

**ZERO TO THREE In-Person Event Health & Safety Protocols
Strolling Thunder 2023**

We will implement the following guidelines for Strolling Thunder 2023:

ZERO TO THREE's number one priority is the health and safety of our event attendees and staff. Our goal is to hold a safe event, recognizing it is not possible to remove all risks, in particular concerning COVID. Policies for *Strolling Thunder* will be set according to CDC and public health recommendations, federal, state, and local regulations applicable at the time of the event, and what ZERO TO THREE deems necessary to manage the risk for its event attendees. In addition, participants will need to follow the guidelines that individual policymakers set for meetings inside of their own offices. ZERO TO THREE may change, update, or add to these requirements at any time to best protect the health and safety of attendees and others. Attendees must comply with relevant policies and requirements as communicated by ZERO TO THREE.

ZERO TO THREE cannot be held liable for COVID cases or other illnesses arising because of event attendance and currently requires of all attendees at ZERO TO THREE in-person meetings and events:

1. **A signed *Strolling Thunder* Waiver and Release from Liability**
2. **Completing a COVID test upon arrival in DC and providing proof of a negative test result. Testing prior to travel is strongly encouraged.**

Note: Mask wearing for attendees over the age of 3 and full COVID vaccination to the extent possible is strongly encouraged but optional at this time. In addition, participants will need to follow the guidelines set by the individual offices they meet with on Capitol Hill.

What should I do before I arrive?

- (REQUIRED) Read and sign the *Strolling Thunder* Waiver and Release from Liability.
- (REQUIRED) Monitor your health and the health of children traveling with you. In cases where one of you has been exposed to a COVID case or is experiencing symptoms of COVID or other illnesses, seek appropriate medical attention, including COVID tests. In the case of a positive test, immediately inform your ZERO TO THREE Family Liaison should a COVID test be positive within 14 days before the event.
- We encourage all attendees to take necessary precautions to protect your health and the health of your children, to include full vaccination where possible and available.
- In addition to the required testing upon arrival in DC, we encourage all attendees to take a COVID test within three days of your flight to DC.

What should I do on site?

- (REQUIRED) Complete a COVID test upon your arrival in DC. ZERO TO THREE will provide testing at the hotel and provide results to event staff and to participants as it relates to contact tracing. For the protection of families, children and staff, anyone with a positive test will not be able to attend *Strolling Thunder* events or meetings. Families will be offered quarantine in the hotel and the opportunity to reschedule their meetings with policymakers to take place virtually.
- (REQUIRED) Continue to monitor your health and the health of children travelling with you during the event. Should anyone develop symptoms of COVID or other illnesses, immediately take a COVID test (ZERO TO THREE will provide test kits). Any positive tests should be reported to ZERO TO THREE immediately. Follow report and quarantine requirements above.
- While masks are not required by ZERO TO THREE at this time, we strongly encourage all attendees who can do so to wear a mask while indoors when you are not eating or drinking and in travel and public transportation settings. Again, policies may change according to CDC and public health recommendations and federal, state, and local regulations. In addition, individual policymakers may require masking in their offices. ZERO TO THREE will also provide masks on site.

What should I do after the event?

- (REQUIRED) Continue to monitor your health and the health of children who travelled with you for 14 days after your trip. Should any of you test positive for COVID within 14 days, immediately inform your ZERO TO THREE Family Liaison.

Failure to comply with all safety protocols and requirements as listed above or related directions from ZERO TO THREE representatives on-site may result in the loss of the right to attend or participate in *Strolling Thunder* or other ZERO TO THREE events.

COVID statements included in the *Strolling Thunder* Waiver and Release from Liability (“Waiver”)

- I understand that travel and gathering involves risk of sickness, including sickness from COVID and other illnesses. I (and on behalf of my family(s)) waive and release ZERO TO THREE and its alliance partners/industry partners, and their employees and agents, from and against claims, liabilities and expenses arising from injury, sickness or death from contraction or spread of COVID or other communicable disease due to travel to or attendance at an event hosted by ZERO TO THREE.

- I will take any precautions necessary and appropriate to my personal level of risk while at the event including, but not limited to, engaging in social distancing, wearing a mask in public areas when not consuming food or beverage, minimizing face touching, frequently washing my hands and avoiding risky environments such as overcrowded bars or restaurants. I am also responsible for precautions related to my child(ren).
- I agree to not attend any ZERO TO THREE event if I or my child(ren) feel ill, had a recent exposure to COVID, or test positive for COVID.
- I affirm that, to the extent possible, my child(ren) and I are fully vaccinated against COVID and/or will only attend the event if I have tested negative for COVID on the day I arrive.
- This Waiver is binding on me and my heirs and successors.