



# COVID SAFETY PLAN

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## Resources Used:

[Logistical information and guidance for event directors and Local Organizing Committees | USA Track & Field \(usatf.org\)](#)

[Considerations for Events and Gatherings | CDC](#)

Best practices for road races currently taking place.

HiTOPS is will follow all current policies at the local, county and state levels as they relate to the pandemic and the event date of Sunday, November 14th, 2021.

This safety plan will be reviewed with Princeton Township on an ongoing basis until race day.

We are committed to:

- Reducing Touch Points
- Enhancing Hygiene
- Educating Staff & Volunteers
- Social Distancing
- Managing Spectators
- Masking Participants (if required)
- Increasing Athlete Communication

It is our goal to address these safety protocols in all aspects of the race including registration, packet pickup, pre-race, start line, race, finish line and victory village.

While the event will look very different than it has in the past, we feel with these protocols in place, we can safely produce the 2021 HiTOPS Princeton Half Marathon.

# Athlete, Volunteer & Spectator Commitment

Stay home if I am sick or have been in contact with someone that is sick.

Read all event communication and signage, as it could contain information about new procedures and policies.

Follow safety instructions of race announcers and race officials.

Follow physical distancing suggestions.

Utilize proper health and hygiene methods for hand washing, hand sanitizing, sneezing, and coughing.

Wear a face cover at all times while on site and not actively racing. (if required)

Touch only what I need and minimize touch points and interaction with volunteers and other athletes.

Carry my own fluids and nutrition.

Understand that a crowd at the finish line will not be permitted and plan to meet spectators elsewhere.

Avoid spitting or expelling any other bodily fluids near other athletes, volunteers, staff or spectators

Celebrate with others in a no touch manner.

## REGISTRATION

There will be no race day registration.

Registration will include a COVID health commitment which participants will be reminded of via email 24 hours prior to the race. The email sent to participants will contain only information about their commitment so that it is not lost in race logistics.

## PACKET PICKUP

Packets will be mailed to participants at their request free of charge to reduce packet pickup lines.

For participants who wish to pick their packet up at Princeton Running Company, all packets will be pre-packaged for quick pick up. In person packet pickup will be spread over two weeks.

Packet pickup will be available race day for a fee to discourage gathering race morning.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers will adhere to same commitment as athletes.

Volunteer numbers will be optimized.

Mandatory virtual training for all volunteers will include safety protocols like mask requirements, distancing, surface cleaning, etc. Training to be reviewed with Township Health official in advance of training. Vaccine offering to be coordinated as needed.

Traffic marshal training provided by Princeton Police Department will include above mentioned safety protocols.

Volunteers will be provided a shirt designating, masks, hand sanitizer and gloves. Shirts will be printed with "Distance & Mask" as a reminder to all involved in the event.

## RACE DAY

Use the YMCA property to safely space all race operations eliminating use of Palmer Square.

Use the YMCA property to expand port-o-potty area including hand sanitation stations and hand washing stations. 37 units at start / 32 ppl per unit @ 1,200 participants

Bag drop will be eliminated.

Increased signage reminding participants to distance, sanitize and mask.

## COURSE

Reduced field size will allow for spaced single start. 1,200 runners or 65% of usual field size.

Runners to self seed based on expected finish time to minimize athlete passing.

Ensure hand sanitizer at 8 restrooms on course. (2 @ 4 locations)

Reduce water stations along the course encouraging participants to carry their own water as part of a health and green initiative.

Small unopened water bottles to be placed at water stops in place of volunteers filling and handing cups to participants. Runners reminded to dispose of them properly as they are a tripping hazard.

Spectators reminded to distance appropriately from one another and race participants.



## FINISH LINE & FESTIVITIES

Finish line area to be one directional. Runners must continue on Paul Robeson Place to exit finish area at Chambers Street. Signage needed to remain on sidewalks as roads will be open to traffic.

Large unopened water bottles to be placed on tables and self-serve in place of volunteers handing out water.

Finisher medals to be placed on tables and self-serve in place of volunteers handing them out.

Finisher food will be limited to prepackaged goods provided on individual table spaced appropriately at the YMCA.

Medic area expanded to use Paul Robeson Place instead of being placed behind Art Institute.

Awards to be picked up by individuals after they check results on their phone eliminating crowding around finishing results and an awards ceremony.

No finish line massage or stretch, no festivities at Victory Village with sponsor tents.

Participants are invited to Kegs & Eggs by the A&B following race. This invite is shared by HiTOPS with clear language this is not managed or coordinated by HiTOPS and we are not involved in safety protocols.