



THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE PRESENTS:

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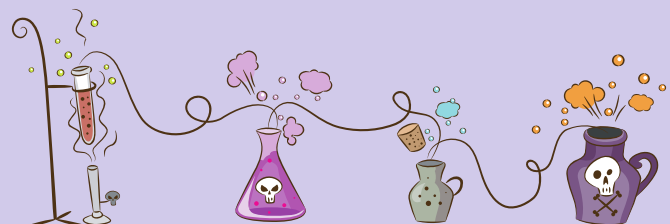
FOR THE PEOPLE

## HALLOWEEN SPECIAL



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# MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE HALLOWEEN SPECIAL



**She:kon Akwesasronon,**

I hope you and your family are in good spirits and are staying safe and healthy. Halloween is any exciting time, and we know that it is a holiday that many look forward to. With the ongoing pandemic, we want you all to be able to enjoy yourself, but to also keep safety as a top priority.

Throughout this Halloween Special, we have included events that are happening in Akwesasne, recommendations that we encourage people to follow if “trick-or-treating” and other fun activities and games to try. With COVID-19, we know that people are adjusting to the new normal, and we want to ensure that if you are going door-to-door, having a family night, or even creating new traditions to follow, you have fun and stay safe! We also want to remind individuals that there may be people who are uncomfortable with partaking in Halloween events this year. Perhaps they are sick, or are at high-risk or just do not want to participate. Please be respectful to these individuals, and still wish them a “spooktacular” day!

**Please see the following recommendations to ensure that Halloween can be enjoyed safely:**

- We strongly discourage inter-district Trick-or-Treating. Please stay within your own districts to avoid clusters and crowding.
- Trick-or-treating hours are advised from 3-7 p.m.
- Please respect those who choose not to participate in trick-or-treating.
- **All COVID-19 safety measures are a top priority:**
  - o *Maintain six feet of distance .*
  - o *Sanitize regularly.*
  - o *Do NOT participate if you are sick.*
  - o *Wear a mask.*
  - o *Consider alternate ways to practice the tradition of Trick-or-treating that prevents close contact or the spread of germs.*

It is up to each of us to make safe and responsible choices. We hope that the community has a fun Halloween with safety as a top priority.



**Nia:wen,**

Grand Chief Abram Benedict



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS



While many people are now vaccinated against COVID-19, the upcoming Halloween gatherings could still cause a spike in cases as they involve several of the risk factors mentioned on page 2. Gatherings between vaccinated and partially vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals have the potential to infect several family members, including children under 12 who can't currently get vaccinated against COVID-19. This could lead to outbreaks in schools in the weeks following Halloween. **Taking the measures below will help limit the risk of COVID-19 transmission amongst your loved ones.**

## **GUIDELINES FOR SAFE GATHERINGS THIS HALLOWEEN**

In order to avoid a spike in COVID-19 case counts following Halloween, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) is strongly recommending that residents take the following measures:

- Gatherings must respect the limits set out in the Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step, meaning *you cannot have more than 25 people indoors or 100 people outdoors.*

### **WHEN GATHERING OUTDOORS:**

- If everyone at the gathering is fully vaccinated, face coverings and physical distancing are not necessary.
- If there are individuals who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or whose vaccination status is unknown, participants should wear a face covering if physical distancing cannot be maintained.

### **WHEN GATHERING INDOORS:**

- If everyone in attendance is fully vaccinated, participants may remove their face covering if everyone is comfortable.
- If there are individuals who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or whose vaccination status is unknown, participants should wear a face covering and physically distance.





# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS



If you are immunocompromised, at higher-risk of severe disease and/or exposure to COVID-19, or simply feel it is right for you, you can wear a face covering and physically distance, regardless of the setting.



## ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR SAFE GATHERINGS

- If you're unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated, book an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.
- Stay home if you have symptoms, even if they're mild.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and regularly.
- Cover your cough when not wearing a face covering.
- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been identified by Public Health as a high-risk close contact of a known COVID-19 case.

## HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN AKWESASNE!

## GENERAL COVID-19 SAFETY TIPS

- Virtual gatherings or events remain the safest option, especially if there are unvaccinated people or persons whose vaccination status is unknown.
- Outdoor gatherings or events are safer than indoor ones.
- Smaller gatherings have a lower risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- Remember: Knowing someone does not reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS



## **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING AN IN-PERSON GATHERING THIS HALLOWEEN**

- Avoid attending any gatherings if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, even if they're mild.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often during the event.
- If you are immunocompromised, at higher-risk of severe disease and/or exposure to COVID-19, consider participating in the gathering virtually.

## **GUIDELINES FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS AND THOSE HANDING OUT TREATS**

### **GUIDELINES FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS:**

#### **If you choose to trick-or-treat door-to-door:**

- Stay home if you have symptoms, even if mild.
- Trick-or-treat outdoors as much as possible.
- Do not wear a costume mask over your face covering, as the costume mask can make it hard to breathe. Instead, consider building a face covering into your costume.
- When approaching doorsteps, take turns one at a time. Line up two metres apart if waiting.
- Avoid high-touch surfaces and objects (If you can, knock instead of pushing doorbells).
- Do not sing or shout for treats.
- Keep interactions with those handing out treats brief.
- Use hand sanitizer often (before and after handling your face covering, when you're back home from trick-or-treating, and before and after handling or eating treats).
- It is not necessary to clean or disinfect pre-packaged treats.
- If participating in indoor activities, maintain physical distancing and wear a face covering.

### **GUIDELINES FOR THOSE HANDING OUT TREATS:**

- Do not open your door or participate in other Halloween festivities if you have symptoms.
- Keep interactions with trick-or-treaters brief.
- Wear a face covering if physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Only give out purchased and packaged treats.
- Do not ask trick-or-treaters to sing or shout for their treats.
- Clean your hands often throughout the evening with soap and water or hand sanitizer.



# EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE COVID-19 HALLOWEEN SAFETY



If you're handing out treats, keep at least 2 metres distance from trick-or-treaters and wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer. Make candy bundles/bags using pre-packaged (not homemade) treats. Space them out on a table or blanket outside for trick-or-treaters to take, or find other creative ways to hand out treats while maintaining a distance.

If you or your children are sick or self-isolating, don't go out trick-or-treating and don't hand out treats. Stay at home and turn off your porch light to discourage trick-or-treaters from coming to the door.

**ANYONE WITH EVEN A MILD ILLNESS SHOULD STAY  
HOME AND REFRAIN FROM GOING OUT.  
STOP THE SPREAD!**

When out, keep six feet of distance from people who don't live with you, bring hand sanitizer with you and use it after touching objects or other people, and to wash your hands before eating treats once home. You can also wear a mask but don't wear a costume mask over your face mask to avoid suffocation.

If you're passing out candy, you're asked to set up an outdoor station with individually bagged treats and to avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.





# EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTRE COVID-19 HALLOWEEN SAFETY



Kids of all ages going door-to-door should get creative with how to incorporate PPE into their costumes. Trick-or-Treaters can reach for their favorite sweet treat – or even better, pick up a pre-packaged, individual baggie – so the homeowner doesn't have to break social distancing.

Don't plan to attend a super crowded haunted house with your young kids. Have a mask be part of your costume, and I think that will make most people safe and be able to give our kids that sense of normalcy that is Halloween.

It's better to put wrapped candies in a kid's basket than for kids to be reaching into a large bowl. If the kids do end up touching each other's hands or other commonly used surfaces like doorknobs, make sure to have hand sanitizer available.

Just as there will be some families that are willing to take on some of these risks, there are other families that want to take additional precautions. Some families have younger children who are not yet vaccinated. They could be living with elderly relatives who are immunocompromised. For people in such circumstances, it may be reasonable to avoid higher-risk indoor activities to protect others in the household.

Families should stick to outdoor trick-or-treating and in small groups. If you are planning on handing out candy and other goodies, sit outside and line up individually wrapped treats for children to take.

