



CITY OF CLERMONT
Special Meeting
6:30 PM, Thursday, September 17, 2020

FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Welcome to our Council meeting. In the interest of time efficiency and ensuring that everyone who wishes to address the Council is given the opportunity to do so, the following will apply to all comments made by the public. Each speaker will be permitted 3 minutes to address the Council. These time limits may be changed by the Mayor. Thank you for participating in your City Government.

CALL TO ORDER

Item No. 1 - Resolution No. 2020-59R

Consider adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Ad Valorem Millage Rate of 4.2061.

Item No. 2 - Resolution No. 2020-60R

Consider adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Budget of \$157,736,418.

Item No. 3 - Sommer Sports Event Request

Consider boat ramp closure request from Sommer Sports on October 24, 2020 for the "Great Floridian Triathlon" at Waterfront Park and October and December events and request to hold event during Governor's Phase 2.

Item No. 4 - Event and Road Closure Request

Consider event and road closures request for "Mustache Dash" on Nov 21, 2020 and request to hold event during Governor's Phase 2.

ADJOURN



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Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Council at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings. For that purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if any person with a disability defined by the ADA needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, then not later than two business days prior to the proceeding he/she should contact Clermont, City Clerk's Office, 352-241-7330.

Please be advised that if you intend to show any document, picture, video or items to the Council or Board in support or opposition to any item on the agenda; a copy of the document, picture, video or item must be provided to the City Clerk for the City's records.



AGENDA ITEM

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Thursday, September 17, 2020		
Agenda Item Name		
Resolution No. 2020-59R		
Requested Action		
Request to approve Resolution No. 2020-59R adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Final Ad Valorem Millage Rate of 4.2061.		
Staff Report		
<p>As required by Florida Statutes 200.065, Resolution No. 2020-59R provides for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 FINAL ad valorem millage rate. Staff is proposing to maintain the current millage rate of 4.2061 mills which is more than the rolled back rate of 3.9061 by 6.21%.</p> <p>The general public must be allowed time for public comments prior to the adoption of the millage rate.</p> <p>Prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing the council must adopt a final millage rate.</p>		
Additional Analysis		
Fiscal Impact Summary		
The final millage rate of 4.2061 will generate \$14,222,250 in ad-valorem tax revenues for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.		
Fiscal Impact	Fund Number and Description	Available Budget Amount
Exhibits Attached (copies of original agreements)		
1.	Resolution 2020-59R Final Millage Resolution - 9-17-20	Resolution 2020-59R Final Millage Resolution - 9-17-20.pdf
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**CITY OF CLERMONT
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-59R**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLERMONT, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL AD VALOREM MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF TAXES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Clermont, Florida adopted a Fiscal Year Final Millage Rate following a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clermont, Florida held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the revenue for the City's 2020-2021 fiscal year general government budget must be raised from the assessment and levy of an ad valorem tax on each dollar of taxable property in the City of Clermont, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within the City of Clermont has been certified by the Lake County Property Appraiser to be \$3,440,121,784 on July 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Clermont of Lake County, Florida, that:

1. The 2020-2021 Fiscal Year final operating millage rate is 4.2061 mills which is more than the rolled-back rate of 3.9601 mills by 6.21%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Clermont this 17th day of September, 2020.

Gail L. Ash, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Ackroyd Howe, City Clerk

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BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF CLERMONT, FLORIDA FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

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La Niña can also mean a drier, hotter winter for the Sunshine State.

Mike Halpert, deputy director for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center, said the declaration of a La Niña means there's already been an atmospheric response to the cooler waters measured in the equatorial Pacific.

"It's not all that strong yet, and that's to be expected," Halpert said. "But it's certainly not hurting hurricane season."

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Westerly wind shear in the Atlantic works to tear apart hurricanes as they develop.

With La Niña, waters in the Pacific cool, rainfall retreats to the west and the westerly winds wane — leaving the Atlantic and U.S. vulnerable to tropical cyclones.

"In a lot of ways, the atmosphere is already responding like it's a La Niña," said Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach, noting rising air over Africa and the Indian Ocean as signals of the climate pattern. "This should lead to a continued heightened Atlantic hurricane season."

The 2020 hurricane season has already produced 17 named storms, including four hurricanes and one major hurricane.

BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF CLERMONT, FLORIDA FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

CLASSIFICATION	General Fund Millage per \$1000 4.2861							TOTAL BUDGET
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Funds	Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Fund		
ESTIMATED REVENUES								
Ad Valorem Taxes	13,769,621	453,229	-	-	-	-	-	14,222,850
Other Taxes	5,662,812	2,666,687	-	-	-	-	-	8,329,509
Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,500,300	2,851,000	-	-	3,333,000	-	-	9,684,300
Intergovernmental Charges For Services	3,578,433	-	-	700,000	750,000	-	-	5,028,433
Fines & Forfeitures	2,298,801	2,500	-	-	19,610,000	5,463,465	-	27,374,766
Miscellaneous	114,200	-	-	-	708,600	105,055	-	1,527,855
Interfund Transfers	1,091,283	151,400	2,400	175,000	950,017	-	-	5,900,217
ESTIMATED REVENUES	2,147,211	-	2,812,993	-	-	-	-	72,886,707
NON-REVENUES								
Respiring Reserves	32,161,361	6,114,816	2,835,399	875,000	25,321,617	5,508,520	-	84,949,711
TOTAL REVENUES & RESERVES	\$40,588,191	\$13,058,231	\$4,643,568	\$16,805,165	\$75,751,981	\$6,889,282		\$157,796,418
EXPENDITURES								
General Government	4,958,988	20,463	2,807,855	1,009	-	5,712,326	-	13,500,641
Public Safety	21,462,806	2,537,365	-	-	-	-	-	24,000,231
Physical Environment	956,956	-	-	7,093,045	42,654,337	-	-	50,704,348
Transportation	2,950,164	116,911	-	-	-	-	-	3,067,075
Economic Environment	159,782	410,758	-	3,099,300	-	-	-	3,669,840
Culture/Recreation	3,134,267	96,840	-	-	-	-	-	3,231,107
Interfund Transfers	238,467	2,614,526	-	-	3,027,228	-	-	5,879,221
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RESERVES								
Ending Reserves	6,546,691	7,261,368	1,835,713	6,611,811	30,030,416	1,176,956	-	53,462,955
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Staff Report		
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WHEREAS, the City of Clermont, Florida held a public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined by the City Council of the City of Clermont, Lake County, Florida that the sums of money included in Exhibit A, attached hereto, totaling \$157,736,418 or as much thereof as may be authorized by law are required for the operation of the government of said City for the Fiscal Year of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Clermont, that the attached said budget for the City of Clermont for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and appropriations therefore are hereby adopted.

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BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF CLERMONT, FLORIDA FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

General Fund Millage per \$1000	4.2651	Special	Debt	Capital	Provision	Internal Service	TOTAL
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Clermont has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy	\$13,162,004
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes	\$ 29,453
C. Actual property tax levy	\$13,132,551
This year's proposed tax levy	\$14,469,496

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on

Thursday, September 17, 2020

6:30 P.M.

at

City of Clermont

Clermont City Center

620 West Montrose Street

Clermont, Florida 34711

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

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replacing the line eyes of Texas as the school song because of its "racist undertones."

Texas and Florida are academic and athletic peers. If Texas was rethinking its past, Spearman figured his alma mater should, too.

The father of two Florida graduates sat down to write on a Saturday morning. Spearman started by praising Fuchs' commitment to diversity and asking him to look into buildings' names before turning to the cheer.

"I have struggled with this chant for several years and discussed this with a few other Gators, with no conclusive answer," Spearman wrote on June 13. "I wanted to at least bring this to your attention."

It was the first mention of "Gator Bait" in Fuchs' inbox or outbox since Floyd's death. But not the first he ever received.

In March 2016 — about a year after he started — Fuchs received an email from a recent graduate, Anthony Timoti, who called it "antiquated and foolish to keep using terms like this so casually."

Fuchs replied that he "wasn't aware of the history of the phrase" and asked for

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La Niña to shake up an already hyperactive hurricane season

By Kimberly Miller
Palm Beach Post

One of Earth's most influential climate patterns has arrived, bent on provoking tropical turmoil in an already overzealous hurricane season.

It was coincidence that the development of a La Niña was announced by the Climate Prediction Center on Thursday — the peak of hurricane season and a time when two tropical storms and four areas of concern were simmering in the Atlantic basin.

While the center had put the world on alert in July



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"We still have a long ways to go," said Miami-based National Weather Service warning coordination meteorologist Robert Molleda, noting that South Florida is still vulnerable to hurricanes through October. "Of all the landfalls we've had, more than half have come after Sept. 10."

La Niña can also mean a drier, hotter winter for the Sunshine State.

Mike Halpert, deputy director for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center, said the declaration of a La Niña means there's already been an atmospheric response to the cooler waters measured in the equatorial Pacific.

"It's not all that strong yet, and that's to be expected," Halpert said. "But it's certainly not hurting hurricane season."

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CLASSIFICATION	General Fund Millage per \$1000 4.2861						
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Fund	TOTAL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES							
Ad Valorem Taxes	13,769,621	453,229	-	-	-	-	14,222,850
Other Taxes	5,662,812	2,666,687	-	-	-	-	8,329,509
Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,500,300	2,851,000	-	-	3,333,000	-	9,684,300
Intergovernmental Charges For Services	3,578,433	-	-	700,000	750,000	-	5,028,433
Fines & Forfeitures	2,298,801	2,500	-	-	19,610,000	5,463,465	27,374,766
Miscellaneous	114,200	-	-	-	708,600	105,055	114,200
Interfund Transfers	1,091,283	151,400	2,400	175,000	950,017	-	2,233,838
ESTIMATED REVENUES	2,147,211	2,832,993	2,832,993	175,000	25,321,617	5,568,520	72,886,707
NON-REVENUES							
Reprising Reserves	8,426,830	6,933,415	1,808,175	15,930,165	50,430,360	1,320,762	84,949,711
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EXPENDITURES							
General Government	4,958,968	20,463	2,807,855	1,009	-	5,712,326	13,500,641
Public Safety	21,462,866	2,537,365	-	-	-	-	24,000,231
Physical Environment	956,956	-	-	7,093,045	42,654,337	-	50,704,348
Transportation	2,950,164	116,911	-	-	-	-	3,067,075
Economic Environment	159,782	410,758	-	3,099,300	-	-	3,669,840
Culture/Recreation	3,134,267	96,840	-	-	-	-	3,231,107
Interfund Transfers	238,467	2,614,526	-	-	3,027,228	-	5,920,221
EXPENDITURES	34,041,500	5,795,863	2,807,855	10,199,354	45,721,565	5,712,326	104,273,463
RESERVES							
Ending Reserves	6,546,691	7,261,368	1,835,713	6,611,811	30,030,416	1,176,956	53,462,955
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* THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD. D05573 - September 14, 2020

Kimiller@pbpost.com



AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date		
Thursday, September 17, 2020		
Agenda Item Name		
Sommer Sports Event Request		
Requested Action		
Request to approve the request from Sommer Sports for closure of the boat ramp on October 24, 2020 for the "Great Floridian Triathlon" taking place at Waterfront Park and approval of October and December events and request to hold event during Governor's Phase 2.		
Staff Report		
<p>Sommer Sports is requesting closure of the boat ramp on October 24, 2020 for the "Great Floridian Triathlon" taking place at Waterfront Park and Victory Pointe. City Council previously approved the event. The closure would be from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. to allow for safety of participants and additional parking. The Special Event Permit process grants applicants hosting events over 1,000 people the ability to request of the City Council to close the boat ramp. The Great Floridian Triathlon anticipates having over 1,000 participants and spectators. With the proposed distancing enhancements to ensure participant safety, the event has been moved to the larger venue of Waterfront Park. The applicant is aware that the granting of a Special Event Permit for this event is dependent upon Covid-19 safety protocols.</p> <p>The City Council will address if the event will be permitted to occur if the State is still in Phase 2. If approved to occur during Phase 2, Sommer Sports would also like approval for their October 17th, October 31st and December 19th events to take place.</p>		
Additional Analysis		
Fiscal Impact Summary		
Fiscal Impact	Fund Number and Description	Available Budget Amount
Exhibits Attached (copies of original agreements)		
1. Sommer Sports Request For Live Events 2020	Sommer Sports Request For Live Events 2020.pdf	



REQUEST FOR LIVE EVENTS

Presented to the
City of Clermont

September 11. 2020

Prepared by
Sommer Sports

September 11, 2020

Dear Mayor Ash and Members of the City Council:

We are seeking approval to host our remaining Clermont events as live events. The referenced events have already been approved by the city and are outlined in more detail in attachment "A". The events are listed below:

- 1) Oct. 17 – Lake Minneola Half. Rescheduled from March 28, May 30, and Aug. 29.
- 2) Oct. 24 – Great Floridian Triathlon – USA Triathlon National Championship (pending).
- 3) Oct. 31 – Nightmare on the Clermont Trails 5k
- 4) Dec. 19 – Santa's Twilight 5K

All events will be conducted with limited participation, most at 30-35% of the event's capacity, and under stringent social distancing and safety guidelines. Please see attachment "B" for expanded information on the safety guidelines in place and event changes being made to enable us to conduct the race safely during the pandemic. I have also attached the Return to Racing Recommendations from USA Triathlon, which our event policies adhere to.

On June 27 and July 11, we proved that we could conduct a safe event with social distancing and enhanced safety guidelines built in and enforced. In fact, the events were so successful they served as a role model to help other promoters gain approval for their events. They were also featured in the recent issue of Triathlete Magazine and will also be featured in the next issue of the USAT Triathlon Magazine. In a post-race survey sent out to all participants in those two events, when asked, "Overall, how would you rate the event's implementation of social distancing and safety guidelines?", 89% of the responses rated us as "Very Good" or "Excellent". Please review the attached athlete testimonials to see how athletes felt about racing in our June/July races.

Just like all businesses are not the same, not all events are the same, and it is unfair to lump them all into one group when deciding policy. Open air participatory events with limited spectators and participants, do not have the same COVID risk as a street festival jammed with people, or a small gathering of people grouped in a closed environment. The irony is that it is OK for bars, most with enclosed environments and recirculated air, already shown to be large spreaders of COVID, can open at 50% capacity. But an outdoor participatory event, like a triathlon or running race, operating with reduced participation and stringent social distancing and safety guidelines in place, cannot take place?! I have searched and searched online and have yet to find a single case where contact tracing tracked a COVID case back to a run or triathlon.

Besides being one of Clermont's premier events, the Great Floridian Triathlon also contributes greatly to economy of Clermont businesses. Heck, just our local police officers and Sheriff Deputies alone will collectively earn over \$30,000 working off duty traffic control positions during the race.

My company, Sommer Sports, the owner of the Great Floridian Triathlon, like many small businesses in Clermont is struggling to survive. Over 70% of our events have been cancelled this year. If this year's

Great Floridian is forced to cancel, it will be especially tough for the future of triathlons in Clermont. As you recall last year's race had to be cancelled just a couple hours before the start due to severe weather and an active tornado watch. Then in March of this year we were forced to cancel our Great Clermont and Florida Challenge Triathlons just hours before the race start, and after many athletes were already in town, due to the escalation of COVID situation. If this year's Great Floridian Triathlon is forced to cancel, I am not sure how we will be able to rebound. Remember, this is about more than a local event trying to be approved to go live, this is about a long-standing small Clermont business that is struggling to survive, and a robust running and triathlon community that is anxious to return to Clermont.

I would like to ask that when you review our request for live events that you keep an open mind and understand the importance of reviewing each event on its own merits including its COVID plan. Please do not take the easy way out by lumping all events together and saying no events until phase 3, which most likely will not happen.

Clermont's new master plan was built on the legacy sports and events created. If Clermont is truly the Choice of Champions, then it will champion a way to make sure quality community events with social distancing and safety guidelines in place, can take place.

Thanks for your understanding and continued support!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Sommer".

Fred Sommer,
President

REMAINING 2020 CLERMONT EVENTS

October 17, 2020 Lake Minneola Half Marathon (Rescheduled from March/August)*

The Lake Minneola Half Marathon consists of a half marathon, 10K run/walk, and 5K Run/walk. The event capacity is 1200 runners, but less than 400 runners are expected on Oct. 17. The 400 runners are almost equally split between the three distances. The start times for each distance are one hour apart, so in reality it is like having three small races with less than 150 runners each. Each race will have a corral start with groups of less than 40 runners starting 2-3 minutes apart. This event will be conducted at 30% capacity.

