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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## COVID-19?

The health and safety of you and your team are our number one priority. While not required, the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas **highly encourages** all participants wear a mask, distance when possible, and clean hands frequently. Additional hand sanitizing stations will be set up throughout the event concourse. Restrooms are also located on the concourse. Please use caution and practice courtesy as not everyone may have the same comfort level as you and your team members.

The Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas, the City of Frisco, Toyota Stadium, and our event sponsors accept no responsibility should you or your team become ill after the event. If you are experiencing any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, we ask that you please remain home to reduce the spread to our high risk population. We aim to provide a safe event for all; however, please know there are risks involved with attending a large community event of this nature.

## WHO SHOULD REGISTER FOR THE BUDDY WALK® AND WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

**ALL** participants must register for the Buddy Walk®. Registration includes access to the event activities, awareness walk, and a commemorative Buddy Walk® t-shirt. Registration is \$21 for teens and adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. All individuals with Down syndrome are free. Please note that t-shirts are available for registered participants only, so please make sure everyone on your team wanting a commemorative t-shirt clicks the [Register](#) or [Join Team](#) button. Hint: Don't forget to include children in your registration.

## WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR T-SHIRT SIZES, TEAM PRIZES, AND REGISTRATION?

The deadline for registered participants to be guaranteed their preferred t-shirt size is **October 1** due to the advance timeline required for ordering shirts. The DSG does order extras; however, sizes and quantities cannot be guaranteed after October 1. Registration and submission of fundraising dollars for overall team prizes like 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place fundraising teams closes at midnight on **October 15**. Winners will be announced at the 2021 Dallas Buddy Walk® on Sunday, October 24, at Toyota Stadium. Additional incentive deadlines and team prize opportunities will be announced in the months/weeks leading up to the event, so there are lots of opportunities for teams to win fun prizes.

## HOW AND WHERE DO I PICK UP MY TEAM'S T-SHIRTS?

All team captains will receive additional information via email in October regarding team t-shirt pick up details on Saturday, October 16, at the Down Syndrome Guild office located at 1702. N. Collins Blvd. Suite 170, Richardson, TX 75080.

## CAN I MAKE MY OWN TEAM T-SHIRTS?

Yes, many teams make their own team t-shirts. There are no restrictions to the design and color of team t-shirts with the exception of use of the official NDSS Buddy Walk® and Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas logos. Use of the NDSS Buddy Walk® logo must be approved by the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS). If you wish to use the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas logo on your team shirt, please email your design for prior approval to [jennifer@downsyndromedallas.org](mailto:jennifer@downsyndromedallas.org).



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## **WHAT WILL THE DALLAS BUDDY WALK® EVENT INCLUDE?**

The 2021 Dallas Buddy Walk® is a day of fun for the entire family. Activities will include exhibitor booths, face painting, dj, inflatables, games, food for purchase, clowns, balloon artists, photo booth, awareness walk, and more.

## **IS THERE A TAILGATE AREA? WHAT IS ALLOWED? HOW DO I GET A SPOT?**

Yes! Many teams choose to set up a tailgate spot as a meeting/hang out space for their group. Tailgate spots are available on a first come, first served basis on event day at a designated time. Teams may choose to set up a small pop up canopy, tables, and chairs. Small coolers with snacks and drinks are also permitted. Alcohol, glass containers, grills and other open flames are not permitted. All team captains will receive additional information via email in October on specific procedures and set up times.

## **CAN I BRING MY DOG?**

No! Only service animals are allowed at the 2021 Buddy Walk®. Participants arriving with pets other than service animals will be asked to take them home.

## **IS THE BUDDY WALK® A FUNDRAISER? WHAT AND WHO DOES IT BENEFIT?**

The Dallas Buddy Walk® is the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas' largest fundraiser funding over 47% of the organization's annual operating budget each year. Proceeds benefit the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas and help provide resources, support, and educational and social programs for more than 2,000 individuals with Down syndrome and their families in North Texas. For more information, please see [pages 3-4](#) or visit the DSG website at [www.downsyndromedallas.org](http://www.downsyndromedallas.org).

## **ARE DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?**

Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the law. The Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas is a registered 501(c)3 organization. Our tax ID number is 75-1508091.

## **WHO SHOULD CHECKS BE MADE PAYABLE TO? WHERE DO I SEND ANY CHECKS?**

For tax purposes, please make checks payable to the Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas or DSG. Checks should not be written to Buddy Walk® teams, team captains, or individual participants. Please ask donors to indicate which walk team they are supporting in the memo section of the check. Checks may be mailed to Down Syndrome Guild of Dallas, 1702 N. Collins Blvd. Suite 170, Richardson, TX 75080.

## **I'M HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE REGISTRATION AND FUNDRAISING SITE. WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR SUPPORT?**

For all your Buddy Walk® related questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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