

2021 Texas MS 150

COVID -19 EVENT EXECUTION



COVID -19 has considerably effected event planning and execution details. As in-person gatherings return, the National MS Society is learning from industry experts and other nonprofits across the country. The Society is focused on following the best practices that fit the situation at the time and event location status.

Overall Safety Protocols for 2021:

- The event will be reviewed through a rigorous health and safety mitigation process with multiple checks and balances to ensure the best and safest environment.
- Adjustments to ride components will be made based on the current conditions of disease transmission, vaccination rates, and restrictions per jurisdiction. Evaluated 90, 65 and 35 days from the event.
- Personal responsibilities will be communicated to participants , staff, volunteers, sponsors and vendors prior to the event via phone, email, social media and event website updates.
- All efforts will take place to make sure participants, staff, volunteers, sponsors and vendors have the most up to date information available.
- All celebratory pre-event activities such as kickoffs or top fundraiser gatherings will be virtual.

Virtual Cycling Option Available

If deemed unsafe to hold the Texas MS 150 in person or a cyclist does not feel comfortable participating in the modified in-person experience, a Virtual Cyclist option exists for each cyclist to stay connected.

Virtual Cyclist: Registration fee \$0

EVENT SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Pre-Event health screening of all staff, participants, and volunteers.

Reduced touchpoints to minimize physical interactions.

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the event including packet pickup locations, higher traffic areas and in and around portable toilets.

Face coverings will be required for all riders, volunteers, and staff throughout the event. Riders may remove their masks when out on the road.

Event signage will promote safe social distancing practices including maintaining 6 feet of distance or more between others.

Dedicated lanes and waiting spots will be provided to aid in physical distancing in areas where cyclists congregate such as packet pick-up, start line, and restrooms.

Anyone at increased risk or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be directed to stay home.

Staff and volunteers will be provided gloves or other PPE if their role requires additional interaction (ex: plastic shields, disinfectant).



What to Expect at Packet Pick-up:

In order to decrease staff and volunteer interactions with riders, there will be no on site registration.

All participants should register in advance at www.bikemstexas150.org

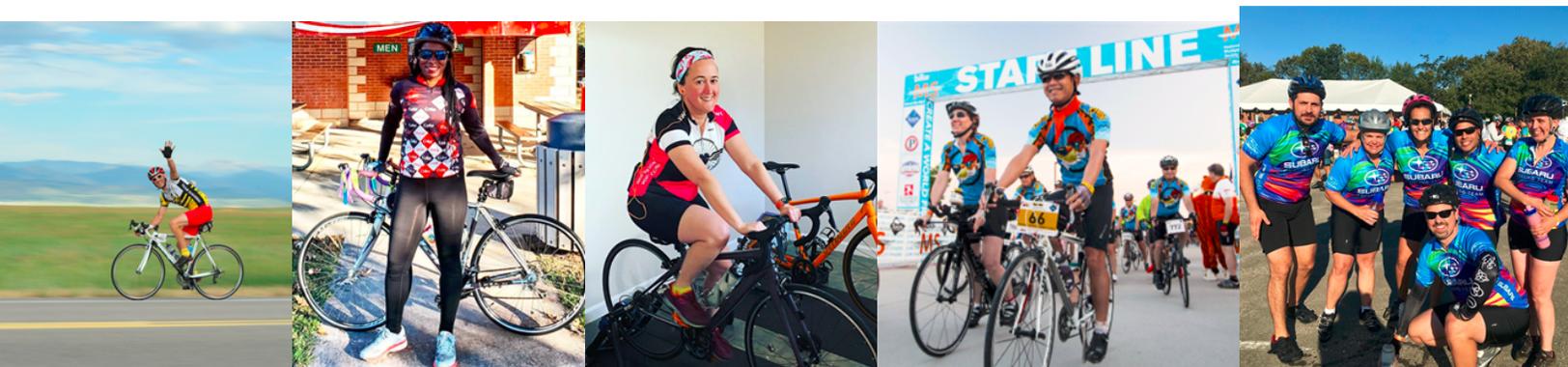
- Packet Pick-up will take place on Thursday and Friday immediately prior to the ride.
- Goodie bags will include rider packet, t-shirt, Bike MS Champs bandana, completion pin and any sponsor giveaways available.
- Packet Pick-up areas will be outdoors with enforced social distancing, crowd control and mask requirements.
- Top Fundraiser Jersey distribution will occur in a separate area to ensure volunteer, staff and participant safety.
- If conditions require, Packet Pick-up will transition to a drive-thru option.

