



## How to Safely Host a Block Party

Block Parties are a tradition in St. Albert and a great way to meet, reconnect and spend time with neighbours. As we seek to renew our social connections and once again host our neighbours, keep in mind that we all cope with pandemic stressors in our own way, and our experiences with COVID-19 are vastly different.

As you organize your block party, here are some tips to help you host a gathering safely and make it enjoyable for everyone:

- **Respect Different Approaches:** Guests may have different approaches, choices, opinions and levels of comfort when it comes to non-mandatory public health measures such as face coverings and physical distancing.
- **Maintain Good Hygiene Practices:** Consider maintaining some of the good habits we have developed this past year. Provide a hand washing station and/or hand sanitizer at food tables.
- **Encourage Healthy Participation:** Encourage individuals who are feeling ill to stay at home.
- **Be Empathic:** Consider those at higher risk within your neighbourhood and plan accordingly.
- **Be Courteous, Patient and Kind:** Discuss the size of the gathering with your neighbours. What do people feel comfortable with? Encourage those who may feel uncomfortable to wear masks and physical distance.
- **Have fun!** Most importantly, smile and enjoy the time together!

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