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Wilmington Walk for Autism 2021

COVID19 COMPLIANCE

Please note that we are planning the 2021 Walk for Autism with both optimism and caution. We are following the guidelines set by the CDC, state and federal authorities as well as the state park system as they stand today. As these guidelines change we will adjust accordingly. Our number one priority is the safety of our walkers, volunteers and staff.

Due to strict state and federal guidelines for larger gatherings. **ALL WALKERS MUST BE REGISTERED ONLINE PRIOR TO WALK DAY!** This includes infants, children, grandparents, etc. If you are not registered, you will be turned away at the park entrance. The park has strict event guidelines regarding the number of participants at one time that we must adhere to.

In order to keep everyone safe, we will have staggered start times for walkers. Please choose your desired start time during the registration process. Face masks must be worn for the duration of the event and a minimum of six feet apart from others must be kept for social distancing.

We recognize that not everyone may feel comfortable in joining us on walk day. If that is the case for you, sign up for our "Virtual Walker" option under registration. Virtual Walkers can walk around their neighborhoods, on a treadmill, wherever and whenever they choose. Just send us a video of you walking and we will add it to our walk video.

What to Expect on Walk Day

Check In & t-shirt pick up will occur in the designated check-in area at both walk locations. Names of all participants will be checked against the registration list for correct time and registered walkers. Parking will be in Merchants Square in Wilmington (ride the bus shuttle to the park) & bath house parking lot in Lewes. Once you have checked in, be ready to hit the walk trail and HAVE FUN! Follow signs and directional arrows and maintain social distance.

Once you complete the route, please make your way back to your vehicle and exit the park so we can safely make way for walkers for the next time slot. If you are comfortable with staying in the park, you may visit the outdoor celebration games, sponsor tables & food trucks.

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Frequently Asked Questions about the Walk

What happens if the state or federal guidelines regarding outdoor events changes?

Autism Delaware will follow all of the state and federal guidelines regarding outdoor events. We will modify the Walk for Autism if needed and will send out communication to all registered walkers and post any updates on our website, event website and social media pages.

Can I participate on walk day if I did not register online?

No. Unfortunately, we will not allow anyone to participate that has not registered online. Due to strict state and federal guidelines we have a limited capacity for each time slot. Please make sure you register everyone that you plan on bringing on walk day.

What if I miss the walk time I am registered for?

Due to limited capacity, we will only allow walkers on the course for their registered time slot. If you miss your time slot we encourage you to participate virtually and send us your walk video.

What about turning in walk donation envelopes & walk shirts?

Walk shirts will be available for each person registered for the Walk For Autism who raises \$50 or more in donations. Fundraising envelopes can be dropped off & t-shirts will be handed out during the check in process.

Virtual Walkers, we will announce a few evenings to drop off envelopes and pick up t-shirts at our offices.

What if it is raining on walk day?

The Walk for Autism will take place rain or shine. Make sure to check the weather forecast before you leave the house.

Do I need to wear a mask?

We encourage everyone to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. The CDC recommendation is to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings. Masks are a simple barrier to protect you and those around you. Remember my mask protects you, your mask protects me.

Will food and drinks be made available during the walk?

Yes. Water bottles will be made available at the half way point of the walk trail. Food trucks will be parked if you choose to purchase food. You may also bring your own snacks and water bottles.

Reminder: alcohol is prohibited in the park.

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Frequently Asked Questions about Fundraising for the Walk

Do I need to use my fundraising page?

We encourage every participant to share their story about why this event is important to them and encourage their friends and families to participate and donate.

Will a fundraising envelope to collect donations automatically be mailed to me when I register?

No. Due to the pandemic and social distancing guidelines, we are encouraging every fundraiser to utilize their fundraising page to solicit and collect donations. During the registration process you can opt in to have a donation envelope mailed to you if you would like to have one.

Can I create my own fundraising event?

Yes, we encourage teams to get creative with fundraising. Please contact our Development Director, David Woods at david.woods@delautism.org for more information on how to properly host an outside fundraiser prior to scheduling your own event.

Should I encourage my friends to join my team or donate to my team?

Both! Once you set up your fundraising page we encourage you to send it out to all of your friends and family asking them to donate to your team. Encourage them to join your team (in person or virtually) and set up their own fundraising page to share with their family and friends.

Where does all of the money go?

Funds raised go directly to Autism Delaware's statewide programs and services.

Can I fill out online forms for corporate companies asking for a donation for my walk team?

Autism Delaware has many corporate sponsors for all of our fundraising events. We ask that you do not fill out any online forms on your team's behalf or on our behalf requesting donations.