

SAFETY PLAN FOR THE MUTT MARCH 5K, 10K AND ‘DOGGY DASH’ TAKING PLACE SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 27, 2021 AT MEMORIAL PARK IN STUART, FLORIDA

The following safety requirements have been defined by the City of Stuart:

CITY OF STUART REQUIREMENTS

The City of Stuart requires that Permittees address the following in their Safety Plan:

CDC GUIDELINES

- Permittees must adhere to the CDC’s Guidelines listed on the CDC’s website:

For Gatherings and Community Events:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/index.html>

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/Mass-Gatherings-Document_FINAL.pdf

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES

- Permittees must adhere to the Florida Department of Health’s Guidelines: www.floridahealth.gov

The Event Organizers will do everything possible to assess risks, and to put into place mitigation procedures that are designed to reduce and eliminate risk as much as possible. In general, risks can be classified by the ‘Three Cs – Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings’. Event Organizers will do all they can to eliminate these risks.

ASSESSING RISKS

In order to reduce and eliminate the possibility that infected persons might attend this event, each participant will be screened before allowing to participate, and anyone failing any part of the screening process will not be allowed to participate.

Each participant will be required to sign a statement that affirms positively that he or she has not been exposed to an infected person in the 14 days prior to the date of the event, that he or she is not a high-risk individual and is not health-compromised in any way, that he or she has not been outside the United States in the past eight months, and that he or she does not have any of the symptoms commonly associated with Covid-19. An example of this attestation form is attached to this Plan. This form will be presented to Event Organizers no more than two days before the date of the event.

Each participant will be screened at the event site upon arrival, by requiring each participant to clean his or her hands using the on-site Hand Sanitizing Station that will have sanitizer containing at least a 60% alcohol solution that meets or exceeds all CDC guidelines for such products.

Each participant will have his or her temperature taken at that time as well, using a No-Contact Thermometer device, and only those participants whose temperature is 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit or less will be allowed to remain on-site.

In addition to being notified via electronic mail of these procedures listed above, there will be a sign on-site that details these requirements and specifies that anyone participating in the event must adhere to these requirements or he or she will not be allowed to participate.

PROMOTING BEHAVIORS THAT REDUCE SPREAD

All reasonable precautions against the ‘Three Cs – Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings’ will be put into place, including those specified below.

Event Organizers will mitigate against ‘Closed Spaces’ by conducting the entirety of the event outdoors, and not utilizing Closed Spaces at all, with the exception of allowing participants to utilize the public restroom buildings located within Memorial Park. Other than that exception, the event will take place in a huge outdoor space that will allow more than enough physical space for Social Distancing and other risk-mitigating behaviors.

Event Organizers will mitigate against ‘Crowded Places’ by using the following processes and procedures, as specified below.

Prior to the Event, participants will pick up their race packet, containing a t-shirt, race bib number, safety pins and other miscellaneous items utilizing a drive-by process whereby each participant will drive past the front door of the Fleet Feet running store located at 2440 NW Federal Hwy in Stuart, where a volunteer wearing a face mask and gloves will hand the participant a sealed plastic bag containing those items. The participant must wear a mask in order to be given a race packet. Pre-race packet pickup will be conducted on Friday, March 26, from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM, in order to give participants ample time to complete this process.

There will be NO RACE-DAY REGISTRATION. Anyone who participates MUST register online using contactless registration and payment before race day, March 27. There will be NO PAPER REGISTRATION and no money will be collected at any time.

At the event site Starting Line, signage will be placed that reminds all participants to maintain a safe Social Distance of at least 8 feet apart at all times, and the large open outdoor space of this area allows this to happen. Race volunteers will also be reminding participants of event processes and procedures, and helping direct participants properly to maintain all such processes. Anyone

not following such processes will be asked to leave, or will be escorted off the event site by race organizers.

It is anticipated that participants will spend less than 5 minutes in the Starting Line area, because they will start the race as soon as reasonably possible upon arrival. Anyone remaining in the Starting Line area for more than 5 minutes will be required to wear a face mask and to practice appropriate social distancing measures, or they will be asked to leave the event site.

The same process will be used at the Finish Line, with signage posted prominently reminding all participants to maintain Social Distance of at least 8 feet at all times. A race volunteer will be reminding participants of all event processes, such as social distancing and wearing of masks. The large open space of this area allows this to happen.

Further Social Distancing processes will be utilized at the Starting Line, as there will be **NO MASS START OF PARTICIPANTS ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

The Starting Line will open for participants at 7:30 AM Saturday morning, March 27, and it will remain open until 8:15 AM, a total of 45 minutes. As participants arrive to the event site and pass through the screening area (having temperature taken and sanitizing hands), then each participant will be encouraged to step across the Starting Line and begin his or her running race, leaving the Starting Line and running towards the Finish Line.

NO MORE THAN THREE PERSONS WILL BE ALLOWED WITHIN THE STARTING LINE CORRAL DURING ANY 15-SECOND PERIOD. The Starting Line will be delineated by an area roped off with stanchions and flagging that will enclose an area no smaller than 15 feet by 15 feet, and only the participants starting at that moment will be allowed within that Starting Line area.