**IF THERE IS ILLNESS IN THE HOME,  
DO NOT DISPENSE CANDY AND RISK  
EXPOSURE TO OTHERS.**



# AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SAFETY TIPS



## TRICK-OR-TREATERS

1. Stay home if you are not feeling well.
2. Adults should be accompanying young children while out trick or treating.
3. Consider wearing a mask over your nose and mouth when trick-or-treating or handing out candy.
4. Stay in your own district when trick-or-treating.
5. Avoid large gatherings or parties and find ways to trick-or treat while staying at least six feet away from others, including when handing out and accepting treats.
6. Practice frequent hand cleaning, this includes everyone.
7. After dark, carry a flashlight or glowstick to increase visibility.
8. Please respect those who do not participate in Trick-or treating this year.
9. Examine and wipe down all treats before eating.

## MOTORISTS

1. Drive slowly and stay alert.
2. Watch for children crossing the street or at intersections.
3. Enter and exit driveways slowly and watch for children.
4. After dark, keep eyes out for trick or treaters wearing dark clothing.
5. Extra patrols will be on on duty to increase visibility and ensure safety.



**BE ALERT, BE SAFE!**





# KAN IEN'KÉHA HALLOWEEN PHRASES



**Tsi Niiontkonwaró:roks**  
Halloween

**Tehotahkwenniaierónnion**  
Costume

**Onon'onsera'kó:wa**  
Pumpkin

**Ká:iare**  
Bag

**Ótkon**  
Devil

**Athehtó:ri**  
Scarecrow

**Tsikera'wístak**  
Bat

**Iakokiánerons kanónhsa**  
Haunted house

**Ráhskenhn**  
Skeleton

**Akonhonwá:tha**  
Broom

**Iehahserénhas**  
Lantern

**Takwa'áhson**  
Spider

**Otsikhè:ta**  
Candy

**Iontkonwarorókstha**  
Mask

**Shakonekwenhso'tsí:reks**  
Vampire

**Kahòn:tsi nikaia'tó:ten takò:s**  
Cat, black

**Akón:wara**  
Mask

**Wata'én:naras**  
Witch

**Kana'tsiahón:tsi**  
Cauldron, black

**Tsistékeri**  
Owl

**Rata'én:neras**  
Witch, male

**Teiota'á:raton**  
Cobweb

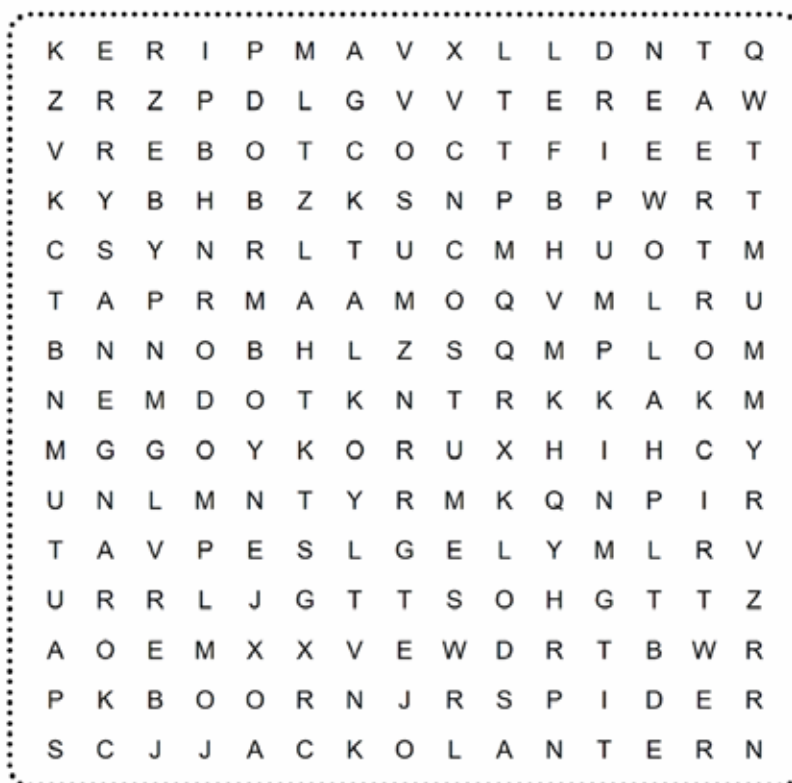
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Popcorn



