

A LETTER FROM
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SANTA CLAUS

To my dear friends in Winnipeg,

Normally, you write me so many wonderful letters around this time of year, so I thought I would give it try myself. Mrs. Claus and I have had a lovely year up in the North Pole. We and all the elves have been very careful: washing our hands, wearing our masks, socially distancing, and doing everything we can to keep each other safe.

I hear that we're not quite ready to host another parade this year, and that made me feel a lot of things. I was sad that I wouldn't be able to ride down Portage Avenue on my sleigh. I was glad that we're all taking extra precautions, to keep each other safe. I was nostalgic for all the incredible parades we've had in the past, and I was thankful that I know there are still so many more to come. But it's hard to wait sometimes, isn't it? You're doing a great job of being patient, and we'll all be back together again soon.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy these fun activities to get you into the spirit of the season. Word searches, scavenger hunts, colouring pages and more! If you want to share them with your friends from all across the province, you can email a photo or a scan of what you've been up to directly to the Santa Parade Committee at info@winnipegssantaparade.com and you might see yourself on social media!

Don't you worry, friends! I will most definitely still be making the rounds on Christmas Eve, (complete with hand sanitizer and my mask) to bring lots of joy to you and your loved ones. I can't wait to taste those cookies!

Be nice to yourselves and to each other, and most of all, spread the magic of the season wherever you go with kindness, patience and generosity!

See you soon, Winnipeg,

Santa Claus