

Santa Paws Holiday Pooch Plunge Event
Safety Plan: Guidelines & Procedures

The continued health and safety of the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast (HSTC) staff, animals, volunteers, donors, supporters, vendors and community partners amid COVID-19 is our utmost concern and priority. Therefore, HSTC will adhere to the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) Guidelines for Gatherings and Community Events (Special Events and Tournaments) and the Florida Department of Health Guidelines in our best effort to minimize the risk of exposure and continued spread of the virus.

Please read the Safety Plan for the Santa Paws Holiday Pooch Plunge and be prepared to follow all HSTC guidelines and procedures outlined below.

HSTC Guidelines for Santa Paws Holiday Pooch Plunge Event:

- A. Volunteers, vendors and attendees are encouraged to practice social distancing while at the event and maintain a six-foot physical separation from other parties.
- B. HSTC strongly recommends attendees wear facial coverings for all staff, volunteers, vendors and attendees
- C. HSTC advises all volunteers, vendors and attendees to take your temperature the night before the event, as well as the morning of the event. If you have a measured temperature of 100.4° F (38° C), we request you do not attend the event.
- D. HSTC requests anyone exposed to someone with COVID-19 between Nov. 21 and Dec. 5 to refrain from attending the event
- E. HSTC recommends people 65 years and older, those who live in a nursing homes or long-term care facilities, and people with underlying medical conditions (particularly if not well controlled) to remain home.
 - a. 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.

Santa Paws Holiday Pooch Plunge Procedures:

(To be implemented in addition to guidelines outlined above.)

- A. How will we limit the risk?
 - a. Staff, volunteers, vendors and attendees will be notified of COVID-19 guidelines and procedures when they register for the event, and reminded again in the days leading up to the event, as well as prior to the start of every session
 - b. Social distancing from other household units will be required during the event
 - c. Traditional open event format will shift to three separate 45-minute swim sessions at a reduced capacity with mandatory pre-registration to minimize overlap and better manage traffic flow
 - d. Attendees preparing for their pre-registered session must wait in their cars until their session opens and all attendees from the previous session have exited the facility
 - e. Attendees will receive a text message to notify them when their session opens and when they can enter the park

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- f. Event attendees cannot linger between sessions. They must exit in an orderly, socially-distanced fashion once their session concludes.
 - g. Sessions will not be extended nor will they be rescheduled
 - h. Concessions will be closed
 - i. Food Truck vendors will be on site and will only provide service for TO GO orders
 - i. No food consumption will be permitted on site
 - ii. HSTC will require that all food and beverages be served in individual portions and those serving food must use disposable cups, plates, and utensils, so that utensils are not shared.
 - j. Water fountains will not be in operation. Event staff, volunteers, vendors and attendees must to bring their own beverage bottles for personal consumption.
 - k. In the event of inclement weather, HSTC staff, volunteers and event attendees will not be permitted to congregate under tents, awnings, or other overhead structures in the near proximity of other gatherings or heavy foot traffic.
- B. Promoting behaviors that reduce spread:
- a. All HSTC staff, volunteers, vendors and attendees will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms. Staff, volunteers, vendors and attendees are subject to a temperature check.
 - b. Any person exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be prohibited from entering the facility
 - c. Wearing a facial covering is strongly recommended
 - d. Electronic Pooch Plunge pre-registration is required in an effort to practice contactless and cashless transactions. *Onsite registration is prohibited.*
 - e. No Physical Contact: All staff, volunteers, vendors and attendees are asked to refrain from personal contact with others to include handshakes, high-fives, hugs, etc.
 - f. No sharing of objects. Attendees cannot share their dogs' toys with other dogs. All toys must be collected by the individuals who brought them prior to their departure.
 - g. 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.
 - h. Staff, volunteers, vendors and attendees are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer or disinfecting wipes for personal use.
 - i. Signage will be on display in the restroom to indicate proper CDC handwashing methods (with soap and water for at least 20 seconds)
 - j. Please refrain from touching fences and other surfaces that do not need to be touched
 - k. Chairs will not be provided by Sailfish Splash Waterpark. Event attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs and maintain a six-foot distance between other household units.
 - l. Any person unwilling to practice social distancing or adhere to these procedures will be asked to leave the event.
- C. Preparing for When Someone Shows Symptoms or Gets Sick
- a. If a staff member, volunteer, vendor or event attendee should experience any COVID-19 symptoms, contract the virus, or is exposed to the virus, HSTC will notify the Martin County Health Department in addition to all other staff members, volunteers and attendees, including park personnel