

## Update to Racers August 3, 2020

Kesugi entrants,

Race day is 26 days off and plans are coming along nicely! We hope your training has been going well.

The permit from Denali State Park is in hand and has NOT been threatened by the recent spike in COVID-19 cases. The mitigation and safety plans are in place and many volunteers have offered their services.

Kesugi is one of the first footraces to proceed during the pandemic; its success depends on everyone buying in to the plan and adhering to the new policies. Denali State Park officials and others will be watching and a successful event benefits not only Kesugi but other running races.

Let's show that running races can be held safely and responsibly during a pandemic!

I've attached the Mitigation Plan; please spend a few minutes to review it. It will also be posted on the race website.

Some key points:

- Racers must perform self-health checks (including temperature checks) in the 7 days before the race and must not attend if they have any COVID-19 symptoms. They also must sign a waiver at the start confirming their good health.
- Face coverings are required BEFORE and AFTER the event, but not during.
- There will be two mass-start waves: Wave 1 (all men) will start at 9 a.m.; Wave 2 (all women) will start at 9:30 a.m.
- Racers are responsible for their own transportation to the start (carpool as much as possible) and for retrieving their vehicle after they finish, if necessary.
- There is a halfway checkpoint but no aid stations; racers are responsible for bringing all their own food and drink.
- Finishers may spend some time recovering but there will not be a typical post-race party.

If you are unable or unwilling to comply with all of these measures, please DO NOT ATTEND.

If you choose not to attend (because of COVID-19 or for any other reason), this year only you may select:

- 1) A \$60 refund of your \$65 entry fee (I will mail you a check).
  - 2) A deferral of your race spot and guaranteed entry in 2021 at no charge.
- Those who select a refund are NOT guaranteed entry in 2021 (unless they're an auto-qualifier) and will thus have to re-enter the lottery.

If you want to withdraw from the race between now and August 26, please email me and request a refund or a deferral.

Thanks, and I'll be in touch with other race details in the coming weeks.

Best,

Matias Saari

Kesugi Race Director