



WABA
WASHINGTON AREA
BICYCLIST ASSOCIATION

2021 Sweet Ride COVID-19 Safety Statement

All participants must follow the below mask and physical distancing guidelines, regardless of vaccination status.

Outside event.

- The Sweet Ride is an outdoor event.
- Restrooms (public park restrooms and/or portapotties) will be available at ride check-in, pit stops, and the finish line.

Designated check-in times and registration caps.

- At registration, participants will select check-in times that cap at 20 people per 30-minute slot.
- Registration for each ride will close the week before the ride. At check-in, participants will be required to show proof of registration.
- Registered ride participants will receive wristbands at check-in. Participants must wear or show their wristbands to enter the pit stop and finish line areas and receive their box lunch.

Mask enforcement.

- All ride and staff participants will wear masks covering their nose and mouth while at ride sites, in compliance with CDC guidelines for proper mask use.
- WABA staff at check-in and pit stops will enforce mask use.
- Participants who are not wearing a mask will be told to leave the event space. Masks may not be removed until they exit the pit stop area.
- Masks may not be removed for eating or drinking in check-in, finish line, and pit stop areas— participants must consume snacks and water outside of the main pit stop area, maintaining 6 ft from fellow participants who aren't in their household.

WABA has a zero-tolerance policy for improper mask use (i.e., not wearing a mask, wearing a mask that does not cover both the mouth and nose or is not secured below the chin, pulling up part of a shirt over the face instead of a mask, etc.)

Physical distancing enforcement.

- Check-in, finish line, and pit stops will be held at parks and other spacious sites with room for physical distancing.

- While riding, walking, or taking a break along the ride routes, participants must maintain 6 ft of distance between themselves and others not in their households.
- WABA staff will have basic first aid materials at the check-in, finish line, and pit stop areas. Staff will make these materials available to participants in case of minor injury. In case of an emergency, WABA staff or volunteers will call 911.

No contact water and food.

- At check-in and pit stops, all snacks will be single-serving items that participants take from a table one at a time before exiting the ride site area
- Participants will take their food and water and eat it away from the ride site area so they can be appropriately distanced from others before removing their face mask to eat and drink.
- Participants must bring their own water bottles. Participants can fill and refill their personal water bottles at the ride start, pit stop(s), and finish line.
- All participants will receive a box lunch courtesy of our sponsor, Nando's Peri-Peri. Box lunches will be pre-packed by Nando's in keeping with their food safety guidelines.

No post-ride celebration.

- Unfortunately, COVID-19 means we cannot hold a post-ride celebration.
- At the finish line, participants can catch their breath, refill on snacks and water, and collect their box lunch.
- There will be no finish line activities.

Refunds in case of exposure or illness.

- In the case that a participant is sick or has been exposed to COVID-19 in the two weeks before the event, WABA will offer refunds, transfer registration to a future event, or convert your registration fee to a tax-deductible donation.
- This is a good faith policy. Participants who are sick or exposed to COVID-19 in the two weeks before the event should email events@waba.org to request their refund or transfer
- WABA will remind participants of this policy in emails in the days leading up to the event

Solo ride option.

- For those who don't feel comfortable doing the group event, we will have Solo Sweet Ride Kits available for purchase so folks can do the ride FOLLOWING the June 13th event.
- Routes will be released on Monday, June 14.
- Participants who have purchased Solo Ride Kits will NOT be able to join the in-person event on June 13th.