# CHILDREN'S PAGES HALLOWEEN FUN!



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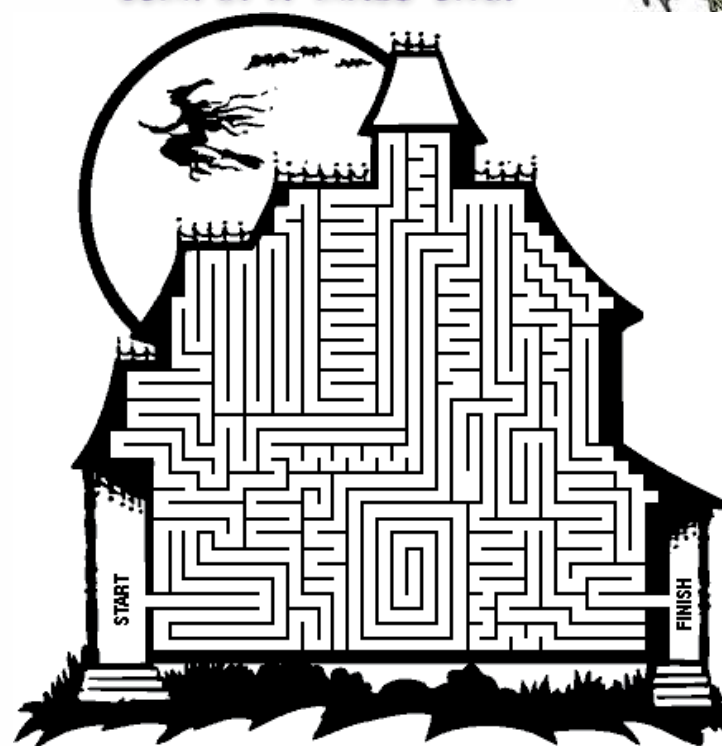
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HAUNTED  
JACKOLANTERN  
MONSTER

MUMMY  
OCTOBER  
ORANGE  
PUMPKIN  
SKELETON

SPIDER  
SPOOKY  
TRICK  
TREAT  
VAMPIRE

## SIMPLY A-MAZE-ING!



## YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Why wouldn't the skeleton cross the road?  
He didn't have any guts.

What kind of shoes does a ghost wear?  
Booooooots.

What do you call a witch at the beach?  
A sand-witch.

Why didn't Dracula have friends?  
He was a pain in the neck.