October 24, 2020 30th Annual Great Floridian Triathlon

The great Floridian Triathlon consists of several race distances, the longest being a full ironman distance triathlon with a 2.4 mile swim-112 mile bike-26.2 mile run. The shortest distance is a sprint triathlon with the distances of .25 mile swim-8.5 mile bioke-3.1 run. The event capacity is 1600 triathletes. Prior to COVID we were expecting 1200 participants this year. Because registration for this race has been closed most of the summer, we currently only have about 250 athletes registered. If the event can go live and we re-open registration, we expect to register another 200 athletes. This means there will be less than 500 actual racers, 30% of the event's capacity. Keep in mind the 140.6 mile course is open for 18 hours so natural social distancing is built in.

October 31, 2020 Nightmare on the Clermont Trails 5K

This is a themed sunset run that has a capacity or 1200 runners. We were originally expecting 950 runners this year, but now our anticipated participation is less than 400 runners. Corral starts will be used to start less than 40 runners every 3 minutes to enable social distancing. This race will be conducted at approximately 35% capacity.

December 19, 2020 Santa's Twilight 5K – Clermont

This is a holiday themed night run with a capacity of 1200 runners. We anticipate that less than 400 runners will register this year. This event will use corral starts starting 35 runners every 3 minutes to allow for social distancing. This race will be conducted at approximately 30% capacity.

SOMMER SPORTS RETURN TO RACING

The journey continues as we, and other events in Florida, begin to take place. As we move forward during these unprecedented times, the same creativity, ingenuity, and passion that has shaped Sommer Sports events in the past, will help shape our events in the future. Because the health, safety and well-being of the community, athletes, staff, and volunteers, is central to everything we stand for, we take racing during COVID-19 very seriously. We are taking every precaution we can to provide a safe environment for you to race in. We successfully hosted two events in Clermont since the pandemic began, June 27 and July 11. The events were conducted under stringent social distancing and safety guidelines and were a tremendous success.

We are aware that the COVID-19 situation is continuing to evolve. Should guidance change and the live event not be allowed to take place as planned, we are ready to make necessary changes to abide by the revised guidelines, including rescheduling or cancelling the impacted event if needed. All our live events will be conducted within guidelines established by City of Clermont, Lake County, State of Florida, CDC, USA Triathlon, and USAT Track & Field.

As we return to racing, your race day may look a little different than in the past. Here are key things you need to know about returning to racing, and what we are doing to keep you safe.

1) Expect Changes

While we would love to produce events the way they were run pre COVID-19, we need to be honest with ourselves, that is not going to happen for quite some time. With the goal of eliminating as many touch points as possible, and maintaining social distancing throughout the event, here are a few of the changes you will notice:

- Staff & volunteers will wear face masks whenever possible
- No mass starts, triathlons will use a time trial start within each swim wave, with one athlete starting every 3-5 seconds. Running events will have corral starts of 35 runners or less every two minutes
- Extended hours for packet pick-up with expanded space to allow for social distancing
- There will be a mandatory temperature check of each athlete before being allowed to pick-up their race packet. Athletes who do not pass the temperature test will not be allowed to race and will be asked to leave the venue and seek medical advice
- The race venue plan has been redesigned to maximize spacing
- Participant caps will be in place to avoid crowding of athletes
- Face coverings will always be required while at the venue except while racing

- No sponsor/vendor/club tents while we are still in phase 2 of the reopening
- No live pre-race briefings at the venue. Several virtual online briefings will be conducted in advance of the race instead of in-person briefings
- While spectators are not prohibited at the venue, they are also not encouraged. All spectators at the race venue must wear a face covering and social distance. A volunteer will circulate the venue to distribute free face masks to those people who may need one
- No onsite registration or changes. All new registrations and change requests must be completed online no later than two days before the event.
- Most touch points have been minimized
 - Multi-sport athletes will body mark themselves with provided tattoos
 - Only 3 bikes per rack versus 6-8
 - Buffet food tent and beer garden have been eliminated. Athletes will receive pre-packaged food and snacks after finishing and will receive a coupon for a free beer from our partner, Suncreek Brewery.
 - No posted or displayed results onsite, however athletes can easily access live results via their phone
 - No onsite awards ceremony, awards can be claimed following the race at a specified location that will be identified in your athlete guide. Our awards banner and podium will be set-up for photo ops.
 - Support stations will be mostly self-serve with water in sealed bottles
 - Multisport athletes will remove their own timing chip unassisted by volunteers
- Additional hand cleaning stations at key locations
- Free face masks available to all at our Safety Tent near the finish line.

Please review the Athlete Guide for more detailed information on race logistics.

2) Not Everyone Should Race Live

We are encouraging anyone who is in a high-risk category to please, please stay home and complete the race virtually. That means if you:

- Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma.
- Have serious heart conditions.
- Are immunocompromised.
- Have diabetes
- Are a medical professional who has been in contact with COVID-19 patients
- Traveled internationally in the last 14 days
- Have had close contact in the last 14 days with someone with a diagnosis of COVID-19
- Have flu-like symptoms (cough, sore throat, fever (100.0F or greater), shortness of breath, recent loss of smell, etc.)

You should not tempt fate and we encourage you to stay home and switch to the virtual race option.

3) This Is Not the ‘New Normal’

We do not expect things to stay this way forever and over time we will return to racing as you have known it. Going forward changes will be made based on our experiences from previous races, feedback garnered, and local requirements. As the state reopens and we move into phase 3, we should be able to gradually reintroduce many of the event amenities that were sidelined due to COVID-19.

4) Your Safety Is—Always Has Been, Always Will Be—Our #1 Priority

Your health and safety have always come first for us, and that will never change. As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, we are staying on top of health protocols and following all established guidelines for gatherings. We are continuously reviewing our plans and revising them when necessary. We will spare no precaution to make racing a Sommer Sports event safe and fun!

As with any challenging time, this situation will eventually end! We are all in this together, and together we are strong!

We will continue to keep you updated as race day approaches.

Fred Sommer,
Race Director

...Along with the entire Sommer Sports – Great Floridian Team Team



A special thanks to our great community partners!

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Sep10, 2020

To The Esteemed City Council of Clermont, FL,

Mayor Ash
Council Member Purvis
Council Member Bates
Council Member Brishke
Council Member Travis

I have been a sports and event photographer for many years. In 2019, I attended and provided photo services for 190 events. Among those were approximately 20 events managed and hosted by Sommer Sports. In all of my years covering sports events throughout Florida or anywhere, I can honestly say that I have never seen a race director or company operate with more concern for participant safety than Fred Sommer and Sommer Sports.

As you all probably know, Fred has been in event production for over 35 years. His Lifetime Achievement Award from USA Triathlon and induction to USA Triathlon Region Hall of Fame are just some examples that demonstrate his dedication to the sport.

I attended and photographed both Sommer Sports events held in Clermont this summer. These events were modified to incorporate and exceed guidelines set by the CDC, as well as USA Triathlon.

In an area as large as Waterfront Park and Victory Pointe there is space for social distancing. Interactions between Sommer Sports staff and athletes were done through acrylic barriers. Medal distribution, food distribution, and awards ceremonies were modified to be self serve. They even modified event start intervals to make sure athletes would be distant throughout the event.

The level of safety incorporated into a Sommer Sports managed event is second to none. I would encourage the council to consider all of the efforts being taken to absolutely make sure athletes are safe during their participation in the Great Floridian Triathlon and grant permission for this bucket list achievement to happen for the athletes wishing to participate.

The following pages are actual photographs I've taken that further demonstrate safety measures in place.

Sincerely,
Byron Faudie, Photographer
Owner eSportsPhoto



Masks, gloves, and acrylic barriers at points of interaction.



Masks and gloves with disposable drink cups



Social Distanced – runners start in small groups paced 1-2 minutes apart.



Social Distanced – swimmers line up along cones spaced 6 feet apart. Swimmers start individually 2 seconds apart.



Social Distanced – the timer turns green every 2 seconds to signal the athlete's start for the swim



Social Distanced – bike racks set up with bikes 6 feet apart. Photo: Fred Sommer



Sanitation Stations were distributed throughout the event space



Be Safe Station – stocked with sanitizer, and extra masks.



Handwashing Stations in transition areas. Also, only athletes allowed in for bike removal to encourage social distancing.



Post Race nutrition – pre packed for athletes to avoid a “buffet” like experience. Masks and gloves in this area.



To Clermont City Council,

Suncreek would like to lend its support to Sommer Sports and their desire to hold the Grand Floridian Triathlon as described at the City Council meeting on Sept. 8th, 2020 which I attended.

We have supported Sommer Sports since our opening and find them to be a considerate and responsible partner. Given the times, events like the GFT 2020 should only be permitted **IF** the organizer can do so with appropriate safety protocols in place. Fred Sommer has recently demonstrated his organizations ability to plan and execute a COVID safe race while effectively balancing the overall safety of his staff, volunteers and event participants. If anything, the GFT will build on that experience.

We look forward to welcoming the GFT finish line and other event finishes back to SunCreek once it is safe to do so. In the interim, his entire industry is in peril and while this is not any different from any other industry these days, outdoor events such as the GFT offer us an opportunity for a somewhat 'normal' event to safely take place in these decidedly 'less than' times.

We sincerely hope you will grant his request to hold the GFT.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cheers!

—

William Downs
Owner / SunCreek Brewery
790 West Minneola Ave
Clermont, FL. 34711



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Clermont City Officials,

I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration in permitting the Great Floridian Triathlon on October 24, 2020. Your city is an amazing host: volunteers, police officers, Sommer Sports, and local businesses set the standard for a welcoming environment.

I have been in healthcare for 39 years and understand the seriousness of the pandemic that has changed our world today. Your concern for the safety of the community is important, but also allowing the opportunity to promote fitness for athletes of all ages and abilities will strengthen the physical, mental, and emotional health of the community.

I participated in both Cool Sommer Mornings events in June and July of this year and felt extremely safe. Sommer Sports set the expectation to all participants with detailed communication regarding safety measures that would be followed. Masks were worn by all prior and after the event, hand sanitizer stations provided, check-in stations with plexiglass, volunteers with gloves/masks, and single use water/Gatorade bottles were just a few of the measures that “kept everyone safe”.

Once again, thank-you for your time and consideration,

Debi F. Brightwell
MBA, RT®, RDMS, RDCS, RVT



Shannon Moore

Interesting considering Gov DeSantis tweeted support for a race with over 3,000 attendees yet you can't host a race? Theme Parks are open... Daytona Speedway/NASCAR is open... makes no sense considering in the height of COVID you provided two safe races... bars reopen Monday... assisted living now allowing visitors...it's ridiculous not to host a public socially distanced race that has been here for decades and takes care of athletes and the community...maybe we need a Governor supported tweet for GFT... we are racing all over Florida— Space Coast Marathon is on... Game On events are happening... Challenge Daytona is on... IM likely on... GFT is oldest race in US sad day they vote against when other cities are hosting events and welcoming safe, healthy practices...



Dear Mayor Ash, City Council Members, Mr. Gray and Mr. Davidoff,

I attended Tuesday's meeting and I would like to once again ask you to please find ways to adapt to the situation we are in, rather than simply canceling all events.

This is my 24th year teaching Physical Education in the public school system. I am at East Ridge Middle School and I have had to completely change the way I teach P.E. in order to continue serving the kids in our district and keep them safe.

It's nothing like the way I've done it in the past, but every day I get creative and come up with a way to make it happen safely.

Teachers, administrators and business owners all across our city are being creative and adapting to the situation that we are in. They are all continuing to serve the people of this city safely.

I am asking you, our city leaders, to also find creative ways to continue serving the residents of Clermont by allowing safe events.

Canceling all events until "Phase 3" is a disservice to our residents for a number of reasons:

- 1) We have absolutely no idea how long it could be until Phase 3 is declared. It could be 6 months. It could be over a year.
- 2) Councilman Bates, at the last meeting you said "Allowing some events and not allowing others would be difficult." Yes, it might be difficult. That's why we have people in place to evaluate those events and make those kinds of difficult decisions. This is a very difficult time to be in leadership! I agree. But we need our leaders to rise to the occasion and make difficult decisions and give residents safe activities and events to look forward to!
- 3) Do you realize that depression and divorce and domestic abuse have all been increasing? People need some sense of normalcy. People need goals to work for and things to hope for. This is when recreation is more important than ever. Obviously, we can't have huge groups of people congregating. But there are ways to have safe events and we should be pursuing them for the well being of our community.

Every time we turn on the news, we see anger and frustration. Politics, racism, etc etc. People are on edge. Our community needs a competitive outlet--we need events. That is why many of us love living here in Clermont!

Do you know what they announced at my school yesterday? That middle school cross country, flag football and volleyball will be starting on Sept. 21. Also, my 3 boys start their soccer league at the NTC (owned by Orlando Health) this month! High school sports are practicing now.

So kids can play contact sports but adults are prohibited from doing a non-contact run or triathlon??

Councilman Purvis, you voiced some concerns at the last meeting that were very compelling. But your concerns could all be addressed. You were concerned that events would be like your Turkey Trot where there was a lot of congregating. You were concerned that "groups of 20 or 30 would go get a beer afterward". You also said that you had a hunch that COVID numbers would jump up again because of school resuming.

I have a lot of respect for you and your opinion, and I absolutely agree that COVID is a real threat... but it's possible to design events that prohibit congregating. It's possible for people go to Suncreek or one of our downtown establishments and safely get a beer outdoors. And there is not a spike in cases occurring in Lake County.

We can't allow hypotheticals to destroy what we know to be good for our community.

I have worked hard to organize a race to benefit the Boys & Girls Club. We are partnering with the Clermont Police Dept and the City of Clermont to do a 2 mile trail race at the Clermont Performing Arts Center this coming January. This will be the first race on that property.

This race is designed to be an outreach to under-served youth and help build relationships between the kids in our community and our police department. All the kids from the Boys & Girls Club and one of their parents/guardians will be able to race for free.

I know for a fact that this will be a great event for these kids. I have seen events like this change the course of a kid's life because they realize that they can set goals and work hard and achieve what they set their mind to. But your current language makes me think you will cancel it.

When you decide to cancel all events, you are canceling opportunities for people to build relationships and improve their quality of life. You are canceling personal goals and motivation to reach those goals.

Let race directors propose their ideas and plans...THEN decide if they meet your requirements individually. Yes, it will be more difficult for city leaders. But isn't our community worth the effort?

Councilwoman Travis, you are a competitor. You know how important it is for races like the Great Floridian to take place. You were correct when you mentioned some of the other events that are slated to take place this calendar year. Is the council willing to allow Fred Sommer to go out of business while similar races take place all around us? If he has to cancel the Great Floridian, people are going to give up registering for anything. You recall that last year's Great Floridian was cancelled because of weather... And you recall that this year's Great Clermont Triathlon / Intimidator was canceled during packet pick-up because of COVID, right? I think the city owes it to Fred to give him a chance to put this race on. I participated in the June and July sprint tri events and they were done safely! Do we know of anyone who contracted the virus at his races? No!

I have the utmost respect for all of you and I appreciate all you do for our city..

I love Clermont and I love raising my 3 boys here.

Thank you for your leadership. I admire you for wanting to keep us safe, but life on this planet will always have risks. We have to adapt to those risks and keep moving forward. As I type this, I'm watching the NFL season opener. Limited fans in the stands. They got creative and made it happen! We can do it too.

Sincerely,

Josh Castleman
East Ridge Middle School Phys Ed.
Clermont Triathlon Club

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To: City of Clermont

From: Mary Lu Williams

I was able to participate in the June triathlon. I felt the event was well run and allowed for social distancing. I would feel safe to participate in another event. I work as an administrator for the Orlando VA healthcare System. In my role I must have knowledge of safety standards to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as well as ensure the execution of these standards. I felt that Sommer Sports did a great job of following and assuring adherence to current guidelines.

VR,

Mary Lu Williams

Dear council,

I raced June and July. June Cool Sommer mornings sprint triathlon was my first triathlon. I am a proud member of clermont triathlon club.

I felt safe while competing in the event. Actually, I was very impressed with how organized the event was. Packet pick up was well organized and everything was set up apart and everyone in a mask. Everything was set up for safety and I felt safe from the start to the finish. They separated all athletes start times and we remained apart throughout the race. The transition area was set up 6ft apart. While competing outside athletes are always at different distances. I cannot stress enough how well organized the events were planned, set up and with safety always first! It's great to promote a healthy lifestyle!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Shelly Burke



To whom it may concern,

As long term patrons of the events put on by Sommer Sports, we trusted them to have the experience and invest the consideration necessary to successfully host a triathlon event amid the coronavirus pandemic. We certainly were not disappointed. They were able to eliminate all contact and institute several additional safety measures including use of masks and gloves by all volunteers, hand sanitizer stations, increased spacing in the transition and start areas, and removal of the awards ceremony after. Coming from two people that have shifted to working remotely, contactless grocery pickup, and near elimination of social gatherings; we felt safe enough that not only did both my boyfriend and I race, and both his teenage daughters volunteer, we also went back again for the second event. We certainly hope to race again with them as soon as possible!

