



October 27, 2020

Object: Halloween 2020: Safety first in these unusual times

Dear Mr/Mrs,

While so many things have changed these days, the traditional Halloween hunt for treats will still go ahead on Saturday, October 31. Therefore, the Service de police de la Ville de Gatineau (SPVG) will be very visible as super heroes, witches and princesses will be taking over Gatineau's streets. As in previous years, SPVG officers will be patrolling and looking out for kids and adults alike.

Normally, this festive evening is the ideal opportunity for police and residents to mingle in a relaxed atmosphere. Although, given the current context, please be informed that our police officers and volunteers will not be handing out glow lights to children on Halloween like the previous years. Our numerous police officers will have to minimize their contacts with residents during Halloween night for everyone's safety as we seek to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

However, reflective wristbands are being handed out in nursery schools and first grade classes throughout Gatineau. The distribution of wristbands has been underway for a few days now, the idea being to improve the visibility of children on the streets. If your child has not received his or hers, make sure they are equipped with a flashlight or a bright object such as a luminescent stick when he or she goes door-to-door.

On Halloween night, police officers will be particularly focused on ensuring that pedestrians and drivers comply with the *Highway Safety Code*. Therefore, parents should not drive behind their children. It is also important to cross the street only at intersections and at designated places, and to avoid zig-zagging.

In addition to these usual tips, we count on your cooperation to contribute to the collective effort and to comply with the public health guidelines issued by the government regarding the Halloween festivities. These guidelines are available on the Quebec government's website at <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/answers-questions-coronavirus-covid19/gatherings-activities-covid-19/>.

Best regards,

The director,

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Attachment: Consignes à suivre pour une Halloween en toute sécurité (French only)

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

15 OCTOBRE

CONSIGNES À SUIVRE

POUR UNE HALLOWEEN EN TOUTE SÉCURITÉ

- 👤 Restreindre la circulation et l'accompagnement des enfants aux membres de leur maisonnée seulement
- 👤 Limiter le circuit de collecte de bonbons au quartier entourant le domicile des participants et ne pas entrer dans les maisons
- 👤 Toujours respecter la distance de 2 mètres avec les autres, porter un couvre-visage et s'abstenir de chanter ou de crier devant d'autres personnes
- 👤 Le lavage des mains est recommandé au besoin, ainsi qu'au retour à la maison

MESURE DE PRÉCAUTION LIÉE AUX FRIANDISES

- 👤 Dans la mesure du possible, les enfants devront récolter les bonbons et friandises placés à un endroit situé à 2 mètres des occupants de la maison visitée

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