


ROUTE 66 MARATHON WEEKEND SEPTEMBER COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE

Williams Route 66 Marathon is excited to be back in person for our 2021 marathon weekend November 20 - 21, 2021. Safety has always been our organization's top priority, but this year, we are taking extra precautions to promote a happy and healthy race weekend amidst the current conditions. We continue to monitor the COVID 19 situation closely, and—in consultation with public health officials, our Medical Director, local permitting agencies and race industry partners— will evaluate and update our event protocols so that they are properly calibrated to the public health situation on race weekend. Here is what we know today:

- While there are currently no restrictions on spectators, we ask that spectators be considerate of others' comfort levels and maintain distance from people outside their households. Areas to pay extra attention to include Main Street at the Start Line, Cameron Street in the Finish Approach, and the Finish Controlled Zone Exit on Martin Luther King Blvd.
 - To minimize contact and promote health and safety, this year's Health and Fitness Expo will be conducted in an outdoor format. By choosing to hold the Expo outdoors, we are able to keep participants and volunteers safe without requiring proof of vaccination or a negative test, which can be a hardship for some. We understand that this is a departure from the norm and thank you in advance for your patience as we work through this process together.
 - Currently, the [CDC requires](#) that passengers wear masks on all indoor public transportation conveyances. If this requirement is still in place on race weekend, masks will be required on all official race transportation. There will be no exceptions.
 - Marathon, Half Marathon and Relay Gear Check Drop-off will be available during Expo hours. Gear dropped at the Expo will be moved to the Finish Area, where participants will be able to pick it up after they finish.
 - Marathon and Half Marathon participants will be assigned corrals based on the expected finish time they provided at registration. These corrals will not be filled as densely as they have in years past in order to provide extra space. We ask that participants respect social distancing to the extent possible while in the corrals.
 - Plans based on current conditions call for Aid Stations to operate as they have in past years. As such, participants should expect the traditional array of nutrition and hydration options at Williams Route 66 Marathon Weekend events.
 - Williams Route 66 Marathon anticipates a broad array of finish amenities to be available this year. Confirmed amenities will be reflected on updated race maps and in participant communications in advance of the race.
 - There are children not yet old enough to be vaccinated both participating in and spectating at Williams Route 66 Marathon Marathon events, as well as people who cannot be vaccinated for other reasons. Based on conditions, guidance and/or requirements from public health or local permitting agencies, and the advice of our Medical Director, Williams Route 66 Marathon may institute protocols to protect these or other vulnerable groups.
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COVID Cancellation Policy

The Williams Route 66 Marathon has *every intention* of having an in-person event. 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, and participants will be mailed all participant amenities.

Oklahoma State Department of Health Guidance

Per [Oklahoma State Department of Health](#) guidance, everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated, if possible, as getting vaccinated is one of the best things you can do to prevent getting or spreading COVID-19. They also suggest that people continue to follow the three W's:

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands
- Watch your distance

While the Williams Route 66 Marathon encourages everyone to get vaccinated if you can, we will not require proof of vaccination or a negative test from spectators, participants, or volunteers at Williams Route 66 Marathon events at this time.

Event protocols will be evaluated throughout the coming weeks to be properly calibrated to the public health situation on race weekend. We appreciate your participation in our event and promise to make sure that through any of these protocol changes you will have options to protect the value of your entry fee.

All signs are pointing toward a safe and successful return of the in-person Williams Route 66 Marathon this November. Participants will play an important role in the event's safety, too, so thank you for choosing to race—safely!—with us. Williams Route 66 Marathon will continue to communicate policies and protocols as they are confirmed and/or updated, but if you have any questions that aren't answered here, please email us at info@route66marathon.com.