KC Northup

Dear City Council. City of Clermont, Mayor Ash and Fred Sommer:

The safe distancing and procedures put in place for the races held June and July 2020 where my triathlete hero, age 75, Glen Brecheen of Mont Verde, FL competed were very safe. He continues to train at Water Front Park weekly and looks forward to competing October 24, 2020.

I encourage the city to review the procedures already in place for these 2 races, which included social distancing etc. I was very pleased to see the safety measures by Sommer Sports to keep the athletes safe.

Special thanks to Sommer Sports and Fred Sommer for responding responsibly for the community and athletes competing.

Please consider this my "YES" vote for the Great Floridian Triathlon event on October 24, 2020.

Thank you for your special consideration.

Best regards, Janet

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As an athlete who competed in the Sommer Series race on June 20th, I wanted to share my opinion on the safety of the race environment. Please understand that I take the COVID pandemic seriously as many athletes do because time spent being sick and recovering from what can be a long rehabilitation, is time that we can't spend training and racing, something we greatly enjoy. That being said, I felt that the precautions taken by Sommer Sports were well communicated and executed. The

extra space in transition and the single file swim start (vs en masse) were definitely the two biggest precautions for me. I normally wear a mask and those were required in/around the race. I missed having an awards ceremony but I understand that there are sacrifices in this situation. I encourage you to allow Fred Sommer and his organization to continue to host events in your great city. He truly cares about the community and safety of the athletes as well as your citizens and will work hard to conduct another safe race. Thank you.

Tracy Phipps

Ocala, FL

Good Evening,

I am writing to let you know how much I appreciate all that you did for your live races in June and July. I appreciate the fact that you enforced masks, social distancing, and had staggered starts. I felt completely safe both at the start and finish. Because of the staggered starts, I felt safe out on the trail. Runners did not bunch up and respected each other's space. I also appreciate the fact that you still had water stops but did so with bottled water for everyone's safety. I love that the end of race snacks were pre-bagged and safely handed out by volunteers. I must admit that I miss the watermelon though!

As we try to be as normal as possible, you are doing an outstanding job making sure that we are safely able to race in person. I can't express to you how grateful the running/racing community is to you and your staff. Having live races is such a morale and mental health boost!

I love the fact that other race companies are slowly doing live races and they are modeling after you. I am proud of the fact that I am part of your race community and that you are setting the bar high.

I am truly disappointed that your August and September live races were canceled. I am hopeful that others will not be canceled. You are taking all of the precautions that are suggested by the CDC and WHO. You are not just going through the motions but are very serious in your expectations and what you model.

Thank you for all you do for the racing community,

Cheri Leavitt

Sent from my iPhone

City of Clermont City Council

Clermont, FL

Ladies & Gentlemen:

I participated in the Sommer Sports Cool Summer Mornings Triathlon on July 11, 2020..

Sommer Sports followed strict coronavirus protocol to maintain social distancing and to provide a safe and enjoyable racing experience. These measures included:

Requirement of staff and volunteers to wear face masks during the event, and encouragement of athletes to wear face masks before and after the event.

Signage promoting social distancing to encourage people to spread out.

Plentiful hand washing and sanitizing stations.

Expanded transition areas with 6 ft. distances between bikes.

Time trial swim start with athletes entering the water one at a time.

Sealed single use water bottles during the run.

Finish line removal of timing chip by the athlete and placement into disinfectant solution.

Post race single serve food bags.

Timing results sent to each athlete's cell phone with no common area postings.

I personally felt safe and in control of my situation. I recommend Sommer Sports ability to execute a safe racing experience in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Walter Harnischfeger

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To all concerned parties,

I am writing this letter to request approval for the return of endurance races to the City of Clermont.

Having attended and the Cool Sommer Mornings races in June and July, I fully support and encourage the continuation of any endurance event organized by Sommer Sports.

Every detail pertaining to public safety, hygiene, sanitation, social distancing and preparation was followed and adhered to before, during, and after the event.

The entire format for the events were modified in order to comply with all of the guidelines defined by the CDC, the U.S.A Track and Field Association, and the U.S.A. Triathlon Association. At no time did I feel that my health was compromised nor did I see any other athlete in a compromising situation.

With extensive signage, excellent live event announcing and communications, advance communication to athletes and event modifications I feel that Sommer Sports set the standard for every endurance event in the Southeast United States. In July, I saw race directors from Orlando (Track Shack/Disney events), Daytona Beach (Challenge Daytona at the Daytona International Speedway), and Jacksonville in attendance to learn how they would be able to execute their races. They have all tailored their plans and are proceeding with their LIVE races.

These are outdoor events. There is no recirculated air. They are safe. They are healthy And they are FUN. Isn't time for a little bit of "approved" FUN?

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the fall races resuming in Clermont, Florida.

Sincerely,

Alice Neal

Clermont City Council,

I raced in both the June and July Cool Sommer Mornings Triathlons.

Every single Sommer Sports staff member and volunteer made sure that the events were conducted in a safe and socially distanced manner.

They put so much thought and effort into every single detail of the events. I can't even imagine the extra hours of planning that went into providing a safe place for us to race.

They made sure that everyone abided by social distancing guidelines by increasing the area of transition where we keep our bikes so that we would be more than 6 feet apart. The start of the swim was changed so that we didn't start in groups, instead they had us start individually in a time trial format.

There was no awards ceremony after the race. They made sure that people didn't hang around and socialize in groups. Spectators were encouraged to stay home but any that did attend wore masks.

There were extra porta potties, hand washing stations, sanitation stations, and every staff/volunteer were wearing masks and gloves.

Not only did they make sure the race was safe for everyone, they brought back hope and life to competitors. With almost all events being canceled this year, it's been incredibly tough. Race weekends give athletes something to look forward to and strive towards. They help people push past their fears and accomplish things they either never knew they were capable of, or had trained hours upon hours to accomplish. There was so much joy and hope brought back with these two races actually happening.

I never thought the final two races of the series would be canceled because Sommer Sports did such a superb job of going above and beyond to adhere to Covid social distancing guidelines.

Everyone felt safe and had no complaints. They laid the map out for others to follow.

There's no reason that the Great Floridian Triathlon shouldn't be held this October. Sommer Sports will do everything they can to make sure that everyone is safe, along with bringing back the joy and hope for those who live to compete.

Thank you.

Casey Seland

Hello,

I participated in the June and July 2020 Sommer Sports International Triathlons. I was impressed by the measures taken--and the execution of those measures--to ensure every participant had space to spread out and avoid potential exposure to COVID.

Notably, these specific details stood out:

-Waves starting minutes apart so each wave had few enough participants, and there were never any large groups clustered together

-Spacing cones during the swim start corral

-Spacing on the bike racks! (This should be continued forever!)

-Hand Sanitizer stations & mask handouts

I was disappointed that we could not continue to race in August and September. I thought that we proved we could race safely in the first 2 events, since there were no reports of any viral spread after either of those races.

I hope you are able to hold the next race scheduled in October. Triathletes are anxious to stay HEALTHY and continue training for these races!

Cheryl Sobering

Dear Clermont City Council:

I'm writing to you to say that I recently participated in the Cool Sommer 5K in July. I was impressed by Sommer Sports efforts to encourage social distancing and minimize contact throughout the event. Sommer Sports, I believe, has set a standard that all future endurance events can reference to provide safe and fun events.

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Thanks,

Abby Tanner
727.432.3555

Dear Council members,

PLEASE Allow SommerSports to put on the annual Great Floridian !!

I am a long time Participant in their races.

I had the pleasure of racing in June this year (the first race Since the Pandemic) Sommer Sports did an Amazing job keeping everyone safe volunteers and racers.

From wearing masks in packet pickup, distancing us in the swim, transition area was So we'll spread out, rolling through the hill of Clermont, and running on the awesome Trail.....every part of the race felt safe to me !!!

It really was a Privilege to be a part of this race , so PLEASE! PLEASE! allow Us to race in October .

Best regards,

Page Ritter-Soule (age group 55:)

Sent from my iPad

To the Clermont City Council,

I participated in both of the sprint triathlons put on by Sommer Sports in June and July this year. The organizers did a great job creating an environment that was safe and clean. From the very beginning of packet pickup to the conclusion of the event, each step of the way, it was clear the attention to safety was paramount and successful. I trust the Sommer Sports team to continue this level of attention through all of their events. I sincerely hope they will be able to continue to put on events because they are the best at it!

Best regards,

Kenyon Congdon

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To Whom It May Concern:

This July I participated in a sprint triathlon during the July Cool Sommer Mornings event. I felt well prepared to what to expect driving to the event. Sommer Sports sent numerous written communication documenting process and procedures that would be followed. I arrived with my son who also participated, he did the 5k. Everything was expected. Signage was clear, all volunteers were very helpful and knew the answers of all my questions. The start of the race allowed for separation, and this is usually when we are shoulder to shoulder. There was plenty of space in the transition areas to stay apart from each other. I never felt I was put in position during the race that I felt uncomfortable. While my race time was not a good one, thanks Florida heat and the lack of preparation, it was a great experience and am glad I participated. It was a blessing to my mental and social health because it was one of the few days over the summer that I felt normal.

Warmest Regards,

Sandy Earnest

6.4 mm who contracted Covid we have a 97% survival rate. Further breaking down of the numbers only 6% of those were without underlining conditions. That means healthy individuals have a 99.4% survival rate. I really felt this was no surprise, but I thought we would open things up more. We have a 1% chance of dying in a car accident, but we jump in a car every day.

How many attending drove your cars to this meeting? Can the city council legislate my safety on City of Clermont public roads? Of course, you cannot, and you should not be expected to. At what point are we allowed to return to our normal lives?

The City of Clermont is the City of Champions party due to the impact Fred Sommers and Sommers Sport has had over the last 35+ years in this community. Many of you are here raising families and businesses because of the investment Fred. Fred is a businessperson. How long can you expect him to be able to operate his business under these conditions? Is it now Ok that we would jeopardize an iconic local business for the smallest chance that someone might contract covid-19? Airplanes are OK. Wal Mart is OK. Peaceful demonstrations are OK. Triathlon is OK. Our very rules state that we must keep a minimum distance from each other.

Fred's 2 races this summer have been a textbook example of how to conduct group events with safety protocols in place. The Great Floridian is the United States Triathlon National Championship. It is time for City of Clermont to lead by showing that events can successfully take place.

Doug Guthrie

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Return to Racing Recommendations for Race Directors

August 19, 2020

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Return to Racing Recommendations for Race Directors

The Return to Racing Recommendations have been developed by experienced race directors and medical experts relying on fact-based recommendations from other expert resources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), World Health Organization (“WHO”), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) and sport-specific guidelines developed by the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”) and the International Triathlon Union (“ITU”). The recommendations provided in this document are broadly focused to allow for clear, flexible, and scalable application across all sizes and scopes of endurance events. Importantly, event organizers must adhere to any rules or regulations that their local authorities’ issue; these recommendations are designed to be applied based on those local directives.

A separate document, [Return to Racing Recommendations for Athletes](#), is now available and race directors are encouraged to pass along to their athletes.

Section I: Phased Approach to Return to Racing¹

The Return to Racing Recommendations have been developed to align with the three-phased approach for resuming normal business and lifestyle operations as provided by the Federal Government. Please note, these recommendations apply to the location of where your event is held.

There are several resources available for determining what phase your state and local jurisdictions are currently operating under. Refer to your local and state health department websites for this information. You can also reference many sources that have compiled information nationwide like the New York Times [Coronavirus Reopen Map](#) and NPR's [State-by-State Guide for Reopening](#).

Here are the overviews from the Guidelines for the three phases:

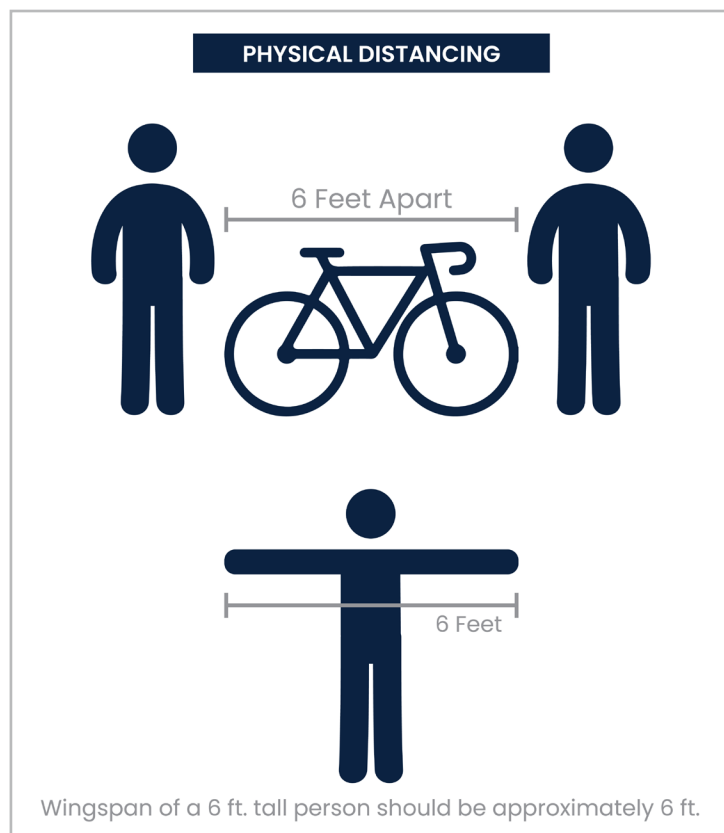
- **Phase I Overview:** No events are permitted by state or local authorities. Virtual racing only and training with strict limitations while maintaining adherence to mass gathering thresholds, physical distancing and sanitation protocols. Virtual events are covered through insurance as long as they are sanctioned as a clinic through the USA Triathlon sanctioning system². All decisions continue to be consistent with federal guidelines and guidance from state and local authorities, and aligned with local circumstances.
- **Phase II Overview:** In-person racing is permitted with local event size restrictions and strict limitations, and training with moderate limitations, while continuing to adhere to mass gathering thresholds, physical distancing and sanitation protocols. Perform a WHO risk assessment to determine if your event is located in a Very Low or Low Risk Category³. All decisions continue to be consistent with federal guidelines and guidance from state and local authorities, and aligned with local circumstances.
- **Phase III Overview:** In-person racing is permitted with no local event size restrictions and moderate limitations, and training with considerations, while continuing to adhere to physical distancing and sanitation protocols. Perform a WHO risk assessment to determine if your event is located in a Very Low or Low Risk Category³. All decisions continue to be consistent with federal guidelines and guidance from state and local authorities, and aligned with local circumstances.

Section II: Impact to Racing and Recommendations for Event Planning and Operations

The impact of coronavirus will undoubtedly have a long-lasting and significant impact on event planning and operations. The following recommendations are designed to provide a scalable application to all sizes and forms of endurance events.

Race organizers are ultimately responsible for the safety and well-being of their event participants and should exercise discretion for how they implement these recommendations at their own events. Before holding an event, race directors must 1) identify and adhere to the mass gathering limitations set by local authorities; and 2) have enhanced plans in place for preventing, mitigating, and responding to disease transmission.

These recommendations do not contemplate Draft-Legal events. If you are hosting a Draft-Legal event, please refer to the ITU Competition Rules. Regarding face coverings, follow the guidance of the event's state or local jurisdiction.



EVENT MEDICAL AND SAFETY OPERATIONS AT EVENTS

Basic medical procedures must be implemented to protect the safety of the medical workers, volunteers and participants. Race directors should develop an event medical plan with attention to COVID-19 factors.

STAFFING

I. One to two staff members should be dedicated to constantly cleaning tables, chairs and other high touch points after each athlete leaves an area. An additional consideration should be disposable covers on each of these items. Consider Medical and Security staff given authority to screen a participant, staff member or spectator presenting symptoms

SCREENING

I. Screen everyone entering the venue. It is imperative to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by rapidly identifying those with the virus, having them self-isolate and receive medical treatment. COVID-19 symptoms range from mild, cold-like symptoms, to respiratory failure.

