

# Shooting Star Children's Hospices Risk Mitigation Statement – COVID-19

Our risk mitigation statement is our strategy to reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission at all Shooting Star Children's Hospices events. This includes our Shooting Star Children's Hospices Ball, Sunrise Walk (SRW) series and any third party event where #TeamShootingStar will be gathering such as the Virgin London Marathon or Royal Parks Half Marathon.

As a charity which works with some of the most vulnerable children, we cannot underestimate the risks of Covid 19 and are risk assessing all operational situations against the current Government Guidelines and taking additional precautions that we have assessed as necessary to safeguard our children, families, and staff. Shooting Star Children's Hospices will continue to monitor the current level and action appropriate controls as necessary to manage the risk of possible coronavirus transmission.

All participants, guests, staff, volunteers, suppliers, and spectators must undergo a self-assessment for any COVID-19 symptoms. No one should leave home to participate, attend, support or work/volunteer if they or someone they live with, has any of the following:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.

Should an individual have demonstrated any such symptoms, they must follow NHS and PHE guidance on [self-isolation](#).

All participants, staff, volunteers, suppliers, and spectators over the age of 11 must be able to demonstrate their COVID-19 status before entering site by providing either:

- Proof of a negative NHS Lateral Flow Test taken 24 hours before the start of the event. This must be provided before the event by email to [events@shootingstar.org.uk](mailto:events@shootingstar.org.uk) or on arrival at the venue/event site by providing proof of the email or text received on registration of your negative test. A screenshot with date of test is acceptable **OR**
- Proof of natural immunity based upon a positive PCR test within 180 days of the event (including 10 days self-isolation following the result).

## Shooting Star Children's Hospices Challenge Events

- All staff and volunteers to attend a full COVID briefing to be held via Zoom pre-event and to sign to confirm they have attended and will adhere to all COVID measures in place.
- All participants to receive an on the day guide detailing the COVID secure measures in place. For third party events, these will detail how Shooting Star Children's Hospices are working to reduce possible transmission to our participants/spectators, but the overall responsibility lies with the third party event provider and the individual. We will share the third party event organisers COVID safety measures when and where available.
- All staff and volunteers to wear face coverings and appropriate PPE where necessary as well as adhering to social distancing measures at all times.
- Participants will be asked to wear face covering in all venues/areas where social distancing may not be possible, for example at registration, rest stops and meeting points.

- Fully signed one way flow in place at all entrance/exit points of venue/event site with hand sanitiser stations at all entrances.
- Signage throughout venue/event site reminding all present to wear face coverings where necessary, use hand sanitiser and ensure social distancing at all times.
- Sunrise Walk series only:
  - COVID secure measures detailed in event waivers which all participants must sign ahead of participation (SRW series only).
  - If current COVID-19 guidelines require, participants will be given an arrival/registration time and split into waves for a staggered start. This will ensure a spread of walkers along the route and minimise possible bottlenecks. Please note wave numbers will depend on current government guidelines and will be amended accordingly in line with guidance for specific COVID Alert Level at the time of the event. Shooting Star Children's Hospices reserve the right to change start times at any point ahead of the event and will endeavour to notify participants of any changes within 24 hours.
  - Participants advised to adhere to social distancing guidelines between people from different households. This means a distance of 2 metres. If 2 metre distancing is not possible as will be the case along narrow stretches of the route it is advised that face coverings are worn and face to face, contact is avoided where possible. Participants have been advised to respect other users on the route and pause to allow users to pass at a safe distance.
  - Participants will be encouraged to bring their own water bottles. Water butts will be available to refill at rest stops if required and will be managed to SSCH staff/volunteers.
  - No fresh food to be handed out at rest stops.
  - Finishers medals will not be placed on participants distributed in a COVID safe way.
  - Where possible participants/staff/volunteers advised ahead of event of shared contact points (road crossings, gates, styles etc) and use of hand sanitiser before and after use.
  - Currently tbc – if providing breakfast as we have done in previous years, SSCH will ensure caterer has all relevant COVID safe measures in place. Social distancing markers will be placed to ensure a 2m distance is adhered to whilst queuing.
  - Toilets onsite will have appropriate social distancing queuing system in place with hand sanitiser available.

Your safety and the safety of our community is paramount, and we want to ensure we are doing everything possible to minimise the risk of coronavirus transmission.

*NB: In the event that the current coronavirus restrictions cause the cancellation of any of our Sunrise Walks, participants will be entitled to either a full refund, transfer to the following year/postponed date within the same year or given the option to donate their registration fee to Shooting Star Children's Hospices.*

*Please be aware that if, in the unfortunate case of you or someone within your household tests possible for COVID-19 or are forced to self-isolate, your entry fee will not be refundable. In this circumstance, you will have the option to transfer your place to a friend or family member, providing this is in line with the Government guidelines at that current time.*

Coronavirus specific risk assessments have been undertaken for all events. Should you wish to see the risk assessment or have any questions regarding the above mitigation statement, please contact Alexa Dizon, Head of Challenge Events on 020 8783 2000 or email [events@shootingstar.org.uk](mailto:events@shootingstar.org.uk).