What to Expect at the Start Lines:

- Complimentary parking will be available at all start lines. Please use social distancing protocols.
- Entry points will be one-way with significant distance of 6 feet or more.
- Self-serve bag drop off will be available. Be sure to place a luggage tag from your rider packet on the bag.
- Bike compound will be self-serve with volunteer oversight to confirm the numbers on the rider bib/wristband and bike number match.
- Bike shop sponsor mechanics will be available at the start lines and along the route at rest stops to ensure you have everything you need for the day.
- Start windows for rolling starts vary by start location.
- All participants will receive a designated start time window. Times will be closely monitored.
- Wave sizes will be based on jurisdiction requirements.
- Consideration will be taken for teams to start together.
- Portable toilets will be staged apart from one another with touch free handwashing stations and touch free hand sanitizer stations.

What to Expect on the Routes:

- Cyclists will be encouraged to follow physical distancing protocols throughout the ride.
- SAG vehicles will be available on the route with capacity limited to 50% to ensure rider and volunteer safety.
- Masks will be required in SAG vehicles to ensure safety. SAG vehicles will be equipped with extra masks.
- Cyclists must bring their own water bottles to fill at touchless Water Monsters at rest stops and lunches.



What to Expect at Rest Stops and Lunches:

REST STOPS

- Masks must be worn at all times by cyclists, volunteers, staff and vendors while at rest stops.
- Masks will be on hand at the rest stops in case a cyclist has lost their mask on the route.
- Individually packaged snacks/whole fruit available as self-serve for cyclists.
- Volunteers will restock items, but not serve cyclists.
- Touchless Water Monsters at hydration area. Cyclists must bring their own water bottles.
- Individual packets of sports drink at the hydration area to mix into your water bottles.
- Plastic sheeting or enhanced distancing between volunteers and cyclists will be included based on the current disease transmission rates by location.
- Volunteers will be on site to direct cyclists to park their bike at a safe distance from the food and hydration area and put their masks on if they have been removed.
- Portable toilets will be staged apart from one another with touch free handwashing stations and touch free hand sanitizer stations.
- Medical staff at first aid station.
- All cyclists will be required to dispose of their own recycling and trash in designated bins.

LUNCHES

All items noted above for rest stops with the addition of the following:

- Touchless Water Monsters at hydration areas. Cyclists must bring their own water bottles.
- Individually packaged lunch.
- Dining tent with tables and chairs spaced for social distancing with limited seating per table.

What to Expect at the Finish Line:

- Top Fundraisers and VIPs will have special recognition throughout the event; may include special signage, VIP parking and more.
- VIP tent located on Kyle Field set-up for social distancing protocols.
- Beer Garden located on Kyle Field set-up for social distancing protocols.
- Ample seating available in the stadium. Please follow social distancing protocols.
- Teams will be given an opportunity to reserve at a team tent, tables and chairs.
- Teams will have the opportunity to reserve seating inside Kyle Field on the East side of the stadium.
- Individually packaged food for cyclists and volunteers will be available on the Plaza.
- No shower trucks, massage services or sponsor expo available this year.
- Changing tents will be provided set-up for social distancing protocols.
- Portable toilets will be staged apart from one another with touch free handwashing stations and touch free hand sanitizer stations.
- Hand sanitizer stations located throught the finish line site.
- Medical staff will be located at first aid stations.
- Masks will be available in case cyclists lost their mask on the route.
- All cyclists will be required to dispose of their own recycling and trash in designated bins.
- Buses to Start Lines will be limited to 50% capacity for safety.
- Masks will be required on buses. Hand sanitizer will also be provided on buses.