1. Have medical staff equipped with thermometers, extra face coverings and gloves. Based on the CDC definition of a fever and the symptoms of COVID-19^{4,5}, if the athlete has a temperature of 100.0 degrees F or above, then athlete should be directed to event's medical director for final determination on the athlete's ability to participate in the event

2. The three most common symptoms include:
 - a. Fever (>100-degree F)
 - b. Cough
 - c. Shortness of Breath
 - d. Less common symptoms include:
 - i. Chills
 - ii. Sore Throat
 - iii. Headache
 - iv. Muscle & Joint Pain
 - v. Chills
 - vi. Congestion
 - vii. Loss of Sense of Smell
 - viii. Vomiting
 - ix. Diarrhea

MEDICAL TENT SETUP

- I. Consider a larger tent for medical, with the ability to open up or remove walls, to allow medical staff and athletes in need of medical help to spread out. It is important to keep in mind that there should still be privacy rooms within the medical treatment area.
- II. Cooling pools should not be used
- III. Have ample hand sanitizer, fresh towels and wipes, trash cans and bags, and other necessary cleaning supplies

If an athlete arrives at the event exhibiting symptoms, the appropriate medical and security staff should be notified. Provide presenting individual with appropriate PPE and escort to designated COVID-19 isolation location. After evaluation, if individual is asked to leave venue, they should be provided with information regarding local medical resources and instructed to receive further evaluation. If an individual needs assistance to be escorted from the venue, local medical protocols will be used to complete transport.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Consider sending a checklist to participants prior to the event. Include questions such as: a) Have you tested positive for COVID-19? b) Do you have symptoms (cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath, etc.)? If the answer to either of those questions is “yes,” inform the participant that they should not attend the event unless she gets clearance from her medical provider.

- I. Athletes who have experienced symptoms, or live with people who have symptoms, should self-quarantine and not compete in events until the following are true:
 1. At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery
 - a. Recovery is defined as resolution of fever without use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms, e.g. cough, shortness of breath, etc. AND
 2. At least ten (10) days have passed since symptoms first appeared

EVENT OPERATIONS

The following provides guidance for race directors holding events in Phases 2 and 3 and constitute a collection of recommendations from OSHA, WHO, CDC, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, ITU, USOPC and leaders in the endurance community.

SANITIZATION PROTOCOLS^{6,7}

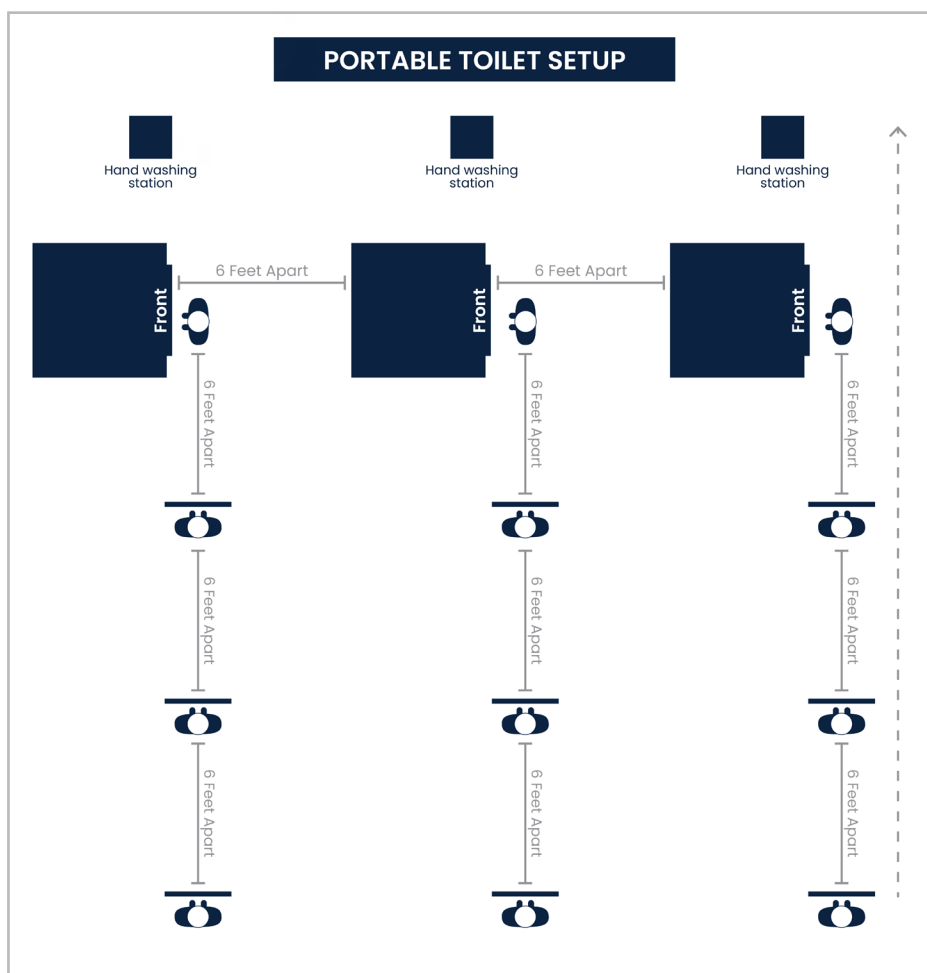
I. Basic infection prevention measures must be implemented to protect all persons at your event. This includes but is not limited to:

1. Post ample signage on-site encouraging regular hand washing and sanitizing
2. Have hand washing and sanitizing stations readily available and ample trash receptacles placed around event venue
3. Regularly cleaning high touch point areas
4. Require athletes, staff, volunteers, officials, and spectators to stay home if they are feeling ill
5. Discourage use of other people's equipment, phones, tools, etc.

II. How to implement at events:

1. Portable toilets

- a. Provide ample sanitation options like hand wipes, sinks, or hand sanitizer immediately outside each portable toilet cluster
- b. Increase the number of portable toilets to lower the ratio of athletes per portable toilet
- c. Increase the physical footprint by adding some space between portable toilet to encourage socially distancing in lines
- d. Consider additional signage to support physical distancing
 - i. Marking out 6-foot markers to distance within the line
- e. Schedule additional cleaning or continue to sanitize throughout the event day



2. Hand washing and sanitizing stations
3. Have several hand washing and sanitizing stations available throughout the event venue
 - a. Place stations in key areas:
 - i. Restrooms
 - ii. Finish line
 - iii. Post-race food
 - iv. Transition
 - v. Fluid stations
4. Have ample volunteers available to monitor and restock supplies continuously

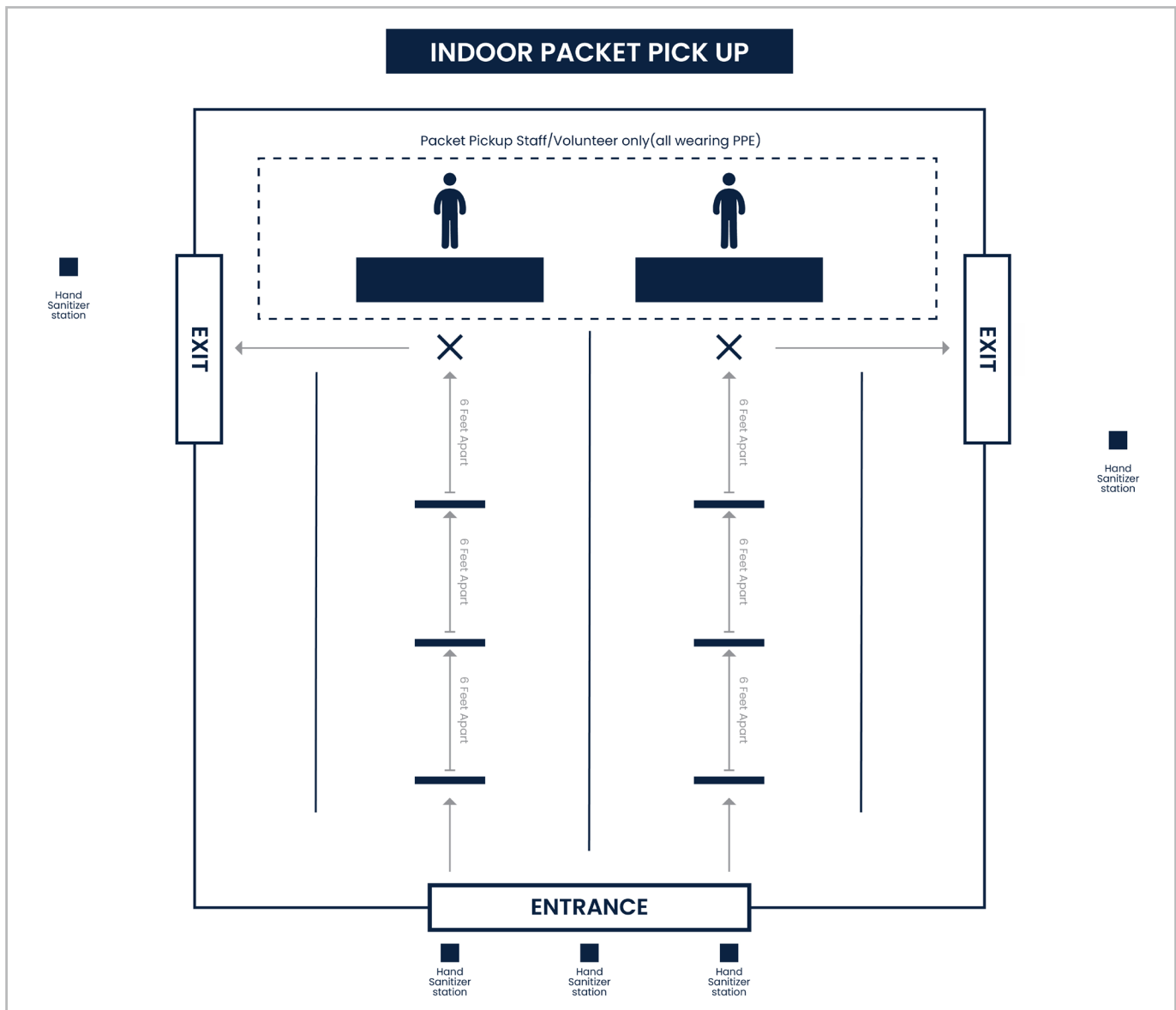
VENUE SETUP AND FLOW⁸

- I. Promote physical distancing and mitigate person-to-person contact
 1. Have ample signage placed in key areas of venue encouraging physical distancing
 - a. Add markings to the ground around potentially crowded areas to encourage people to spread out
 - b. Provide educational signage and ground markings for physical distancing in all areas where spectators may congregate
 2. Design your venue in a way that allows for smooth flow of athletes and spectators and mitigates crowds forming
 3. Consider restricting spectators
 - a. If allowing a small amount, limit to designated area(s) within venue
 4. Consider offering live athlete results tracking and/or live video stream to YouTube or other internet streaming services to encourage spectators to watch and track athletes from home
 5. Have the race announcer make announcements periodically to remind spectators about guidelines and government regulations

REGISTRATION AND PACKET PICK-UP

- I. Registration and packet pick-up procedures should be altered to promote physical distancing and mitigate person-to-person contact
 1. Registration
 - a. Online vs. In-person
 - i. Consider type of event, past registration history
 - b. Anticipate how race format and timeline may dictate special registration requests
 - c. Questions that the event organizer needs to ask in online registration
 - i. Specific arrival times to the venue for certain groups of athletes
 - ii. Specific race start times for certain groups of athletes
 - iii. Specific athlete registration capacities per wave or time slot
 - d. Consider additional signage to support physical distancing
 - i. Marking out 6-foot markers to distance within the line
 2. Packet Pick-Up
 - a. Require multiple packet pick-up times with designated pick-up times, perhaps alphabetically by last name
 - b. Consider multiple run or bike shops to assist in dispersing the packets
 - c. Consider a drive-through packet pick-up if possible
 - d. Consider mailing packets to athletes ahead of time
 - e. Consider having packets at the racks themselves
 - f. Race Directors can elect to allow a single person to pick up packets for multiple registrants

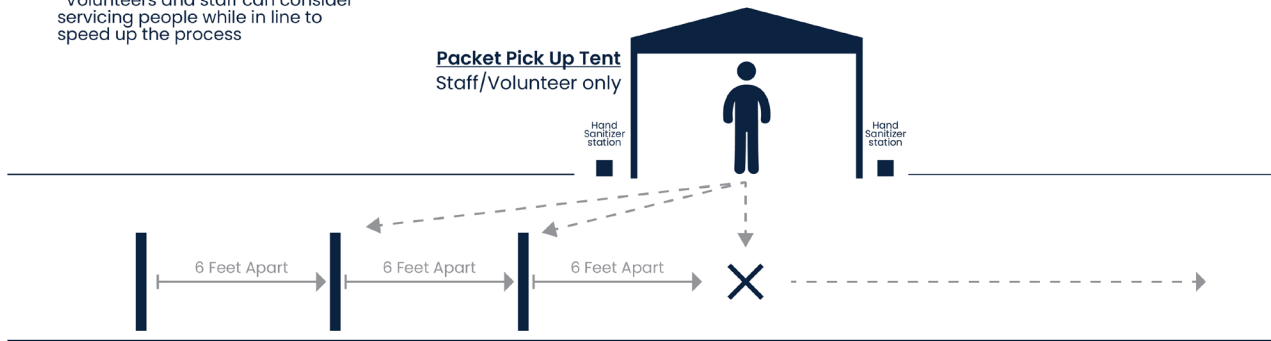
without proof of ID for each participant at packet pick-up while ensuring a signed USAT waiver has been completed. Proof of ID will be required on race day at bike check-in to ensure that all athletes are matching ID and registrant. This is a one-time exception given the circumstances. If screening is to be done at packet pick up, this exception should not be utilized.



OUTDOOR PACKET PICK UP

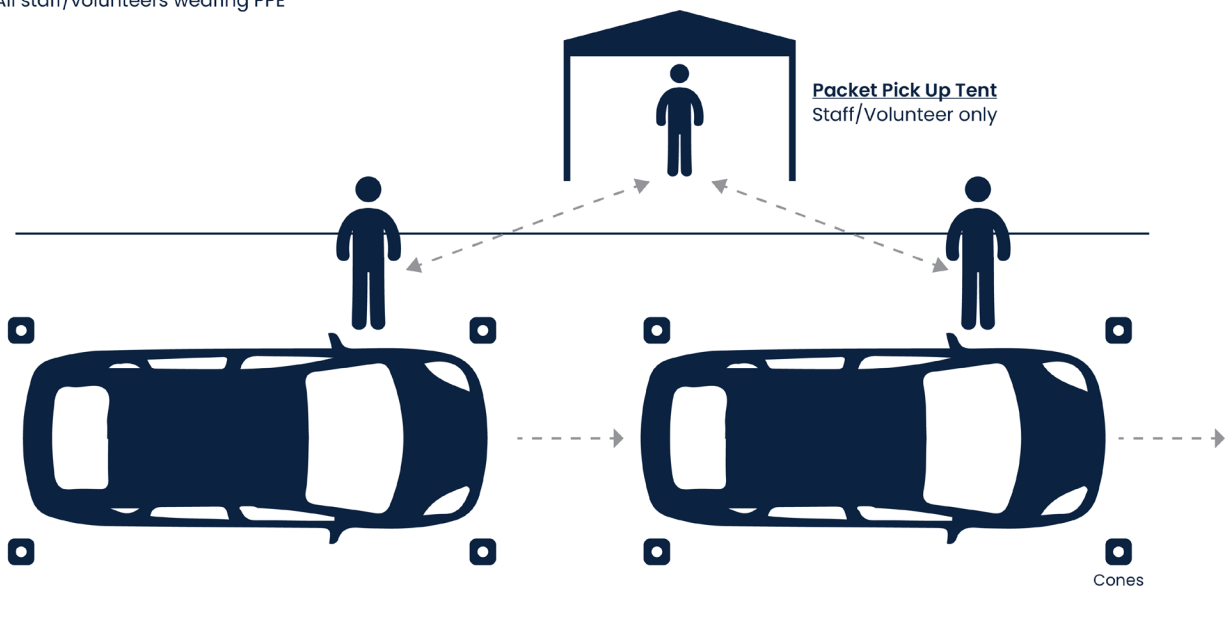
All staff/volunteers wearing PPE

*Volunteers and staff can consider servicing people while in line to speed up the process



VEHICULAR PACKET PICK UP

All staff/volunteers wearing PPE



3. Packet Composition

- a. Giveaways: Only competition-essential materials included inside the race package (e.g. no promo materials) while reducing packaging as much as possible
 - i. Give athletes an option to forego swag, limited swag, virtual swag or goody bag, or provide another pick-up option
 - ii. If offering swag, an option could be branded face coverings or other personal protective equipment

