



## How to Safely Host a Block Party

The COVID-19 pandemic has been hard on everyone. Now, more than ever, it is important to be socially connected. Block Parties are a tradition in St. Albert and a great way to meet, re-connect and spend time with neighbours. The Government of Alberta continues to restrict gatherings to protect Albertans' health and limit the spread of COVID-19. Please ensure your gathering does not exceed the public health order limits. Visit [COVID-19 info for Albertans](#) for more information on public health orders and guidelines.

Here are some tips to help you organize and host your Block Party safely:

- **Manage numbers:** Restrict number of attendees to a maximum of allowable participants as per public health orders.
- **Plan for Physical Distancing:** Ensure you meet outdoors in a space that allows for physical distancing of at least 2 metres.
- **Avoid shared touchpoints:** Encourage everyone to bring their own food and drinks. DO NOT SHARE. Provide activities that do not require people to touch or pass items.
- **Encourage healthy participation:** Encourage people who feel ill or are experiencing symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat, to stay home and consider testing. For information on getting tested, visit: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-testing-in-alberta.aspx>

Other Alberta Public Health Recommendations:

- Be empathetic to those at risk in your neighbourhood and plan accordingly.
  - Consider making arrangements so people with chronic medical conditions or over the age of 60 can participate safely. This may include postponing.
- Keep gatherings small.
- Provide a flexible time frame, so neighbours can stagger arrivals and departures.
- Make a plan to maintain hygiene, such as a hand-wash station or encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Also clean highly touched areas frequently.
- Promote the use of personal protective practices (coughing and sneezing etiquette, hand hygiene, masks, etc.)
- Explore virtual attendance options so everyone can participate safely.