



## Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partnership (VCREMP)

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### **RE: COVID-19 Update 82 (RED text indicates web link & New Information in BLUE)**

Vulcan County Regional Emergency Management Partners are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation in Alberta. The latest Government of Alberta media releases can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/news.aspx>

**While Municipal Offices and Operations within the region remain open, we are urging the public to use municipal websites, email and telephone to answer their inquiries.** Vulcan County Protective Services is open by appointment only. Fire Halls are closed to the public until further notice.

#### COVID Numbers within Vulcan County are as follows:

- 1 Active Case(s)
- 62 Recovered
- 3 Fatalities

Cases have been dropping within the Vulcan County region, please keep up the good work in following proper personal hygiene and cleaning practices. Please follow these [guidelines](#) and watch your municipal websites for further updates.

[Active cases within the Province](#) now stand at 3,203. Testing has been completed on 1,197,204 people, accounting for 1,653,361 total tests. The interactive Provincial map can be found [here](#).

Everyone, even persons not exhibiting symptoms or requiring mandatory self-isolation, is strongly encouraged to limit outings to a minimum, [observe social distancing](#) and avoid touching your face without first washing your hands.

**With the confirmation of a confirmed cases within our region, please remain vigilant in the practices that have been established.** Please ensure you are taking the proper precautions.

#### Local Testing for COVID 19

Testing for COVID 19 continues to be offered locally at the Vulcan Community Health Centre, with a drive-thru process in place. We would like to remind the public that the Physician who completes the screening on a daily basis is the same physician who is on call at the clinic to accept walk in patients, and also on call in our Emergency Department for any patients that may present including traumas. There may be wait times that are less than ideal, but we ask that the public remain patient during this process. While increased testing numbers have risen locally, active cases remain static at three.

#### Provincial Measures and Indicators of COVID-19 Regional Risks

There are two indicators the Province is using as measures on how regions are doing, with three classifications:

##### **Open**

- low level of risk, no additional restrictions in place
- less than 50 active cases per 100,000



**Watch**

- the province is monitoring the risk and discussing with local government(s) and other community leaders the possible need for additional health measures
- at least 10 active cases and more than 50 active cases per 100,000

**Enhanced**

- risk levels require enhanced public health measures to control the spread
- informed by local context

**811 Health Link**

Once again, people experiencing 7 symptoms are to take the **online** self-assessment. As a further reminder, **811-health link is for those who are feeling ill and seeking advice.**

If you, or someone you care about, are feeling overwhelmed with emotions like sadness, depression, or anxiety, or feel like you want to harm yourself or others

- Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2643
- Addiction Help Line at 1-866-332-2322

Above information sourced from: <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans>

Sincerely,

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## COVID-19 INFORMATION

# NON-TRICKY TIPS FOR A SPOOKY SAFE HALLOWEEN

**DON'T trick-or-treat, hand out treats, or go to a party if you are feeling ill (even if symptoms are mild) or in isolation/quarantine.**



### Trick-or-treating

- Choose costumes that allow your child to wear a non-medical mask. They can wear a mask underneath a Halloween mask as long as they can see and breathe comfortably. Make sure it's comfortable so your child won't need to adjust it.
- Go only with family or cohort members and keep a healthy distance from others.
- Stay in your community to limit the number of people you come into contact with.
- Carry hand sanitizer and use it after touching touch-points like doorbells or railings.
- If you can, knock instead of pushing doorbells, or keep 2 metres from the door or porch and call "trick or treat". Make sure the person calling is wearing a mask.
- Wait until you're home and have washed your hands before handling candy.

### Handing out candy

- Print posters from Alberta.ca to hang in your window or place on your door to let trick-or-treaters know if you're handing out treats this year or not.
- Wear a mask and use tongs or a grabber.
- Keep a healthy distance from trick-or-treaters. If possible, hand out candy from the driveway, open garage, or lawn instead of your front door.
- Ask trick-or-treaters to knock instead of ringing the doorbell.
- If you are indoors (school, apartment building, or mall) use a table or desk to keep a safe distance from trick-or-treaters (e.g. school classroom, apartment building, mall)

- Avoid handling treats
  - Use prepackaged candy (no homemade treats)
  - Hand treats out directly from the package they came in
  - Don't leave self-serve bowls of bulk candy
  - Make candy bundles/bags and space them out on a table or blanket for trick-or-treaters to take
- Get creative! Build a candy slide down your front steps or railing! Build a (safe) candy catapult! There are many fun ways to hand out treats while maintaining physical distance.

### Attending a party (adults and kids)

- Spend time with people you know. The smaller the group the better.
- If possible, host your party outside. It's easier to keep a healthy distance between guests and there's better air circulation. (See guidance for ["Outdoor Events"](#))
- If the party is indoors, keep it small and maintain 2 metres away from people in other families and cohorts. (See guidance for ["Indoor Events"](#))
- Don't share drinks, snacks, cigarettes, vapes or cannabis – and no bobbing for apples!
- Choose games and activities that don't involve sharing items, and allow for distancing.
  - Set up art and craft stations so that each guest has their own materials (no sharing).
  - Instead of face painting, hand out temporary tattoos or stickers that guests can put on themselves.
  - Make sure any shared items are sanitized between uses.
  - Wash or sanitize your hands often. Have hand sanitizer easily accessible.