COURSE FAMILIARIZATIONS / RACE BRIEFINGS / SWIM WARM-UP

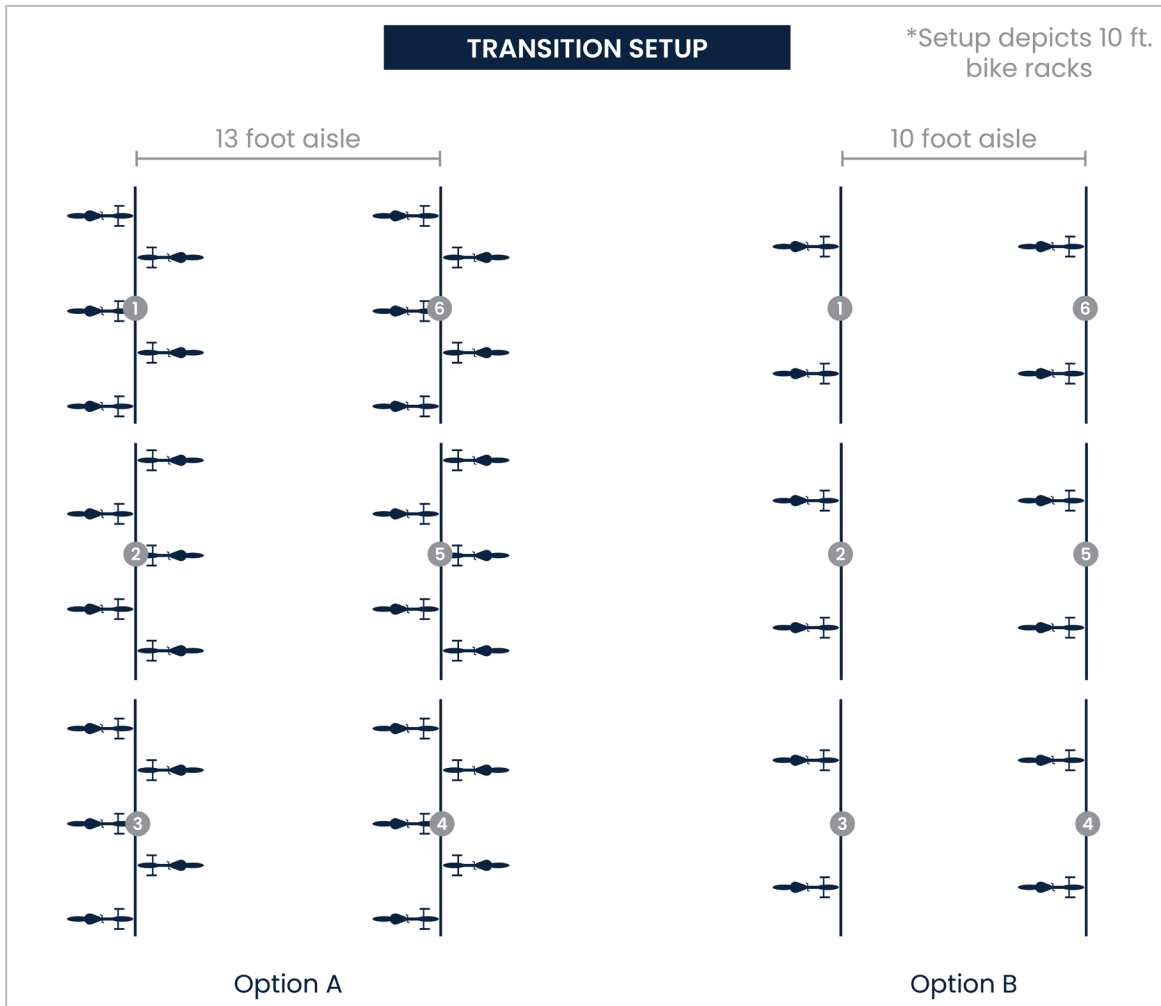
- I. Course familiarization is easy to shift to a virtual format. Some possible solutions include:
 1. Drive the course and record on video to share over YouTube or similar platform
 2. Use virtual 3D mapping program with voice over instructions
 3. Standard graphic map with cues to accompany map lay out
 4. Virtual webinar escorting viewers through the course using graphic maps
- II. Race briefings should shift to a virtual format in Phase II:
 1. Record the briefing and post to YouTube or a similar platform
 2. All guidelines should be communicated to the athletes including normal event policies and procedures, when to arrive at the venue depending on assigned race start times, changes to event based on physical distancing and increased hygiene measures, courses, rules, etc.
 3. In Phase III, Virtual briefings are still recommended, but in-person briefings can occur if able to maintain local protocols
 - a. Consider multiple, smaller briefings instead of one larger briefing
- III. If at all possible, athletes should be given the opportunity to warm-up in the body of water that the race will take place while practicing physical distancing

EXPO AND PARTNERS

- I. Expo should be altered to promote physical distancing and mitigate person-to-person contact
 1. Extended hours/footprint to limit the number of people in one area
 - a. If neither is an option, limit the number of expo vendors and space vendors further apart
 - b. Additional option is to assign times for athletes to enter the area
 2. Race merchandise sold exclusively online to eliminate giveaways
 3. Create one-way walking paths through the expo and clearly marking where people should stand in line
 4. Wipe down or use disposable table coverings
- II. Consider overcommunicating with partners regarding the status of the event, including being upfront about the limitations to the venue, athlete offerings, etc.

COURSE OPERATIONS

- I. Transition Area
 1. Consider temperature screening upon bike check-in to transition area prior to racing
 - a. See screening section above for appropriate screening protocols
 2. Changes to transition area format are highly encouraged to promote physical distancing. Below are two possible options:
 - a. **Space between bikes and racks:** Consider spacing bikes a minimum of 3 – 4 feet between bikes per rack
 - i. More racks and less people per rack
 - ii. Spread bike racks apart from one another rather than right next to each other



b. **Wave Start Alterations:** If spacing bikes further apart is not an option, consider changes to your wave starts

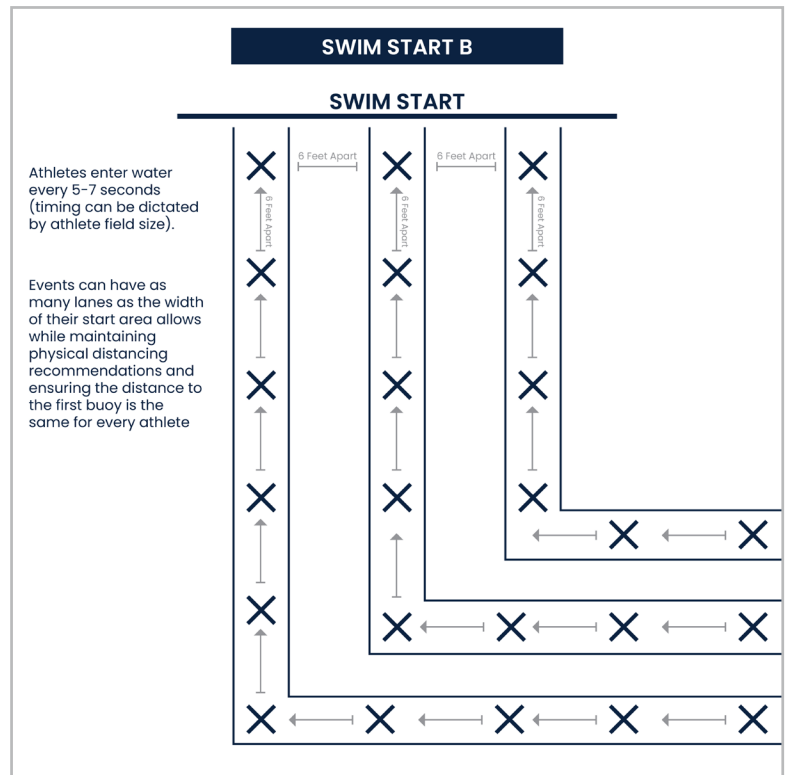
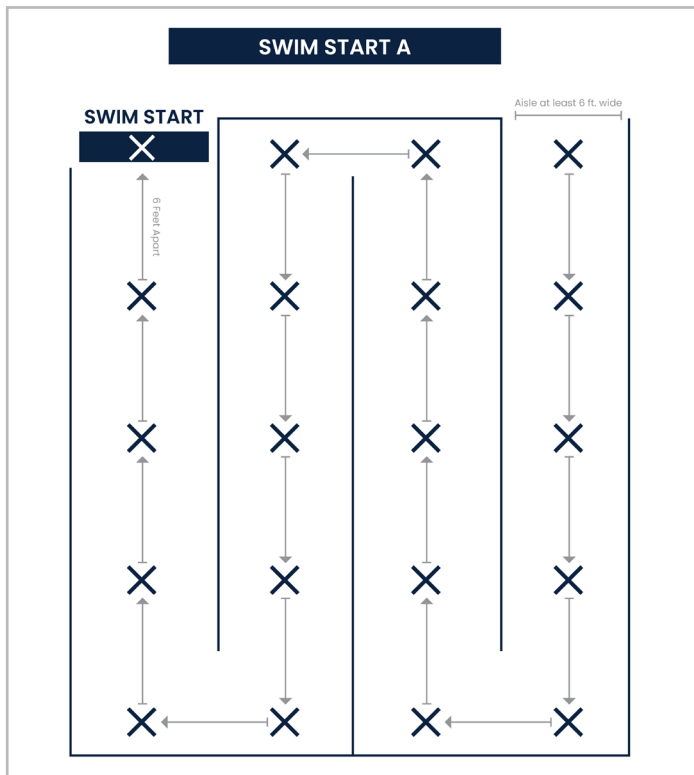
- i. Have smaller, but more frequent waves. For example, 20 waves of 50 athletes instead of 10 waves of 100.
- ii. Randomize waves and bib sequences so that each wave has a variety of different ages of athletes instead of waves of the same age group
- iii. People of different ages will likely have different swim times, so randomized waves helps mitigate the chances of them being near each other in transition at the same time
- iv. Example:

1. Number your bike racks normally in a consecutive manner, starting with 1 and continuing through the number of participants
2. When assigning bib numbers, randomize athletes so that there is no pattern in how ages are assigned to bibs
3. Ensure there is clear communications to athletes as to their bib number and what wave they are in
4. As athletes exit the water, they proceed to their assigned spot on the bike rack. Since athletes of any age could be near them, swim finish times will vary greatly, mitigating the chances of large groups of athletes transitioning next to each other at the same time. While this will reduce the competitiveness of age groups, it significantly increases physical distancing.

3. Bike racks will need to be sanitized prior to racing and once racing concludes
4. All equipment checks should be visual in nature
5. No one should touch or handle gear other than the athlete who owns it

II. Start Area

1. Consider a time trial start vs. mass start
2. Discourage athletes from congregating near the start area until just before their wave is set to start
3. Consider a larger start area if possible
4. If you have smaller but more frequent waves, consider having a few large start corrals (with enough space to provide physical distancing) so that waves are queued and ready to go
5. Start time intervals where athletes are not permitted to congregate outside of designated time
6. Consider eliminating water station at swim start or only allow athletes to bring their own water bottle to utilize



III. Swim Course

1. Consider smaller and more frequent waves. See the transition area section above for considerations on randomizing waves to promote social distancing.
2. Consider no wetsuit stripping
3. If stairs or a dock are normally used to exit the water, consider finding an alternative swim exit location (like a sandy beach) that mitigates high-touch points. Constantly sanitizing high-touch points like stair rails or swim exit ladders may be difficult to do with high volumes of athletes exiting the water in a short period of time.
4. Lifeguards
 - a. Ensure that lifeguards are properly equipped with normal lifesaving equipment, and ample hand sanitizer and wipes

b. Consider supplying lifeguards with face shields/CPR rescue face coverings

5. Considerations for pool swims

a. To promote physical distancing, pool swims should be conducted in a time-trial format

b. In a time-trial format, athletes should self-seed themselves from fastest to slowest to mitigate passing in the water

c. Consider blocking every other pool lane and prohibit athletes from swimming in the same lane towards each other

IV. Bike Course

1. Provide the best possible athlete distribution on the bike course to support physical distancing

2. If the state or local jurisdiction requires face coverings, encourage athletes to wear face coverings if possible. Minimize pinch points of the course where cyclists are forced to ride close to each other because of road conditions or other obstacles

V. Run Course

1. If the state or local jurisdiction requires face coverings, encourage athletes to wear face coverings, if possible

2. Minimize pinch points on the course that cause athletes to naturally run closer to each other

3. Consider a looped course vs. out and back

4. The athletes are recommended to avoid running directly behind another athlete at a distance less than 13 feet. If the distance is less, it is recommended to be either at a 45-degree angle or alongside the other athlete and avoid facing each other

VI. Relay Exchange Zone

1. A line must be drawn within the exchanging area. When the finishing athlete passes this line, the next athlete from the same team starts without any physical contact.

2. Consider giving each individual athlete their own chip to eliminate hand-off of chips from one athlete to another

3. Adjacent corridors must be provided for incoming and outgoing athletes

AID STATIONS^{9,10}

I. Based on the guidance of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, many elements of aid stations fall under the concepts of food safety. Pouring fluids and distributing cups should be considered part of a food safety protocols.

II. Aid Stations for Run Courses

1. Consider small single serve mini-water bottles

a. Have a recycling plan in place

2. Consider allowing athletes to bring their own water bottles or cups that they race with

a. Handheld running water bottle

b. Collapsible cups

c. Consider designated tables for athletes bringing own water bottles, bottles must be specifically marked and spaced to accommodate distancing

d. Eliminates the need for several volunteers at aid stations

3. Have ample cleaning and sanitation supplies including, but not limited, to gloves, hand sanitizer, paper towels, hand wipes, trash cans, and garbage bags

4. Volunteer staffing

a. All aid station volunteers should have gloves and face coverings on (if required by the state or local jurisdiction)

b. Volunteers should be permanently grouped into a group that only pours cups and a group that only hands cups out. If a volunteer handing out cups comes in contact with an athlete,

we do not want to cross contaminate with the pouring station

c. If a volunteer comes in contact with an athlete, they should replace their gloves and use wipes to wipe the area of the body that was touched¹¹.

5. Aid Station setup WITH volunteers

a. To prevent athletes from pouring their own fluids, staging tables for fluids should be kept 6 feet back from the running lane if possible

b. Volunteers should wear face coverings (if required by the state or local jurisdiction) and gloves, handing cups directly to athletes

c. Cups should be held from the bottom to avoid contact with the rim of the cup by the volunteer and this will force athletes to grab the top half of the cup

d. Plan for additional trash cans and trash bags after the aid station to encourage athletes to toss their used cups and other trash directly into bins

6. Aid Station setup WITHOUT volunteers

a. If no or minimal volunteers are available, cups should be pre-poured and staged on a table close to the running lane

b. Plan for several more tables than normal so there is a longer range for athletes to grab a cup

c. Spread cups out to mitigate the chance of an athlete touching other cups when they grab one

d. Plan for additional trash cans and trash bags after the aid station to encourage athletes to toss their used cups and other trash directly into bins

e. Consider designated tables for athletes bringing own water bottles, bottles must be specifically marked and spaced to accommodate distancing

III. Aid Stations for Bike Courses

1. All athletes should be encouraged to bring an ample amount of their own fluids to eliminate the use of aid stations on the bike course

2. If a bike course aid station is necessary, only pre-filled bottled fluids should be used

3. Avoid pouring fluids for athletes into their own bottles as this will create a bottleneck and cause people to be too close together

4. Volunteers should use gloves and face coverings (if required by the state or local jurisdiction)

BAG DROP & GEAR CHECK

I. Consider eliminating bag drop

II. If moving forward with a bag drop:

1. Recommend a self-service bag drop with appropriate spacing between bags and close oversight by staff and volunteers

2. Athletes' bag (equipment) should be put in a disposable bag provided by the Race Management

3. Athletes leave the identified bag on their corresponding numbered spot in a tent, parking lot, grass area, etc.

4. Athlete must anticipate delays as they may encounter a queue

5. For collection athletes must show their bib number and the volunteers will deposit it on the table

BODY MARKING

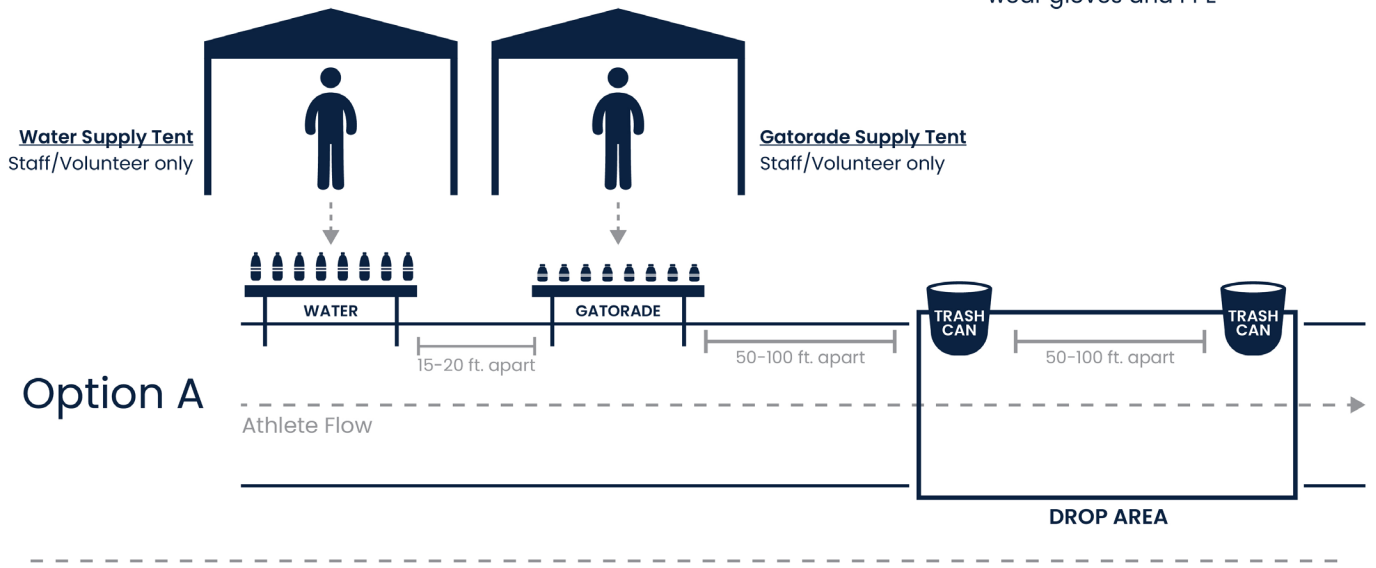
I. Utilize self-body marking to promote physical distancing

II. Consider using self-application tattoos

AID STATIONS

Athletes will grab a sealed 6 oz. bottle off the table themselves, volunteers/staff are not to pass out bottles.

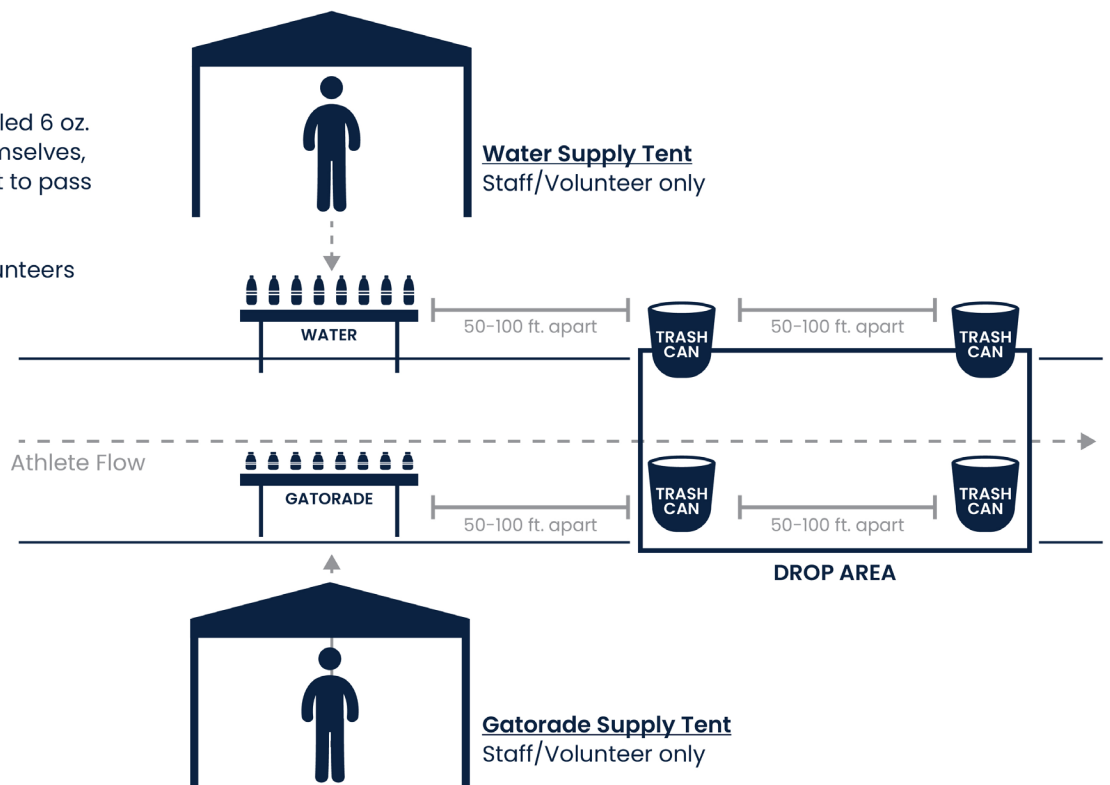
All aid station staff/volunteers wear gloves and PPE



Option B

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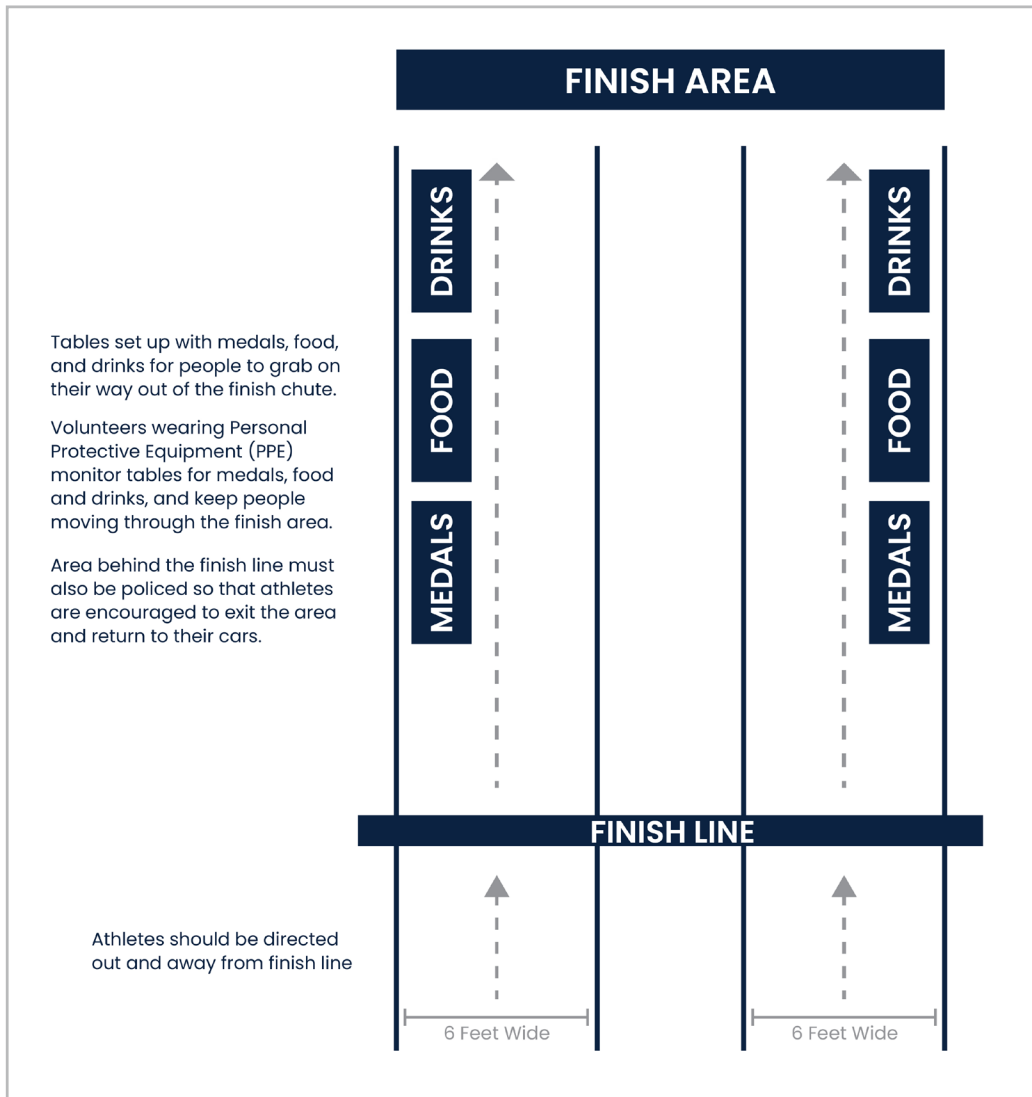
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III. Provide athletes a diagram on how and where to apply body marking. See page 9 in the [Return to Racing Recommendations for Athletes](#) document for an example.

FINISH LINE

I. Finish line setup and procedures should be altered to promote physical distancing and mitigate person-to-person contact.



II. Layout/size

1. Consider significantly expanding the size of the finish area so that finished athletes can spread out as they recover but minimize contact with staff and volunteers
2. Consider creating finishing lanes at the start, or just prior, and within the finish chute to avoid close contact of athletes with one another
3. Post signage around the finish line and bleachers encouraging physical distancing
4. If many spectators are expected, consider having additional bleachers present so spectators can spread out and up if spectators are permitted based on phases
5. Consider not using a finish tape or if using, it should be discarded after the first athlete finishes and not reused

III. Flow

1. Have several vocal volunteers present to tell athletes to keep moving and not to congregate
2. It is important to keep the finish area clear of clusters of athletes, so incoming athletes are not blocked from finishing

IV. Fluids

1. Water and/or Gatorade should be handed to athletes by staff or volunteers and athletes should not be permitted to grab their own water or Gatorade
2. Towels should not be used to eliminate the possibility of cross-contamination, but dry towels may be given away at the completion of the race

V. Finisher Medals

1. Recommend virtual medal ceremony or consider virtual medals that are sent to athletes electronically
2. If medal ceremony is in-person:
 - a. Finisher medals should be handed to athletes by staff or volunteers with gloves and face coverings on (if required by the state or local jurisdiction)
 - b. Staff and volunteers should not put the medal on the athlete, but rather hand the athlete the medal
 - c. An alternative is to have medals spread out on several tables to athletes to grab themselves (with staff/volunteers monitoring)

VI. Timing Chip Retrieval (if not using disposable timing chips)

1. Timing chip collection should occur near the exit of your finish line. Consider extending the finish exit chute and provide chairs for people to sit and remove their own chips.
2. Have vocal volunteers dedicated to chip collection but requesting that athletes remove chips themselves and only assisting athletes if they absolutely need to
3. If possible, disposable chips should be considered
4. Any volunteer retrieving chips should wear face masks (if required by the state or local jurisdiction) and gloves, replacing gloves often

VII. Staffing

1. Ample volunteers and staff should be positioned in the finish area to keep it clear and keep finished athletes flowing out of this area as it can become very congested

TIMING AND TIMING CHIPS

I. Timing chip distribution/pick-up

1. Consider pre-stuffing timing chips in race packets so athletes do not have to wait in a separate line or go to a separate table/tent to get their chip
2. If a separate tent or table is required for timing chip distribution, consider additional tables so that chips may be spread out
3. Also consider having separate queue lines based on race number to mitigate long lines

II. Timing chip retrieval processes – see finish line section above

III. If possible, disposable chips are encouraged

IV. Chips and straps should be disinfected prior to them being issued and upon the completion of the race, chips and straps should be disinfected again

V. Timing strips, mats or check points at any place on the course should be made as wide as possible to allow for physical distancing

POST-RACE FOOD^{12,13}

- I. Infection mitigation procedures should be implemented when determining processes for food

preparation and serving

1. Consider at least a 6-foot buffer between food preparation areas and food serving areas
2. If you have post-race food:
 - a. All staff or volunteers handling or in close proximity of food must wear face coverings (if required by the state or local jurisdiction) and gloves
 - b. It is recommended that meals are pre-packaged boxed meals for athletes to take to go
 - i. Performed by single individual for each athlete to minimize the number of people who touch their food and hydration
3. There should be a designated queue line and after athletes receive their meal, they should go to their car. For this to be efficient and comply with the guidelines, there should be at least two volunteers to implement but is contingent on race size. Barriers should be considered between the athletes and the food and servers – servers to wear face coverings or shields (if required by the state or local jurisdiction) Alternatives could be:
 - a. Consider not providing post-race food. If this is the direction that you have chosen to go, make sure that athletes are aware prior to registering
 - b. Consider offering a voucher for athletes to claim their post-race food at a local restaurant
 - i. Option 1: Pre-pay for the meals so there is not an out of pocket cost for athletes and then reconcile with the eatery after the expiration date on the vouchers has passed
 - ii. Option 2: Negotiate a discount rate that athletes will pay at the local eatery for their food

OFFICIATING

- I. Please refer to [USA Triathlon's Return to Racing Guidelines for Officiating](#)

AWARDS AND AWARD CEREMONIES

- I. Award ceremonies can easily be implemented virtually instead of in-person
 1. Consider virtual ceremony
 2. Consider virtual awards versus hard awards
 3. Consider mailing awards after the event
 4. Consider spreading out awards over several tables and having athletes retrieve their own awards (with a few staff members/volunteers nearby to monitor). If elected to have podiums, space them out and only call one athlete up at a time. Additionally, avoid physical contact including but not limited to high fives, hugs, and handshakes.

MEDIA

- I. Consider limiting media
- II. Credential all media in advance of the event and define areas that they are permitted to gather to maintain physical distancing guidelines

STAFF AND VOLUNTEER CONSIDERATIONS AT EVENT

COMMUNICATIONS

- I. Remind staff and volunteers that official communications about the event is only to come from the race director or other appointed person in charge of media communications. DO NOT speculate on event changes, athlete or staff illnesses or injuries, or other variables surrounding the pandemic and its effect on the event.

HEALTH OF STAFF/VOLUNTEERS

- I. Staff and volunteers not feeling well must not attend the event. They must be sent home if they arrive and are unwell.
- II. Have temperature checks available

AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF STAFF/VOLUNTEERS

- I. Reduce staff and volunteers where possible but increase in key areas, as necessary
- II. Some areas that may require more staff or volunteers to best promote hygiene and physical distancing include:
 1. Packet Pickup
 2. Aid stations
 3. Finish line
 4. Food-prep and distribution

SUPPLIES

- I. Have ample hand sanitizer, face coverings, gloves, water, food, sunscreen, and other essentials on hand to keep staff and volunteers well equipped to do their jobs

GLOVES

- I. Not ALL staff and volunteers need gloves. Remember, gloves only protect the person wearing the gloves. Dirty gloves can transmit disease in the same fashion as dirty hands without gloves. Gloves should only be worn in key areas of food/fluid prep, close proximity to athletes, or other areas as necessary where transmission of disease or dirty substances is high.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY (SPECTATORS AND GENERAL PUBLIC)

- I. Plans should determine who is allowed at the event or in specific designated areas. An example of this is grouping people into tiers from essential to non-essential¹⁴.
 - a. Tiers: Create plans to determine who is permitted at the event or in specific designated areas. An example of this is grouping people into tiers from essential to non-essential No spectators in accordance to federal, state, local government mass gathering thresholds.
 - b. Tier 2 (Preferred): Media, volunteers, recovery staff (e.g., massage therapists)
 - c. Tier 3 (Non-essential): Spectators, vendors
1. Phase 1
 - a. No spectators in accordance to federal, state, local government mass gathering thresholds
2. Phases 2 and 3
 - a. Using multi-modal communication strategies, encourage at high-risk individuals for illness not to attend the event (See list of high-risk factors in reference 6)
 - b. Identify individuals with possible infection by:
 - i. Screen everyone entering the venue (Tiers 1-3)
 - ii. Have designated security and medical personnel observe spectators and general public (Tier 3)
 - iii. All designated security and medical personnel should be equipped with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and thermometer for screening
 - iv. If individual is identified with signs and symptoms follow appropriate protocols developed in medical plan (Tiers 1-3)
3. Infection mitigation and medical response considerations

- a. Create lines of communications between medical team, local EMS personnel, event organizers, event staff, athletes, coaches and spectators
- b. Multi-modal communication should be utilized to distribute COVID-19 information for the general public and spectators (Tiers 1-3)
- c. Use different entrance/exit spectators and general public (Tiers 1-3)
- d. Identify access/egress routes for medical personnel for ill patient removal and appropriate measures to be taken to ensure safety.
- e. Create clear areas of separation between athletes, staff, volunteers, spectators and general public
- f. Provide multiple hand sanitizer/trash receptacle stations in venue near high touch areas
- g. Provide post-event summary to athletes, coaches, event staff, media, spectators, general public

ATHLETE COMMUNICATIONS AND PREPARATION FOR RETURN TO RACING

Race directors are encouraged to refer athletes to the [Return to Racing Recommendations for Athletes](#) document as part of [USA Triathlon's Safe Return to Multisport Initiative](#).

