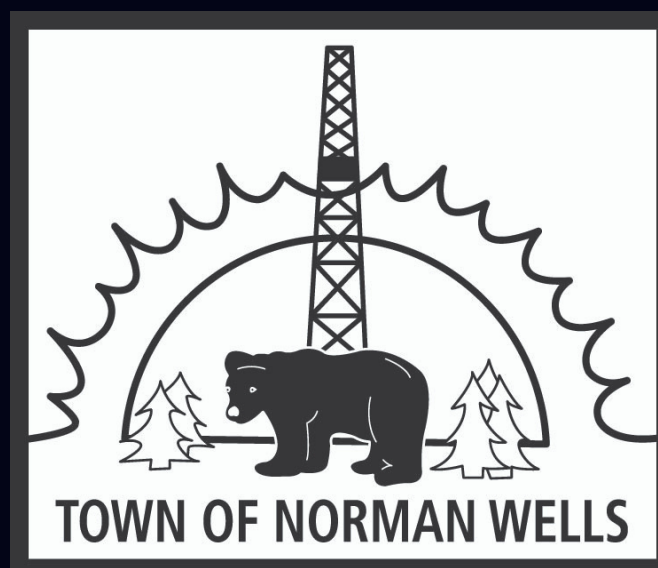
- Leaving treats in communal bucket or bowl for children to grab
- Encouraging trick-or-treaters to sing or shout for their treats

## Haunted Houses

Haunted houses are challenging settings during a pandemic. This activity requires extra work as haunted houses are made for screaming- and screaming produces a lot of respiratory droplets.

## Things to Consider:

- Holding outdoors is always best
- Allow for physical distancing
- Control crowds- no more than 25 people indoors and physical distancing must be maintained
- Hand washing is a must
- Have people go through by household if possible



For more information please visit:

<https://www.gov.nt.ca/covid-19/sites/covid/files/resources/guidelines-celebrating-halloween-safely.pdf>

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