



Guntersville Lake HydroFest COVID Safety Protocols:

Guntersville Lake HydroFest is committed to providing a safe event for attendees, participating race teams, and officials. Guntersville Lake HydroFest is an event managed by Marshall County Tourism and Sports and the City of Guntersville. Both organizations will follow state guidelines for COVID protocols as established by the State of Alabama Department of Public Health and mandated by the Office of the Governor.

Currently, Alabama is under a "safer apart order" that will expire on May 5, 2021. Under this order, masks are no longer mandated statewide, but individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a mask when in public or in close contact with other people. Should the order change, we will adapt our policy, continuing to follow the state guidelines for public health and safety.

Our current plan addresses/includes the following:

Masking/Distancing: Masks will not be required within the outdoor venue but will be encouraged on bus transportation where people will be in close proximity. Social distancing will be in place within tented areas in the event venue and pits.

Hand Sanitizing Stations: Hand sanitizing stations will be located at gate entry points, judges stand, VIP and club level tents, media tent/announcer's area, at the entry to the hot pit area and at the drop-off/pick up point for pit tours. There will also be hand sanitizing stations within the food vendor area and volunteer check in. Small hand sanitizers will be placed on each bus providing transportation for the general public.

Safety of Rescue Personnel: While not mandatory, masks will be provided for each rescue worker and volunteer who works both on the water and within the event venue. It will be their decision as to whether they wish to mask up. Travel size hand sanitizers will be provided to each member of the water rescue teams for use while on the water. Disinfectant wipes will be available for each boat and teams within the pit areas, food areas, etc. Wipes will also be available within the judges' area, media tent and other tents where food is being served and individuals are in close proximity.

Notice To Attendees: Signage at each entry gate and at the entry to the pit areas will remind individuals that "HydroFest is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for attendees and participants. While in close proximity, we encourage you to mask up and utilize hand sanitizing stations located throughout the venue." If you have shown symptoms of becoming sick or are not feeling well, we encourage you to head home and catch the races next summer. We thank you for helping us keep our community healthy."

Announcements will also be made every hour during the event, reminding those attending HydroFest to practice social distancing.

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