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Disease Discipline

for Having a Happy Hallowe'en



Hallowe'en in a Box for Young Friends

Trick or Treat At-Home kits with a scavenger hunt & crafts.

Many scientists (including me) anticipated the increased COVID_19 cases across Toronto, Ontario, and globally, during September. But, nine months on, remember that we **have** learned a lot about how to reduce the risks of getting and spreading the new SARS-CoV-2 virus.





Make a Marshmallow Spiderweb Cupcake Decoration shorturl.at/klnyM



Cranberry-Pistachio Biscotti for Parents

https:// www.kingarthurbaking.co m/recipes/pistachiocranberry-biscotti-recipe



Scavenger Hunt How-To https://www.wikihow.com/ Create-a-Scavenger-Hunt

I'm making inexpensive Trick or Treat Kits for children we know with <u>ghoulish candy wraps</u>, mini knitted witches hat ornaments, scavenger hunts and pinecone spider & origami bat crafts.

If possible, we will deliver peanut-free candy in waterproof wrapping (tho' fomite or surface transmission is now considered less risky than thought earlier) down a tube to the street for local children, per <u>Andrew Beattie as reported in the</u> <u>Washington Post</u>.



Minimizing Risks

Extending Trick or Treating safety

Politicians, including the Ontario government continue to make confusing announcements going into the Fall. July & August saw a lack of clear policy direction from politicians, with unclear messaging that seemed to ignore the evolving science.

Also, many people are inconsistent about complying with Public Health guidelines, going unmasked in indoor places about which we have poor knowledge about the ventilation. Some politicians have talked about cancelling Trick or Treating. **Ironically**, Hallowe'en is a large-scale, public, social activity that **has** been managed over MY lifetime to reduce risks:

- no more apples (due to razor-blade worries)
- peanut-free chocolates (due to allergies)
- reflective tape for costumes (visibility)
- battery-powered tea lights and high efficiency LED lights (managing fire risks)
- fire-retardant costume fabric (fire risks)

Wishing all a safe & fun Hallowe'en!

TESTED RESOURCES — PLEASE USE THEM

Download the Canadian COVID Alert App:

https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covidalert.html

Martha Stewart Magazine September 2020:

https://www.marthastewart.com/7989882/covid-coronavirus-halloween-ideas

https://www.marthastewart.com/274896/halloween-decorating-and-craft-templates

More Scavenger Hunts:

https://www.playpartyplan.com/free-printable-halloween-scavenger-hunt/ (with clues)

https://www.giftofcuriosity.com/halloween-scavenger-hunt-free-printable/ (with checklists)