Participants will be strongly encouraged to start alone, by themselves, unless they are starting with other persons with whom they reside (family members or life partners who live together will be allowed to start together). All others will start by themselves.

Participants who are waiting to start the event will stand on designated spots marked on the pavement at 10-foot intervals in a line behind the Starting Line area, and as each participant inside the Starting Line area leaves that area, the next person in line will be allowed to enter, after a 10-second minimum wait time. There will be at least 10 of these marked waiting spots marked on the pavement. If at any time more participants than that are in the area, they will be required to maintain at least a 10-foot Social Distance in the general area, until they can claim a spot on the pavement.

The Event has a 300-person maximum capacity, and with 1 to 3 people starting each 15 seconds, that allows 4 to 12 persons per minute to start. With an average of approximately 8 people per minute starting over a total starting time of 45 minutes, then a total of 360 possible people could start during this time frame. The 300-person cap will keep the Event under this maximum starting line capacity.

At the Finish Line, similar processes will be put into place. As participants cross through the Finish Line and under the Finish arch, they will pass through a finish chute area of no less than 15 feet wide by 25 feet long, delineated by flagging and stanchions. No one else will be allowed inside this Finish Line chute area. As the participant exits the Finish Line chute, he or she will be handed a sealed plastic bag containing a disposable face mask, a pre-packaged snack such as a nutrition bar, fruit such as a banana, a sealed individual bottle of water, and a finisher's medal.

Once a participant has finished, he or she will be allowed to 'cool down' for a period of time not to exceed 15 minutes before being required to leave the Finish Line site. During this time, the participant will be required to wear the face mask given them, and to practice appropriate Social Distancing by remaining more than 10 feet away from any other person at all times. Anyone not complying with this will be asked to leave, or they will be escorted off the property by race organizers.

A hand sanitizer station will be located approximately 20 feet past the end of the Finish Line chute, and each race finisher will be required to utilize such sanitizer before leaving the area. A race volunteer will be present to ensure compliance. Hand sanitizer will be at least 60% alcohol and meet all CDC guidelines for such products.

THERE WILL BE NO FINISH LINE AWARDS PRESENTATION NOR WILL THERE BE ANY POST-RACE GATHERING. Participants will finish the race, cool down by remaining more than 10 feet apart and wearing a face mask, and then leaving the race site as soon as is reasonably possible. The Finish Line race site is outdoors, and is a large open space that will more than accommodate the event finishers until they depart the premises.

While on the event route, participants will be strongly encouraged to maintain a safe distance between themselves and other participants, with at least 15 feet of space, unless one participant is passing another, or being passed by someone. A race volunteer will patrol the race course and will ask any group of more than three participants on course to disperse immediately or face disqualification from the event.

There will be NO water stop or aid station on the course – each participant will be required to provide for his or her own hydration needs during the event.

All race staff and volunteers will wear face masks at all times during the event, and any volunteer who would come in contact of ANY KIND with a participant will be required to wear gloves at all times. Finish Line volunteers passing out the post-race packet will have face mask and gloves on at all times, as well volunteers passing out pre-race packets during the drive-by packet pickup.

Pre-race drive-by packet pickup will be **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED FOR EVERYONE**, however there may be some small number of participants who will miss that process for some reason. These people will be allowed to pick up their race packet on race day, under the following conditions. Each person must of course pass through the on-site screening process before being allowed to pick up his or her packet. A 10x10 popup tent will be set up at least 50 feet away from all other event activities, with one volunteer wearing a face mask and gloves present at this tent. The participant will approach to a mark located 10 feet from the tent, announce his or her name,

the volunteer will find that packet and place it on the table. The volunteer will then back away at least 10 feet from the table, the participant will approach, take the packet, and leave the area. The volunteer will then wipe the table down with sanitizing wipes before allowing anyone else to pick up a packet. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS PROCESS WILL BE USED BY LESS THAN 15% OF PARTICIPANTS.

Mitigation of the ‘Close-Contact Settings’ will be achieved by conducting the event in a large open outdoor space, practicing appropriate Social Distancing at all times during the event, eliminating all close-contact situations as much as possible (no water stops, no mass start, etc), and by requiring face masks and gloves whenever contact is necessary (such as pre-race and post-race packet pickup).

All race staff and volunteers will be screened in the same way as the participants – each will sign the attestation form, have his or her temperature taken, and utilize the hand sanitizer upon arriving on site.

In the event of inclement weather, including but not limited to rain and lightning delays, participants must not gather under overhangs, tents, pavilions or other structures where appropriate social distancing would not be possible. Participants will be required to get back into their vehicles until such a delay is lifted, and if they do not have a vehicle, race staff and volunteers will provide one seat per vehicle for one participant to use during such delay. The event will take place during rain, but will be delayed for strong winds, blowing rain, and lightning in the area.

MAINTAINING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

A healthy environment will be maintained by limiting the number of participants in both the Starting Line and Finish Line areas, such that there will always be fewer than 10 people in any given area for any length of time.