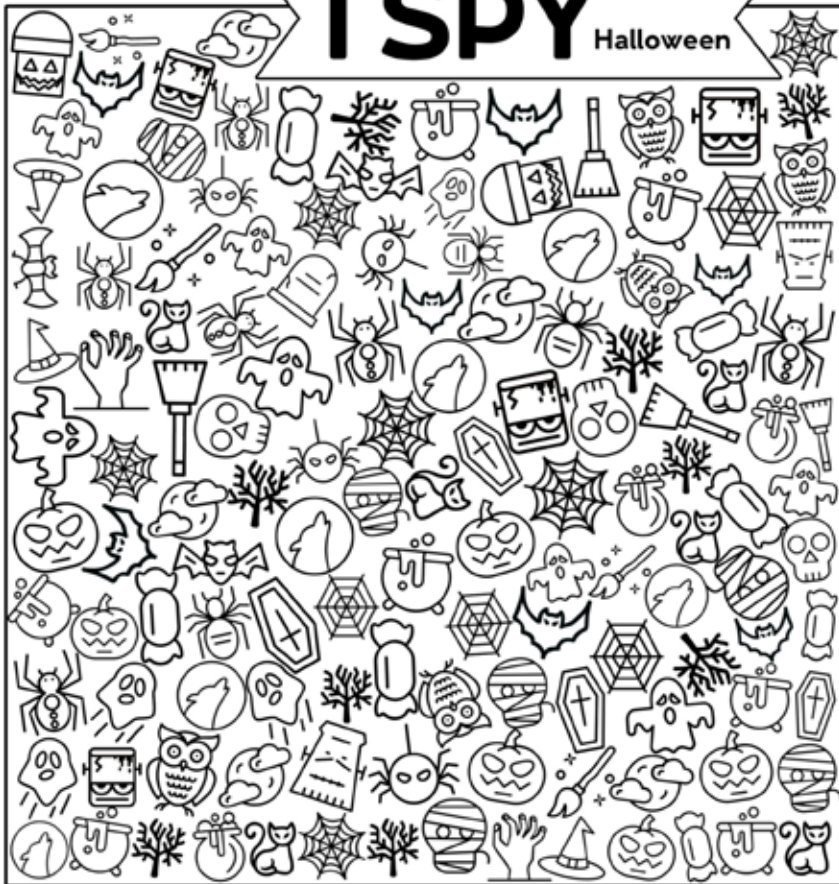


# CHILDREN'S PAGES HALLOWEEN FUN!



I SPY!

**I SPY** Halloween



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| 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 3 |

COLOUR ME!

**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**



## HALLOWEEN RIDDLE

The man who makes it doesn't need it. The man who buys it doesn't want it. The man who gets it doesn't know it. What is it?

Answer: coffin





Families have to make the decision in regard to participating in traditional Halloween activities, especially trick-or-treating. Some families are hesitant to take their children out or pass out candy. While the MCA has provided recommendations to Akwesasronon on ways to keep you and your family safe, there is no easy right or wrong answer. Each family will need to make the decision that works best for their family. Here are some ideas for you if you are considering handing out candy. Bring hand sanitizer, and use before handling candy, or after touching high-touch surfaces like doorbells or doors. If you're handing out treats, keep at least 6 ft from trick-or-treaters and wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer. Make candy bundles/bags using pre-packaged (not home-made) treats. Space them out on a table or blanket outside for trick-or-treaters to take, or find other creative ways to hand out treats while maintaining a distance. Finally, if you or your children are sick or self-isolating, don't go out trick-or-treating and don't hand out treats. Stay at home and turn off your porch light to discourage trick-or-treaters from coming to the door (or put up the sign provided in this issues).

### LONG KITCHEN UTENSILS



To help keep the distance, you could grab a long kitchen utensil like a pair of tongs to grab candy and place in children's bucket.

### DIXIE CUPS



You can place candy pieces in a Dixie cup and place them on a table in your driveway. That way, children can easily grab their candy.

### TREAT BAGS



Put candy in your treat bags and keep them spaced out on a table for kids to grab. You could also have them spaced out in your yard.

### BOWL WITH HAND SANITIZER



Set out a big bowl of candy and a bottle of hand sanitizer.

### HALLOWEEN CANDY SHOOT



Take a long tube or PVC pipe, make a stand and decorate it for the spooky occasion. If you make one, be sure to take a picture and submit to [communications@akwesasne.ca](mailto:communications@akwesasne.ca) for your chance to win a prize!!



# **HALLOWEEN**

## **CANDY SLIDE & YARD DECORATING CHALLENGE**

**SUBMIT PHOTOS OF YOUR DECORATED HOUSE, LAWN,  
AND/OR DIY CANDY SLIDE/CHUTE TO:**

**COMMUNICATIONS@AKWESASNE.CA**

**NOTE: PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR NAME AND DISTRICT WHICH YOU  
RESIDE WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY**

**PRIZES WILL BE RANDOMLY DRAWN LIVE ON MCA'S FACEBOOK PAGE ON  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**\*REMINDER TO PRACTICE PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES IF  
YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN TRICK OR TREATING\***



**FAMILY FUN BASKETS, GIFT CARDS, AND MORE!**





# GOOD OLD HALLOWEEN



OCTOBER 31 • 2-6 PM

IN THE KANA:TAKON (ST. REGIS) VILLAGE

PLEASE TAKE ALL SAFETY  
PRECAUTIONS

- GO TO HOUSES YOU KNOW
- DON'T TRAVEL IN LARGE GROUPS
- SOCIAL DISTANCE 6 FEET

CHANCES FOR DOOR PRIZES AT DIFFERENT  
RESIDENT HOUSES.

