

Comprehensive COVID-19 Information

Twin Cities In Motion is excited to offer an in-person 2021 Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon Weekend on October 1-3. Safety has always been our organization's top priority and organizing a COVID-safe marathon weekend is our guiding star this year. Runners are eager for a safe return to larger scale events and we're working to make that happen safely.

Accordingly, this year's event will look different. Some of the most noticeable changes include, but are not limited to:

- Reduced field sizes in all races, with the marathon capped at 4,000 runners
- Mask-wearing requirements except while racing
- Social distancing requirements across the event weekend
- Spectating discouraged and spectator access limited in certain areas
- Reduced touchpoints whenever possible

Event protocols will be evaluated throughout the year to be properly calibrated to the public health situation in the fall.

New COVID Cancellation Policy

We have also instituted a partial cash refund policy where participants and TCM share the risk of another event cancellation. If state or local authorities mandate a race cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person race registrations will be converted to the corresponding virtual event, participants will be mailed all participant amenities and receive a partial cash refund as follows:

- Marathon: \$40 refund
- 10 mile: \$25 refund
- 10K: \$10 refund
- 5K: \$10 refund
- TC Loony Challenge: \$45 refund
- TC Ultra Loony Challenge: \$60 refund
- Mile, half mile, Diaper Dash, Toddler Trot: No refund or virtual race
- Virtual events: Not affected by in-person cancellation

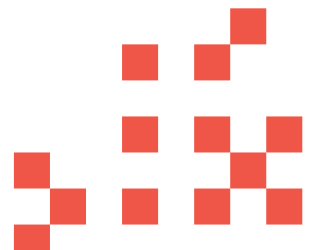
We're optimistic we will be running in-person in October. We're working closely with our medical director, crowd science experts and with guidance from appropriate government agencies to design a safe event. Participants will play an important role in the event's safety, too.

Below, please find the latest information on how various aspects of the event could look this fall.

COVID-Related Event Changes and Considerations

Expo & Packet Pick-up

- Specific arrival times may be assigned
- Expo facility capacity may be limited
- Reduced vendor presence
- Wider aisles and one-way traffic
- Expo location not yet confirmed



Saturday Events

- Changes to the mascot race, Toddler Trot and Diaper Dash
- Family Activities Tent may be reconfigured or eliminated
- All aspects of the schools' program are being evaluated for safety
- Specific race start times may be assigned
- Race day registration and/or packet pick-up may be restricted or eliminated
- Limited spectator numbers and access

Start Area

- Gear Check drop-off may be modified or eliminated.
- Transportation modes used to access Start Area – e.g., shuttles, light rail, drop-off locations -- may be eliminated or otherwise restricted.
- Pre-race amenities may be reduced (e.g., portable toilets) or eliminated (e.g., pre-race water and coffee, Gear Check, etc.) and runners expected to show up self-sufficient and ready to run
- A reduced number of participants allowed in each corral to facilitate social distancing, with increased staff and infrastructure dedicated to crowd management
- Specific Start Area arrival times may be assigned, requiring each runner to arrive in the Start Area, enter their assigned corral, and start their race at specified times

Course

- Participants will not be required to race with their mask on
- Participants will be encouraged to be self-sufficient and run with their own fluids and nutrition
- The number of on-course locations where fluids are provided may be reduced, and nutrition (gels) may not be distributed on-course
- Fluids may be distributed in sealed bottles
- Spectating along the course will be discouraged and spectators may be directed to disperse by course marshals or law enforcement

Finish Area

- Gear Check drop-off may be moved to the Finish Area with drop-off required the day before the race
- Finish Area food may be limited to pre-packaged items only
- Amenities including the beer garden, photo opportunities, sponsor activations and tents or areas may be reduced or eliminated
- Limitations on spectator numbers and spectator access to certain areas restricted

As the status of the pandemic recovery becomes clearer during the spring and summer, event protocols will be evaluated so as to be properly calibrated to the public health situation at race time. Twin Cities In Motion will provide updates to policies and protocols as they are confirmed.