Race directors should consider partnering with their [USA Triathlon certified coaches](#) to provide in-person and virtual coaching sessions that can be geared more individually to their athletes' needs and geographical constraints.

Regular and transparent communications to athletes via social media and email is encouraged to let them know you are still planning for events and making accommodations to execute events in a safe manner.

INSURANCE AND SANCTIONING

1. If you sanction your event with USA Triathlon, you receive the benefit of general liability insurance coverage. Specifically, if an athlete brings a claim against you for negligence alleging that they contracted a virus, illness or disease at your event, the insurance coverage provides a legal defense for you in most cases. Race Directors should feel comfortable moving forward with hosting their events knowing this coverage is in place to protect them.
2. If an athlete claims they contracted the Coronavirus at a sanctioned event and tries to file a medical claim using the participant accident policy, their claim will not be covered. USA Triathlon's participant accident policy is intended for accidents that happened during a sanctioned race and will respond to cover those injuries. It will not cover standard medical issues such as getting sick in some way, viruses and bacterial infections – all of which are excluded from the USA Triathlon policy.

SAFE RETURN TO WORK FOR EMPLOYEES

Based on guidelines presented by the Federal Government, employers should implement a phased approach to returning to work. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Developing and implementing¹⁵ appropriate policies, in accordance with Federal, State, and local regulations and guidance
- b. Encouraging telework whenever possible and feasible.
- c. Minimizing non-essential travel

Section III: Resources

1. [CDC Situation Analysis](#)
2. [CDC Mass Gathering Guidelines](#)
3. [List of Tests Approved in United States](#)
4. [OSHA Guidelines for Hazard Prevention](#)
5. [OSHA COVID-19 Control & Prevention](#)
6. [EPA-Approved Products to Use](#)
7. [International Triathlon Union Medical Resources](#)
8. [WHO COVID-19 Main Website](#)
9. [FAQs on Mass Gatherings and COVID-19 including Sporting Events FAQs](#)
10. [Key planning recommendations for Mass Gatherings during COVID-19](#)
11. [WHO Generic Risk Assessment and Mitigation Checklist](#)
12. [WHO interim guidance on how to use risk assessment and mitigation checklist](#)
13. [Decision tree flowchart for mass gatherings in context of COVID-19](#)
14. [International Traveling Health Guidelines](#)
15. [Advice on use of face coverings](#)
16. [WHO interim guidance – “Considerations in adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19”](#)
17. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - a. [Leslie Jordan](#)
 - b. [Alanic 7-7-7 Program](#)
 - c. [BOCO Gear](#)
 - i. BOCO Gear is offering up their new Face Coverings and Performance Gaiters in the legendary BOCO quality you know and trust. Pick from some really cheery in-stock mask designs [here](#) or order Custom Designs for your Event by emailing hillary@bocogear.com
 - d. [MPA Event Graphics](#)
 - i. Custom-printed reusable ice silk face masks with adjustable bungee straps now available. Price per unit is \$8.10 for minimum order of 50. Quantity discounts available. Contact sales@mpagraphics.com for more info.
18. Virtual Swag
19. [Fanomena](#)
 - a. [Virtual Event Bags](#)
 - b. [Digital Event Bag](#)
20. Meetings / Briefings
 - a. [Zoom](#)
 - b. [Cisco Webex](#)
 - c. [BlueJeans](#)
 - d. [Google Hangouts](#)
21. Cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, sanitizer stands, etc.
 - a. [Uline](#)
 - b. [Bulk Apothecary](#)
22. Signage and street graphics
 - a. [MPA Event Graphics](#)
23. [ACTIVE Network All-in-One Platform for Race Directors](#)
24. [See How All 50 States Are Reopening \(and Closing Again\)](#)
25. [U.S. road races are not safe from COVID-19 danger says leader of cycling task force](#)

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These recommendations will be updated according to the latest information from the WHO, CDC and other health authorities, as well as the USOPC, ITU and other resources released on this topic.

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DOCUMENT UPDATES AS OF 5.20.20

- Table of Contents
 - Added Event Medical and Safety Operations at Events and removed Athlete, Staff and Spectator Services at Events
- Section I
 - Included paragraph for additional resources
- Section II
 - Added language to reflect change in face coverings recommendation
 - Expanded Event Medical and Safety Operations at Events and moved to part of Event Operations section
 - Under Course Operations, updated Transition Area to include Wave Start Alterations and updated Start Area to reflect change in physical distancing recommendations
 - Updated Swim Course, Bike Course, and Run Course to reflect change in equipment and face coverings recommendation
 - Updated Aid Stations in multiple areas to reflect change in face coverings recommendation
 - Updated Body Marking to include link to diagram for athletes
 - Updated Finish Line and Post-Race Food to reflect change in face coverings recommendation
 - Updated Athlete Communication and Preparation for Return to Racing to encourage use of Return to Racing Recommendations for Athlete document

DOCUMENT UPDATES AS OF 8.19.20

- New illustrations
- Section III: Resources
 - ACTIVE Network All-in-One Platform for Race Directors
 - See How All 50 States Are Reopening (and Closing Again)
 - U.S. road races are not safe from COVID-19 danger says leader of cycling task force.



AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date		
Thursday, September 17, 2020		
Agenda Item Name		
Event and Road Closure Request		
Requested Action		
Recommend approval of the event and road closures request for "Mustache Dash" on November 21, 2020.		
Staff Report		
<p>FloDash Events is requesting road closures, for the Mustache Dash, on Saturday, November 21, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. through 9:30 a.m. throughout Downtown Clermont. Road Closure requests are to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5th Avenue between the South Lake Trail and Carroll Street - Carroll Street between 4th and 5th Street - Osceola Street between West Avenue and 8th Street - 4th Street between Carroll Street and Osceola Street - Osceola Street between 4th and 5th Street - 5th Street between Osceola Street and Montrose - Montrose Street between 5th Street and 8th Street - 8th Street between Montrose Street and Minneola Avenue - Minneola Avenue between 8th Street and Victory Way <p>(Please see attached map)</p> <p>FloDash Events has agreed to comply with all personnel requirements from the City of Clermont. The following are the Clermont Police Department required posts:8th and W. Osceola5th and Carroll4th and Carroll5th and W. Osceola4th and W. Osceola5th and W. Minneola5th and W. MontroseLake and W. Montrose7th and W. Montrose8th and W. Montrose8th and W. MinneolaWest and W. MinneolaVictory Pointe and W. MinneolaSupervisor (check-in)</p> <p>The City Council will address if the event will be permitted to occur if the State is still in Phase 2.</p>		
Additional Analysis		
Fiscal Impact Summary		
Fiscal Impact	Fund Number and Description	Available Budget Amount

Exhibits Attached (copies of original agreements)

1.	Clermont Mustache Dash 5K Letter to Residents	Clermont Mustache Dash 5K Letter to Residents.pdf
2.	Mustache 5k-10k Map Maps	Mustache 5k-10k Map Maps.pdf
3.	11-21-20Mustache Dash Application	11-21-20Mustache Dash Application.pdf
4.	Clermont Mustache Dash 5k_10k Covid Plan	Clermont Mustache Dash 5k_10k Covid Plan.pdf



Clermont Mustache Dash 5K & 10K

Presented by FloDash Events

Dear Resident/Business Owner on the Mustache Dash 5K & 10k route,

On November 21st, 2020, your neighbors at Dash Sports and FloDash Events are bringing the first Annual Mustache Dash 5K & 10K to Downtown Clermont. Celebrating Men's Health Month with a morning race, will not only attract our local families of walkers and runners, but it will bring participants from outside Lake County adding awareness to our beautiful growing Downtown area and all that it has to offer. We have carefully designed a course that is unique and will take participants on a nice little tour of Downtown and Victory Pointe.

You are receiving this letter because your home or business is on the race route and we would love for you to be a part of this special day! Participation can be either by cheering from your location, volunteering at one of our stations or joining us to run /walk. Once we have the registration website opened at MustacheRun.com, you can contact us for a Dash Sports neighborly discount code so you and your friends can register at a special rate.

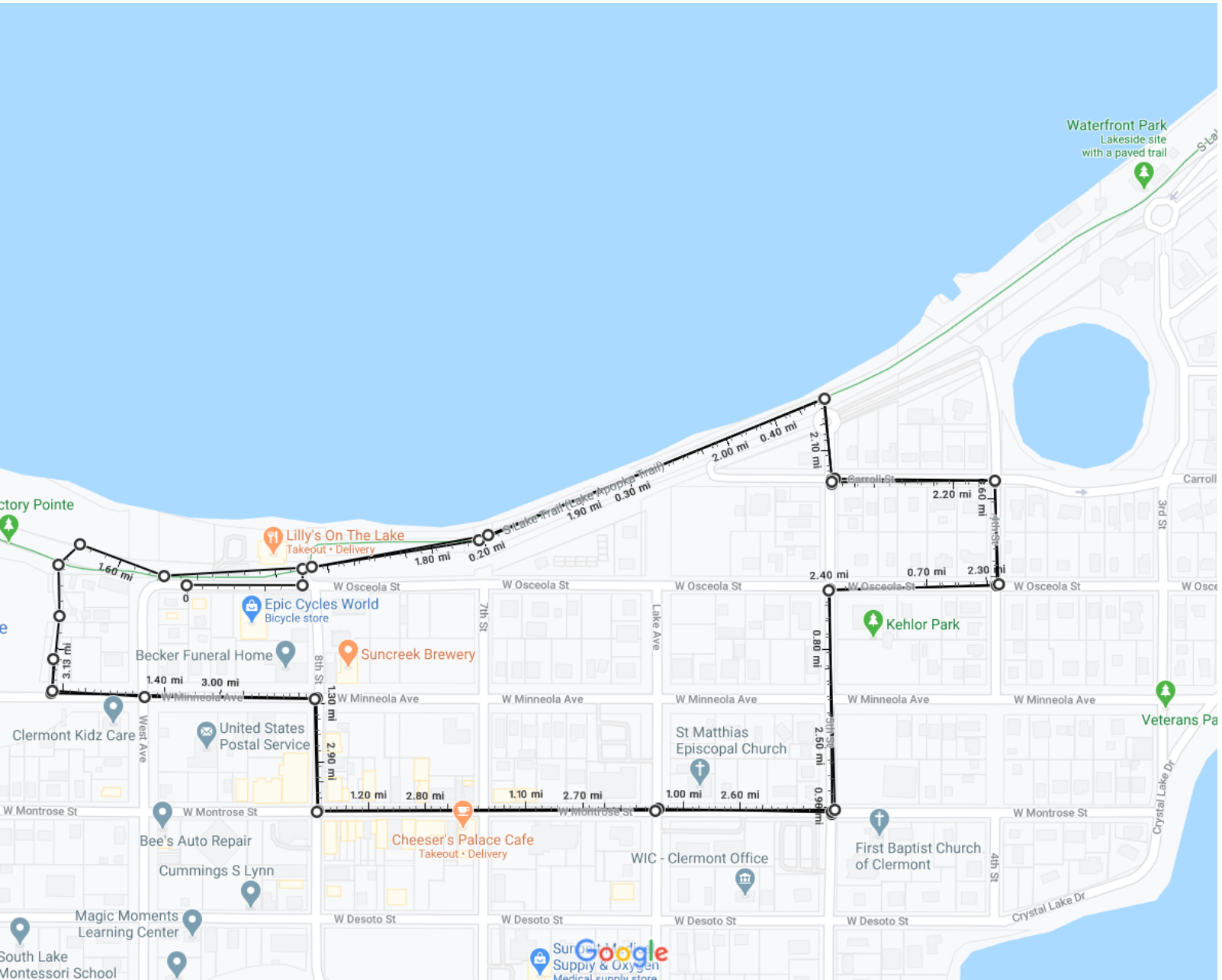
Below is some key information about the morning and what to expect:

- Friday November 21st. Start and Finish line setup. Start will be near Victory Pointe, Finish line will be in Victory Pointe. Signs will be place the day before to remind residents and visitors of the road closures the next morning.
- November 21st 6:45 AM 10K starts - 7:15AM 5K starts
- Street closure will be between 6:00AM - 10:00AM. As soon as the last participant is on their way, we will start reopening the roads behind them.

For any questions or more information on the event, please contact Amalie Skorman at flodashevents@gmail.com . You may also contact us if your business or club would like to be a sponsor or be involved in any way.

Thank you for helping our community grow and live actively!!

FloDash Events & Dash Sports



Map data ©2020 200 ft

Measure distance
Total distance: 3.13 mi (5.03 km)



#6913

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Today's Date 6/11/2020
 Name of Event Mustache Dash 5k
 Date(s) of Event ~~11/22/2020~~ 11/21/2020 Estimated Attendance: 500
 Event Start Time: 7:30 AM Event End Time: 9:30 AM
 Before Event Setup Time: 4:00 AM After Event Cleanup Time: 10:30 AM
 Name of Organization/Applicant FloDash Events LLC

The refundable deposit will be made payable and mailed to the name and address of the applicant listed

Check Type of Organization Resident Non Resident Non-Profit Business

Non-Profit documentation must be provided with application.

Tax Exempt Yes No If yes, provide Tax Exempt # _____

If Yes, you must provide your Tax Exempt Certificate with application.

Federal ID # or Driver's License # 83-3456877

Event Contact Kimberly Grogan Email flodashevents@gmail.com

Day Phone 352-217-9291 Cell Phone 352-217-9291

Address 741 W Montrose St City Clermont State FL Zip 34711

Secondary Contact Amalie Skorman Phone # 407-230-8756

If this event is a fundraiser, who is the beneficiary? (provide contact information and address)

Movember - Changing the Face of Men's Health, Greg Olivia, 310-450-3331

Briefly Describe Event: A 5k run/walk race starting and finishing at Victory Pointe.

Location of Event on City Property: Map 1 A B C D Map 2 Map 3

Please choose A, B, C, or D on MAP 1, MAP 2 (Downtown Clermont), or Map 3 (Victory Pointe)

Other Location: Streets of downtown Clermont

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Alcohol Served: Yes No

If Yes, State Alcoholic Beverage License REQUIRED for sale of alcoholic beverages 1-800-375-6975 and approval from the City of Clermont City Manager and Council.

Canopy/Tent Use: Yes No Size of Tent* 10x10

**Tents larger than 900 sq. ft. will require an additional permit*

Electrical Use: Yes No Describe the need: _____

Additional permits may be required based on use

Electrical Power Provided: Generator Temporary Power Drop Property Power

Gas Fueled Equipment: Yes No Describe Use: _____

If Yes, subject to permits as required by the Building/Fire Safety Division.

Fuel Source Propane Natural Gas Diesel Fuel Gasoline

Cooking Equipment Use: Yes No

If Yes, subject to approval as required by the Florida DBPR, Division of Hotels and Restaurants. Contact number 1-850-487-1395

Cooking Types: Fryers Propane Grill Charcoal Grill Concession Trailer Food Trucks

Insurance may be required by provider

Rides: Yes No Ride Types: Mechanical Bounce Houses Animals

Insurance may be required by provider

Pyrotechnic/Fireworks Displays: Yes No

If Yes, requires separate approval process completed by Company with the Fire Prevention Division. The release of Sky Lanterns is not permitted under state law.

Streets to be Closed or Traffic Control: Yes No

Written submission for road closure is required and will require city council approval

Fire or Law Enforcement Stand-by Requested: Yes No

If Yes, requires separate approval process completed by applicant with the Clermont Police Department and Clermont Fire Department. Law enforcement or fire/ems stand-by may be required by the City for certain events/activities and at the applicant's cost.

Live Television or Radio Broadcast: Yes No

DJ, Band, Music or Sound Amplification Devices: Yes No

Describe: Music and announcements from a PA system at the start/finish

If loud sounds are created that require a permit under the City Noise Ordinance, a letter requesting a permit for such activity must accompany this permit application.