BE SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN  
FROM THE ST. REGIS RECREATION







# Kawehnoke Recreation Presents Golden Skull Giveaway

## Old Skool Trick or Treating Kawehnoke Style

Skulls will be handed out in Candy bags  
If your a lucky winner of a Skull you win  
Some Awesome Prizes

Prizes can be picked up at the Kawehnoke Recreation center  
Monday November 1st 5-7 pm



# TSI SNAIHNE RECREATION

## TRICK-OR-TREATING

- The Snye Recreation will once again be coordinating Trick-or-treating for the district this year.
- The Snye Recreation will be a stop on Halloween stop for a chance to win a Door Prize and also take a guess at our Candy Guessing Game.
- If you will be participating in Halloween this year, please put out your sign given last year or pick up a new one at the Recreation on Halloween morning from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Have your name added to the map that will be provided by sending a message Karonhientha Arquette or the Snye Recreation on Facebook, leave your name and address.
- We understand that during this time some families have loved ones who are compromised and do not want to take a risk and would not like to participate this year and that is understandable.
- We once again encourage families to set up outside of your home so that Trick-or-treaters do not have to go into homes.
- We are recommending Trick-or-Treating take place between 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Snye Recreation at 613-575-2496.

Have a SAFE and HAPPY Halloween!

**SPONSORED BY THE SNYE RECREATION!**





# UPCOMING COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

If you are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, the Community Health Program has the following clinics scheduled:

**OCTOBER 27, 2021 • 10AM – 12PM**

**MODERNA (AGES 18+)**

**BY APPOINTMENT**

**KANONHKWA'TSHERI:IO HEALTH FACILITY**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2021 • 10AM – 12PM**

**PFIZER (AGES 12+)**

**BY APPOINTMENT**

**KANONHKWA'TSHERI:IO HEALTH FACILITY**



If you have any questions, please contact the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341.

## MCA COVID-19 MONITOR

October 20, 2021

**NEW POSITIVE CASES**

**0**

**CURRENT ACTIVE CASES**

**11**

**TOTAL POSITIVE CASES**

**471**

**TOTAL DEATHS**

**9**

**TESTS ADMINISTERED WEEKLY**

**52**

**TOTAL TESTS ADMINISTERED**

**2,274**

**TURNAROUND TIME FOR RESULTS**

**3-7  
DAYS**

**VACCINES ADMINISTERED WEEKLY**

**0**

**TOTAL VACCINES ADMINISTERED**

**4,437**

*Vaccination data last updated on: October 8, 2021*

*Note: "Total vaccination" indicates individuals who have received 2 doses of their vaccine.*

*\*The data represents community members under the jurisdiction of MCA that have received the vaccine from MCA or SRMT.*

### UPCOMING VACCINE CLINICS

**October 27, 2021**

Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Moderna)

**November 10, 2021**

Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Pfizer)

Call the Community Health Program at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220 to schedule an appointment.





Please use this sign to display to let Trick-or-Treaters know you are handing out candy.

# WE HAVE CANDY!



**KEEP 6 FT OF DISTANCE!**  
**AND DON'T FORGET THE HAND SANITIZER!**

Please use this sign to display to let Trick-or-Treaters know you are not handing out candy.

# **SORRY, NO CANDY!**



## **HAVE FUN, BE SAFE!**





YOU ARE INVITED TO A

# VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

**SPOOKY**

Are you missing the tradition of Halloween costume contests? Don't worry!  
Participate in the MCA's Virtual Costume Contest for a chance to win prizes!

**Boo!**

## CATEGORIES:

1. SCARIEST
2. MOST ORIGINAL
3. FUNNIEST
4. CUTEST
5. GROUP/FAMILY



## DETAILS:

- Open to all Akwesasronon
- Must submit PHOTOS to [communications@akwesasne](mailto:communications@akwesasne) OR to the MCA Facebook page inbox by Halloween night at 9 p.m.
- Submissions must include your name and which category you are entering - only one submission per person please
- Photos must be from 2021
- All photos will be shared on MCA social media
- WINNERS will be announced **Monday, Nov .1** at 3 p.m.

