

To whom it may concern,

The Canton Visitors Bureau plans to host 500 runners with the start and finishing line placed at the south side of Trade Center 1. Runners will run throughout the city and out into the county before finally returning back to the grounds to finish the race. This race will take place January 3, 2021 with starting times of 7:30 for the Half Marathon and 7:45 for the 10K and 5K.

The following is a list of protocols the Canton Half Marathon/10K/5K will be taking in response to hosting a race during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are measures that will be taken in addition to this list, but this list is intended to itemize a minimum of steps and guidelines that will be followed.

- Communication with runners will be made ahead of race to discourage runners from coming to the race if they have any symptoms or have been exposed to someone that tested positive for COVID.
- Upon arrival to the race area, signage will be displayed asking participants to maintain social distancing, and wear a mask in the start/finish line area.
- Volunteers will be conducting a health questionnaire as well as screening (temperature checks) before guest can enter the race area.
- Guests, volunteers and staff will wear a wristband indicating that a health screening was passed.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the check-in area as well as on the course at water stops.
- All attendees and staff will be required to use a mask at the event start/finish line.
- There will be no day of signups in order to minimize participants touching computers.
- Runners will wear a mask until they get past the start finish line where they can dispose of a mask before running the course.
- Water stops will be “touchless” which will consist of bottles of water that are not physically handed to the runners.
- Upon return, runners will be asked to get a new mask to wear in the race area.
- Goodie bags will be prepackaged and available to grab as guests leave the run area.
- Participants will be encouraged not to “linger” in the finish line area.
- There will be no award ceremony to help disperse the crowd after run. Awards will be mailed to winners after the run.