Guidelines for Halloween, Indoor Halloween Events, and Costume Contests

The guidelines are based on the recommendations put in place by the Chief Public Health Officer and exist to reduce the risk of spreading illness in our communities. They are meant to support participants conduct their Halloween activities safely during COVID-19.

Health and Safety Recommendations –Halloween and Halloween Events

Trick-or-Treaters	• Small groups, no larger than five. Encouraged to trick-or-treat with immediate family members. • All groups must maintain physical distancing of two metres wherever is safe and practical to do so. • Put treats in a corner or outside for three hours upon returning home. • Encouraged to disinfect any prepacked treats before eating. • One group of trick-or-treaters per house getting treats. • No sharing candy with others. • Participants should not wear another participant's costume or try on their mask. • Trick-or-treaters should regularly wash or sanitize hands; participants are encouraged to carry hand sanitizer/wipes with them. • Anyone exhibiting symptoms of viral illness **MUST NOT** participate. • **Halloween masks are not a good replacement to non-medical/medical masks. Participants may make non-medical/medical masks fun for Halloween.**
Giving Out Candy	• Participants giving candy should give prepackaged candy only. • Participants should give candy to trick-or-treaters. No candy should be left outside for anyone to take. • Participants should watch for trick-or-treaters and meet them on their step. This will avoid using high touch surfaces such as doorbells. • Do not allow trick-or-treaters inside your house. • Limit one group of trick-or-treats at your door. • Anyone exhibiting symptoms of viral illness **MUST NOT** give out candy
Costume Contests	Organizations may hold indoor costume contests if they can enforce physical distancing measures and participants do not exceed 100 or 75% capacity of people or the size of the facility established by the Office of the Fire Marshal. Organizers must ensure participants maintain physical distancing during the event. To ensure indoor limits are met, schedule participants based on what is

	most beneficial to your community. Some different ways to schedule your event are: First come first serve - Have designated bookings time and allow participants to a way to book these specific times. Explain to them that if they don't show up on time, they may not be able to participate. Groups by age – Have designated times for specific ages to participate in the event (i.e. 1-5 year old's – 4-5 p.m., 5-12 year your old's 5-6 p.m., etc.) Groups by Family – Come at specific times if your last name starts with a specific letter (i.e. A-D- 4-5 p.m., E-J- 5-6 p.m., etc.) Organizers could consider prizes for each category and one top prize for best overall costume.

Indoor Halloween Events

Please Note: Indoor Halloween events such as Costume contests or Indoor Trick-or-Treating due to inclement weather or environmental factors that prevent outdoor trick-or-treating (i.e. Polar Bears) are permitted. If an indoor space is being used, it needs to be large enough to maintain physical distancing for group size. Ensure that the appropriate number of supervisors are available to monitor.

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Organizers can encourage businesses, organizations, or specific areas of town to set up a booth to give out treats to participants.

Indoor Halloween events such as Halloween Dances or any other events where physical distancing measures cannot be met are not permitted.

Consider the following when planning your Indoor Halloween Event:

If you answer NO to any question below, you must reconsider your event until you can answer YES to all.

Yes	No	
		Have you referenced the latest updates on restrictions and allowances for programs and gatherings at: https://www.gov.nu.ca/health/information/nunavuts-path
		Will you be able to monitor and maintain physical distancing at the facility before and during the event?
		Will you be able to limit the number of people within a facility? (i.e. Municipal/C-Hall Employees, booth participants, trick-or-treaters, and chaperones does not exceed 100 people or 75 percent of the room's capacity).
		Have you met with staff to review safety and cleaning procedures?
		Have you developed a process to let participants schedule a time to participant?
		Have you established a process to clean with appropriate disinfecting cleaner throughout your event?
		Have you established a process to perform enhanced cleaning, including high touch surfaces (washrooms, chairs, doorknobs, fitness equipment, vending machines, etc.).
		Is it possible to maintain a user registry? (Names, dates, times, and contact information for potential contact tracing).
		Are you able to to indicate proper foot traffic flow and properly marked entrance and exits?
		Do volunteers/supervisors have the ability to reinforce reminders on physical distancing and to limit number of participants entering the building?

Organizers of events can look at different ways to schedule participants based on what is most beneficial to your community. Some different ways to schedule your event are:
https://www.gov.nu.ca/health ; https://www.gov.nu.ca

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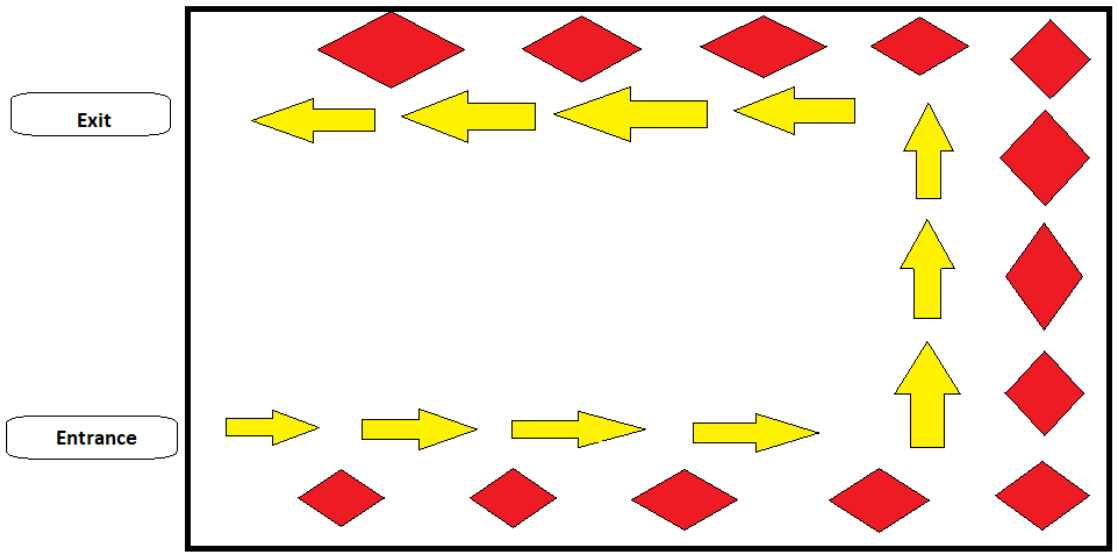
- **Groups by Family** – Come at specific times if your last name starts with a specific letter (i.e. A-D- 4-5 p.m., E-J- 5-6p.m., etc.).

Example of Crowd Flow Diagram:



Recommendations for any facility use for recreation and physical activity

	Compulsory handwashing – pre and post workout or activity. Washing should be done with soap and water for 20 seconds. Repeat often.
	Participants should avoid touching their face during the activity.
	Encourage the use of non-shared equipment.
	Provide cleaning products and wipes so that staff and users can regularly clean shared equipment such as weights, mats and machines. Use disposable wipes.
	Physical distance – maintain 2 metres between individuals. Where needed, place markers on floors or equipment (e.g. every second treadmill, space out benches, limit numbers based on room size).
	Keep logbook of users and staff, who is coming and going, what time, etc.