

2020 Gettysburg Festival of Races COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

Based on Adams County being in Gov. Wolf's "Green" status with limit of 250 per gathering

Overview: Our goal is to keep all participants, volunteers, and staff members involved with the event safe and healthy while complying with the state's guidelines and requirements. The following measures will be taken to ensure that everything is done outside, participants are kept 6' apart, and there is no gathering that exceeds current limitation of 250.

Packet Pick Up: Previously planned to be inside Freedom Hall within Gateway Theaters, it will be moved outside. Will be a drive-up service in the parking lot of the Gateway Theaters with multiple lines/stations. There will be no race day pick up. Offer option to have shirt and bib shipped to participants in advance of race.

Bathrooms: Use porta-potties spaced 6' apart instead of indoor bathrooms. A bottle of hand sanitizer will be placed with each porta-potty.

Facial Coverings: All staff and volunteers will be required to wear a facial covering when they are in a situation or expect to be a situation where they cannot be 6' away from everyone else. Participants will be asked to wear facial coverings when heading from their vehicles to the start line and will also be asked to wear a facial covering when they complete the race and cannot maintain 6' of distance from other individuals.

Start Line Staging: There will be no mass start. All participants will receive an individual start time using electronic chip timing. The east lawn will be used to stage each wave and using 6' of spacing (36 square feet) per person the area can accommodate approximately 500 people with recommended spacing. The start line will be split into two lines/chutes separated with metal crowd control fencing to separate runners. The road will be marked to indicate 6' of separation from each position in line to the one ahead and behind it.

Aid Stations on course: All fluids on course will be changed from cups to individual bottles. Participants will be told to self-serve as they pass aid stations. Stations will have Gatorade and/or water. Waste collection bins will be available, and runners asked to self-dispose of bottles. Any participant caught littering will be disqualified from the event and removed from the results. Volunteer/s at aid stations will only re-supply tables with more cases of individual bottles of water and opening cases. They will not hand bottles to runners. There will not be any Gel/Gu served on course. No medical aid will be provided by volunteers on course to participants. Aid stations will still have porta-potties which will be spaced 6' apart and have a bottle of hand sanitizer at each unit.

Spectators: No spectators will be allowed at this year's event. Participants will be asked to communicate this to family and/or friends. Anyone congregating near the start and/or finish areas who is not wearing a race bib will be asked to leave the area and return to their vehicle. The event will utilize phone-based GPS tracking to allow spectators to monitor the progress of participants and send virtual text-to-talk cheer messages to friends and family.

Finish Line: Like the start, the finish will be divided into two lanes to separate runners as they cross the finish line.

Post-Race Awards: There will be no awards ceremony. Top overall finishers will be given awards as they cross the finish line. All age group awards will be shipped later.

Post-Race Food/Beverages: Individual water bottles will be available to participants in the finish area as they cross the line and will be self-serve. There will be a food tent on the lawn with a single file spaced line that will allow participants to collect pre-prepared bags with food and beverage.

This document has been reviewed and approved by Eric Zaney, Chief of Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services.

Respectfully Submitted,

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