

# 2020 Buddy Walk Knoxville FAQs

In order to carefully follow city and state guidelines as it relates to COVID-19, DSAG will be having a Drive-Thru for Down syndrome in place of Buddy Walk.

## When and where is Buddy Walk® Knoxville/Drive-thru for Down syndrome?

Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 1pm-4pm  
World's Fair Park  
963 World's Fair Park Dr.  
Knoxville, TN 37916

**Is there a rain plan?** The Buddy Walk is a rain or shine event.

**What is Buddy Walk® Knoxville?** The Down Syndrome Awareness Group of East TN (DSAG) organizes Buddy Walk® Knoxville to celebrate and support individuals with Down syndrome and their families and to promote understanding and acceptance of those with Down syndrome. Buddy Walk is DSAG's largest Down syndrome awareness event of the year and our primary source of funding for programs.

**How will Buddy Walk be different this year?** Our Drive-thru event will take the place of our traditional Buddy Walk medal ceremony. Team Captains will drive-thru to pick up shirts. Individuals with Down syndrome who are registered before October 15th, 2020 will receive their shirt, medal and goody bag when driving through the line. We ask that you please REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE during the time you are at the event.

**When should my team arrive for the drive-thru event?** To avoid long wait times, your team can arrive anytime from 1-4pm. We will accept cars in the drive-thru line until 4 pm.

**Where will the drive-thru begin and end?** Traffic will begin lining up at the Grand Ave. and World's Fair Park Drive intersection. When the event begins, check-in will be near the playground area. Traffic will drive along World's Fair Park Drive past the sunsphere and amphitheater, then exit on to Clinch Ave.

**Will individuals with Ds receive their goody bag, t-shirt and medal?** Yes! If they are registered BEFORE October 15, 2020. These will be given out as you drive-thru the line.

**Can we decorate our vehicles for the drive-thru?** Yes! It is encouraged, have fun and celebrate with us!

**Will there be music?** Yes! You can't have a Buddy Walk without music! Our DJ is scheduled to attend\*

**Will we be required to wear face coverings?** If you are staying in your vehicle you will not be required to wear one. However, if you exit your vehicle for any reason you will be required to follow city and state guidelines as it relates to face coverings and social distancing.

**When is the last day to register for a Buddy Walk® shirt with a \$10 registration?** Thursday, October 15, 2020

**I received a check for my Buddy Walk team, how do I turn the funds into DSAG?** You can mail the donation to: DSAG, PO Box 53575, Knoxville, TN 37950 or you can turn in donations the day of the event at the designated location.

**Will my team still receive a route sign?** Yes, if you raise \$500 or more before October 1, 2020 you will see your route sign along the route. You are welcome to take it with you as you are leaving.

**How much does it cost to participate?** There is no registration or admission charge required to attend. An optional \$10 registration fee includes a t-shirt. There is no charge for individuals with Down syndrome to register.

**How strenuous is the actual walk?** There will not be a walk this year due to COVID-19 guidelines.

**Will there be activities for the kids?** Unfortunately, there will not be activities due to COVID-19 guidelines.

**Where do we park?** World's Fair Park Drive will be closed to thru traffic for our Drive-thru event. You will not need to park your vehicle.

**Are tents allowed at World's Fair Park?** Tents are NOT allowed, the Festival Lawn is currently closed to the public.

**May we bring our own food and drinks?** Yes, you are welcome to bring your own food and drinks.

**Are there restrooms available?** There are restrooms located inside the security building on the World's Fair Park property which may be open (subject to change).

**I see some teams have their own shirts printed. Do I have to do this?** Absolutely not, but many of our teams enjoy designing and printing their own unique shirts every year to unify their team and raise money.

**Where can I get custom made team shirts?** You can check with local companies that provide this service. We also suggest searching for an online company you can use for this. There are several options available.

**I have a company that would like to sponsor Buddy Walk, what should I do?** You can have them click the Sponsor tab here

<https://www.ds-stride.org/resources/organization/88/event/88/Knoxville%20BW%20Sponsor%20Application%202020.pdf> or email [angie.holbert@dsagtn.org](mailto:angie.holbert@dsagtn.org). Don't forget sponsorship dollars count toward your teams fundraising efforts!

**Where can I get frequently updated Knoxville Buddy Walk® information?** Our DSAG Buddy Walk Facebook group is one of the best ways to get information on all things Buddy Walk®! Please join us!  
<https://www.facebook.com/BuddyWalkKnoxville/>

Still have a question? Feel free to call or text Angie at 865-202-8867 or email at [info@dsagtn.org](mailto:info@dsagtn.org).