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Subject: Seneca Avenue Halloween 2020 – COVID-19

Halloween is going to look a lot different this year!

Each year, the Ward 2 Councillor's office has shown support for the community led event by way of both assisting with traffic operations and providing Councillor funds for the event.

Seneca is known for its Halloween displays and attracting crowds; however, it is important that the community adheres to the rules and guidelines set out by the Halton Region's Medical Officer of Health, the Provincial Government and Federal Government. Currently, the Provincial Order limits outdoor social gatherings to a maximum of 25 people, whilst maintaining physical distancing space of 2m (6 feet). In addition, face masks are strongly encouraged when physical distancing is a challenge. Under these very different COVID-19 circumstances and in order to maintain the health and safety of our community, a traditional Halloween on Seneca cannot occur.

If residents wish to continue putting up displays, residents are encouraged to do a drive-by parade with family and friends to see the displays and head home. If neighbours want to distribute treats, it is suggested to use tongs and/or leave individual bags of treats on front steps for trick or treaters to retrieve to make it fun and a safe for all.

Lastly, I'd also like to share with you that while the province indicated that they would be releasing guidelines for Halloween, they have not been released yet. In the meantime, please find additional precautions that are suggested on the back.

Please reach out to my office if you have any questions or suggestions.

Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Halloween!

Lisa Kearns

Gatherings

- Host Halloween parties and gatherings virtually
- Do not host Halloween parties and gatherings in-person with individuals outside of your social circle

Trick or treating and distributing treats

- Stay home and/or do not hand out candy if feeling unwell
- Travel around your neighbourhood with members of your own household
- Limit the number of houses you visit
- Maintain a physical distance of two metres (six feet) from those outside of your household
- Wait for others to leave a house before approaching it
- Leave candy outside for pick-up
- Do not gather in groups with people outside of your household

Wear a non-medical mask or face covering when physical distancing is a challenge

Carry hand sanitizer and use it often

Avoid touching your face

Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow

COVID-19 Links and Resources

- For further COVID-19 information, including where to get tested, please visit Halton Region Public Health www.halton.ca/coronavirus
- Residents can stay informed at www.burlington.ca/coronavirus as well as on our social media channels: [@cityburlington](https://twitter.com/cityburlington) on twitter and facebook.com/cityburlington
- Government of Ontario: www.ontario.ca/coronavirus
- Government of Canada: www.canada.ca/coronavirus
- Joseph Brant Hospital: www.josephbranthospital.ca/covid-19