Banners or Attention Getting Devices: Yes No

If Yes, Attention Getting Devices and Banners require a separate permit with the Building/Fire Safety Division. Temporary signage is not permitted in right-of-ways.

Is this event: Public Private Is another promoter/producer assisting with your event? Yes No

Will this event use other venues and/or municipalities such as Lake County? Yes No

Will this event be utilizing Lake Minneola or Lake Minnehaha for any portion of the event? Yes No

Are you requesting the boat ramp be closed in order to be used for overflow parking? Yes No

Boat ramp closure request will only be considered by the City Council for events that have over 1000 expected in attendance.

SPECIAL EVENTS COST ESTIMATOR

NAME OF EVENT:	Mustache Dash 5k		
DATE OF EVENT:	11/22/2020		
EVENT CONTACT:	Kimberly Grogan		
REFUND MAILING ADDRESS:	741 W Montrose St		
	Street Address		
	Clermont	FL	34711
	City	ST	Zip
CELL PHONE:	352-217-9291		

Payment Deadline:

Application Fee and deposit are due upon submission

Final payment is due 30 days prior to event date.

Final payment not received by the due date will be assessed a 10% late payment fee per week on balance due.

	NON-PROFIT/ RESIDENT RATE	BUSINESS/ NON-RESIDENT RATE	SPECIAL INSTRUCTION	FEE
Application Fee	\$10	\$10	Non-Refundable	\$10
CITY PROPERTY:				
HIGHLANDER BUILDING AND PAVILION ~ AREA A (BLUE)				
Deposit	\$250	\$250	Refundable	
Hourly Fee	\$100	\$200	Per Hour (2 Hour Minimum)	
Daily Fee	\$700	\$1100		
PARK AREA ~ AREA B (RED)				
Deposit	\$150	\$150	Refundable	
Hourly Fee	\$25	\$50	Per Hour (2 Hour Minimum)	
Daily Fee	\$200	\$300		
WATERFRONT ~ AREA C (YELLOW)				
Deposit	\$350	\$350	Refundable	
Hourly Fee	\$200	\$300	Per Hour (2 Hour Minimum)	
Daily Fee	\$1500	\$2500		
Each Consecutive Day	\$1200	\$2000		
CITY HALL PARK - DOWNTOWN ~ AREA D (GREEN)				
Deposit	\$150	\$150	Refundable	
Hourly Fee	\$25	\$50	Per Hour (2 Hour Minimum)	
Daily Fee	\$200	\$300		
VICTORY POINTE				
Deposit	\$150	\$150	Refundable	
Hourly Fee	\$25	\$50	Per Hour (2 Hour Minimum)	
Daily Fee	\$200	\$300		
~ ADDITIONAL FEES ~ TO BE DETERMINED BY CITY STAFF				
Additional City Staff	\$25	\$25	Per Person, Per Hour	
Public Works Event Staff	\$25	\$25	4 hr. min, per staff	
Police Officer	\$42	\$42	4 hr. min, Per Officer	
Fire/ EMS	\$60	\$60	4 hr. min, 2 staff min	
Fire Boat in the Water	\$100	\$100	Per Hour	
				Sales Tax
				GRAND TOTAL

Resident/Non-Profit rate is defined as

- A resident or land owner located in the Clermont city limits
- A business located in the Clermont city limits
- Be an organization/business that is active and currently registered with the Florida Division of Corporations. Applicant must be a registered agent, representative, or board member of the organization/business.

**Non-Profits must provide business license, proof of non-profit status (5013C)*

Non-Resident/Business rate is defined as

- Applicant resides outside the Clermont city limits
- Business is located outside the Clermont city limits

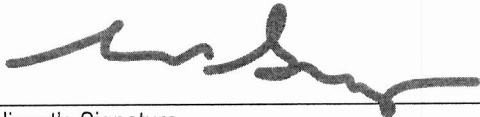
**Clermont Residents are not permitted to use 'Resident' status if the business is located outside of the city limits*

All businesses, vendors, etc., must provide a Certificate of Liability with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 Comprehensive General Liability Insurance naming the City of Clermont as additionally insured

PLEASE NOTE: The issuance of a Special Events Permit from the City shall NOT relieve any person from the duty to secure other City, State or County permits or approvals as may be required to include, but not be limited to, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Health Department, tent permits, fireworks permit, attention getting device permits, business tax receipt, etc. The applicant agrees that no advertising for the event shall occur until this Special Event Permit has been approved. If any information is found to be false, incomplete or misrepresented, such fact is just cause for the immediate revocation of any permit issued. In addition, failure to correct any on-site condition or code violation as identified by the City staff will result in revocation of the permit and/or code enforcement fines.

Indemnification, Insurance and Additional Costs

The applicant and any other persons, organizations, firms or corporations on whose behalf the application is made agree that they will jointly and severally indemnify and hold the City harmless against liability, including court costs and attorney's fees, and attorney's fees on appeal, for any and all claims for damage to property, or injury to or death to persons, arising out of or resulting from the issuance of the permit or the conduct of the Special Event. The applicant may be required to provide insurance, as determined by the Risk Manager. In that case, the City shall be named as an Additional Insured. The applicant also agrees to reimburse the City for all costs due to damage, or use of City resources that are unanticipated but required to support this event.



Applicant's Signature

President

Title

Kimberly G

Printed Name

6/22/2020

Date

*****FOR CITY DEPARTMENT REVIEW ONLY*****

Department / Division Routing:

a) Parks & Rec. Dept.

b) Police Department

c) Fire Department

d) Public Works Dept.

e) Development Services Dept.

Provide email comments back to City within 7 calendar days of application receipt by the City. Comments need to include a specific denial or approval of the permit and any specific conditions required to be met or listed on the permit.

FACILITY SALES RECEIPT



Receipt # 53276
Payment Date: 06/30/20
Household: 6913

Clermont City Center
 620 West Montrose Street
 CLERMONT FL 34711
 Phone: (352)708-5975

FloDash Events LLC
 741 W Montrose St
 Clermont FL 34711
 flodashevents@gmail.com

Reservation Details: Waterfront Park, Victory Pointe

Reserv. Contact: **FloDash Events LLC**
 Phone Number: **(Not Assigned)**
 Reserv. Number: 7381
 Status: Firm
 Purpose: Mustache Dash 5K
 Anticipated Count: 500

<u>Date(s) And Times</u>	<u>New Fees</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>	<u>New Paid</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Sat 11/21/2020 7:30A to 10:30A	89.88	89.88	0.00	0.00	89.88
Deposit:	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>
Application Fee	10.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Resident / Non Profit	25.00	3.00	0.00	4.88	79.88
Deposit	150.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	150.00

Special Questions: Police Requests:
 Fire Requests:

Processed on 06/30/20 @ 9:27 am by acardarelli

Total New Deposit Fees	150.00
Total New Fees	85.00
Total New Taxes	4.88
Total Due	239.88
Total Fees Paid	0.00
Total Paid	0.00
Balance From Receipt	239.88

*Need to add P/W



FloDash Events Covid Guidelines and Race Protocol

In order to execute the Mustache Dash 5k/10k, November 21, 2020, we have formatted the race to ensure everyone's safety as we adhere to new Covid Guidelines from the CDC, as well as receive directives from city and county officials. As a race company we take the safety of our participants, volunteers, sponsors and staff very seriously and we are in constant communication with all of them to make sure everyone is aware of any modifications to the event. Through our steady directives via email, registration page and social media, we make sure our participants know what our expectations are of them at all times, including pre, during and post race. Detailed instructions like the ones on this protocol, will be clearly explained to all to make sure race day is enjoyable and successful not only to the participants but to everyone in the Downtown Clermont area.

The Covid 19 virus has encouraged us to look at the current practices and procedures for the sanitation of our races and to put things in place that will help to keep the participants, volunteers and staff healthy. These practices will minimize physical interaction between racers, and racers and staff/volunteers. All staff, volunteers and participants will be required to sign a mandatory declaration of health, which is posted on our registration website and participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with it ahead of time.

PACKET PICKUP

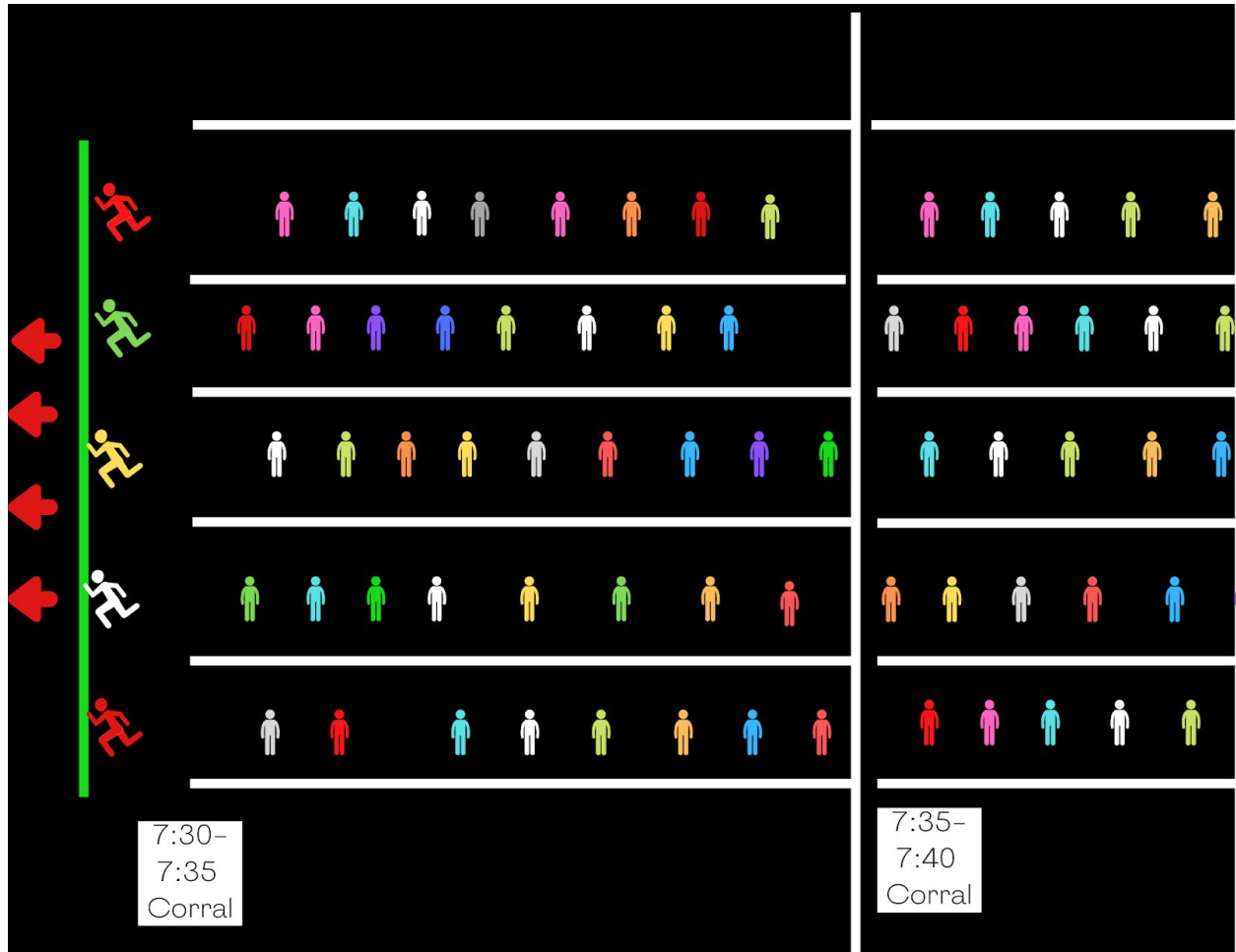
We will be reducing the touch points at packet pickup and increasing the duration of this process to encourage distancing. Typically packet pickup is one afternoon for 3-4 hours, we have increased it to two days from 1-7PM. We also discourage race day registration or packet pickup to avoid race morning crowding. Packet pickup will be conducted at Dash Sports in Downtown Clermont, and participants will be distanced 6 feet apart with tape markings on the ground. FloDash and Dash staff will make sure crowding does not take place during this process by diligently moving participants in and out as they receive their bib and race shirt. Final instructions will be emailed prior to packet pickup and will also be posted for participants with detailed expectations.

Race Day

We will have volunteers with antibacterial spray bottles available at the start and finish line. Gloves, masks and hand sanitizer will be available to staff and volunteers at all times. Any volunteers that will be handing the participants anything will be wearing gloves and will be limited to performing 1 job only for the duration of the race. They will be given multiple pairs of gloves for changing throughout the duration.

START LINE

To manage the number of people on the starting line and on the course, participants will be assigned to time corrals. Upon registration, they will choose their preferred start time. Race bib numbers will be assigned based on their corral time to help us identify participants that don't show up at their scheduled time. The first time corral will start at 6:45 AM, with a new start every 5 minutes, ending with the last corral at 8:15 AM. A maximum of 40 participants will be allowed to register per time corral, within that 40 person group, 8 participants will get to the start line per minute. As this corral moves along, the next time corral will start moving in that same direction. The participant's race time will start when they cross the starting line and stop when they cross the finish line. There will be a maximum of 500 participants allowed to register for the Mustache Dash 5k/10k. Assuming the last participant starts at 8:15AM and based on the slowest 10k/5K walker average time of 1 hour and 5 minutes, we anticipate the latest participant ending at 9:20 AM. By randomizing the start times and the paces of the participants they will be further distanced on the course.



The Course

The course is a two loop (5k) or four loop (10K) course with some variation in the loops. We have full use of the road and sidewalk to ensure participants can spread out. The rolling start will ensure that there are about as many people finishing at one time as starting.

results posted live as soon as they finish. The participant will be given the link to check their results that morning.

AID STATIONS ON THE COURSE - POST RACE HYDRATION

We will not have 1 aid station on the course. Pre and post race fluids will be distributed in sealed bottles and delivered by volunteers wearing gloves. Participants have the choice to grab a bottle before entering their corral and run with these bottles or bring their own carry on hydration if they wish to drink during the race in lieu of aid stations. We will have sufficient hydration for all participants, volunteers and staff. Once participants cross the finish line, they will have the choice again to grab a sealed water bottle from a volunteer.

VOLUNTEERS

FloDash Events will enlist the help of responsible volunteers to help us carry through our race needs and follow along our new guidelines. All volunteers will be instructed by FloDash Events staff to make sure our race protocol is followed thoroughly from packet pick up to race clean up. Volunteers will be helping with all aspects of the race including but not limited to packet pickup, race day parking, handing waters, finish line snacks to participants, handing medals to finishers and ensuring the flow of participants moves smoothly from the minute they arrive to their time corral all the way to reminding them to head towards their car upon completion of the event. Volunteers will also be checking in participants

RESTROOMS AND HAND SANITIZING

We will be using the bathrooms at Victory Pointe and Historic Village. We will also have hand sanitizing spray at packet pickup, finish line before grabbing snacks and any other place we feel participants may want to clean their hands. These will be made available to all participants, volunteers and staff.

DECLARATION OF HEALTH

At packet pickup or race day all participants, volunteers and staff will be required to complete a Declaration of Health stating that they are not infected, have not had or been in contact with someone experiencing any Covid 19 symptoms in the past 14 days. This document is attached in this packet.

Per executive order from Governor DeSantis, all individuals traveling from Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Louisiana must isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into Florida. Travel from other domestic locations is at the discretion of the individual. This document is attached at the end of this protocol and will be collected no sooner than the first packet pickup day. Participants will not be handed their race packet including their T-shirt and timed bib if they do not have this declaration signed.



Mandatory Declaration of Health for participants, volunteers, staff and all involved in the Mustache Dash 5k/10k on November 21, 2020, must be signed within 2 days of race day to be valid.

I _____ (name of participant, volunteer, staff, vendor) declare that today _____ (date must be within 2 days of race day) am not infected nor have had or been in contact with someone experiencing any Covid 19 symptoms in the last 14 days prior to Mustache Dash 5k/10k. Such symptoms may include but not be limited to: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat or new loss of taste of smell.

I also understand that I was encouraged not to participate in this FloDash Mustache Dash 5k/10k live event if I fall under or live with someone in these categories:

People over 65 years of age

People who have chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, or severe heart disease;

People who are immunocompromised: those who have undergone or are undergoing cancer treatment, bone marrow or organ transplantation; anyone with immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, or had prolonged use of corticosteroids; and smokers;

People of any age with class III or severe obesity; or

Anyone diagnosed with the following underlying conditions: diabetes, liver disease, and persons with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis.

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Today's Date

Last name, First name

Age on race day