Both a Starting Line and a Finish Line chute will be delineated by stanchions and flagging, marks will be placed on the pavement indicating where participants should stand, volunteers will be available to give verbal directions to participants, and signage will be posted at both the Starting Line and Finish Line that details the proper procedures to be followed.

Congratulatory handshakes, high-fives and other such close-contact gestures will be prohibited, both in writing as part of the pre-race instructions as well as the on-site verbal instructions.

Large crowds of spectators are usually not present at such endurance events. Spectators will be discouraged via pre-race and on-site instructions, and any spectators at either the Starting Line or Finish Line area will be required to follow all event procedures, including wearing face masks at all times and sanitizing hands upon arrival at either site.

There will be no group water coolers at either site. Participants will be responsible for their own hydration needs at all times, including before and after the event. The one exception is that the post-race packet will contain an individual sealed bottle of water.

Participants will be encouraged to limit usage of on-site bathroom facilities if at all possible, and to practice proper hygiene when using such facilities, including using hand sanitizer both before and after using the facilities, washing hands before departing the area, and practicing appropriate social distancing measures according to CDC Guidelines when using such facilities.

MAINTAINING HEALTHY OPERATIONS

Cashless and contactless registration processes will be used, and there will be no paper registrations, and no race-day registrations. No money will ever be accepted unless it is processed via online registration.

Permittees will thoroughly clean and sanitize all equipment and items used before, during and after the event, including tables, boxes, race packets, tents, chute flagging, finish arch and any other items that may come in any contact with participants. Race staff will designate one staff member who will be charged with supervising such processes at the Starting Line, and another such staff member at the Finish Line.

Health screening, including an on-site temperature check, will be required of all race staff, volunteers and participants.

All race staff, volunteers, and participants will be informed of all COVID-19 related safety procedures via electronic mail before the day of the event, it will be provided via printed material in the pre-race packet, it will be displayed on signage at the event site, and it will be verbally reiterated via instructions announced at the event site.

All personal protective equipment, facial coverings, sanitation wipes, gloves, etc. must be properly disposed of in a trash receptacle. Nothing must be left on the ground.

Medically vulnerable persons will be strongly encouraged to not attend the event, and they will be strongly encouraged not to participate if on-site. Underlying medical conditions include chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised, severe obesity diabetes, chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, and liver disease.

All persons age 65 and older will be encouraged to not attend, and if they do so, they will be advised to take special care to avoid any possible contact with others and to take all possible precautions against the transmission of the virus.

Reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

There will be a 10x10 popup tent located at the finish line staffed with a volunteer with some medical training (for example, a doctor or nurse), in order to help make an initial assessment of any medical issue before 911 emergency is called. This person would also be available to treat any very minor medical issue, such as a small cut or scrape. A first-aid kit will be present. All race staff and volunteers will be given the contact number of the medical volunteer, and instructed in when and how to contact this person.

Any person who becomes ill at the event or shows any symptoms of the coronavirus will be isolated in the medical tent area and kept under supervision by the medical volunteer until emergency personnel arrive on-site.

If anyone does become ill or show any symptoms of the coronavirus at the event, all participants, volunteer and race staff will be notified of such event so that they may choose to take actions to protect themselves, such as testing for exposure to the virus or voluntary self-quarantine. Race organizers will make every effort to assist health authorities in contact tracing processes and procedures, such that any possible exposure and viral spread pathways can be identified and traced.

If any health issue is detected, then City of Stuart Special Events and Tourism, Community Services Representative Mechelle Arbuzow will be notified at marbuzow@ci.stuart.fl.us and 772-286-2844, as well as the Martin County Health Department at 772-221-4000.

**Mutt March 5K, 10K and ‘Doggy Dash’ Affidavit
Compliance with Procedures for Special Events and Tournaments
that are Open to the Public on City of Stuart Property
2021 COVID-19**

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF (_____)

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, do hereby state under oath and under penalty of perjury that the following facts are true:

1. I am over the age of 18 and am a resident of the State of Florida.
2. I am the _____ (title)
of _____ (entity) (“Permittee”)
and I certify that I have the authority to make the representations set forth within this Affidavit.
3. I hereby certify that the information provided herein is correct and truthful.
4. I hereby certify that the Safety Plan submitted to the City of Stuart by the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast setting out its plan for producing a special event or tournament at Memorial Park during COVID-19 complies with the City of Stuart’s Procedures, including compliance with the CDC guidelines and the local health department Requirements.
5. I hereby certify that Permittee will at all times operate in compliance with its submitted Safety Plan.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

By _____
(Signature)

By _____
(Name and Title)

The foregoing Affidavit was acknowledged before me by ___ physical presence or ___ online notarization this _____ day of _____, 20__, by _____, ___ who is personally known to me or ___ who has produced _____ as identification and who did take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 20__.
(NOTARY SEAL)

(Signature of person taking acknowledgment)

(Name of officer taking acknowledgment)

typed, printed or stamped

My commission expires: