

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

### **We will implement the following guidelines for *Strolling Thunder*<sup>™</sup> 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.

**Effective April 14, 2023, ZERO TO THREE will no longer require proof of a negative test result to participate in *Strolling Thunder*.**

**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.**

Participants should take responsibility for following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on measures to reduce infection from COVID-19 and to protect against severe complications. ZERO TO THREE urges all attendees to follow the CDC's recommendation that everyone over the age of 3 stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines for their age group.

For more information, please review the guidelines at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

Attendees who are not up to date on vaccinations are asked to take an at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen test before traveling to *Strolling Thunder* and should not attend if they test positive or have symptoms of COVID-19. While ZERO TO THREE will not be requiring proof of these measures, we call on our attendee community to act responsibly and with consideration for the health and safety of others.

ZERO TO THREE cannot be held liable for COVID-19 cases arising because of meeting or event attendance and will continue to require all attendees to sign a *Strolling Thunder* Waiver and Release from Liability.

ZERO TO THREE's *Strolling Thunder* health and safety protocol is subject to change based on COVID-19 community levels and any updated guidance from CDC and federal, state, and local officials. Guidance on COVID-19 is continually updated, and ZERO TO THREE appreciates the understanding of *Strolling Thunder* participants as we seek to hold this event while prioritizing the health and safety of participants and staff.

### **What should I do before I arrive?**

- (REQUIRED) Read and sign the *Strolling Thunder* Waiver and Release from Liability.
- 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 5 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 and to take a COVID test within three days of your flight to DC.

### **What should I do on site?**

- (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 have some test kits available if someone is experiencing symptoms). Any positive tests should be reported to ZERO TO THREE immediately. Follow report and quarantine requirements above.
- 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. Notification of a positive result will be shared with participants anonymously as it relates to contract tracing.

- 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. ZERO TO THREE will also have masks available 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 5 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 not attend the event if I am experiencing symptoms or have tested positive for COVID within the 5 day before or during the event.
- This Waiver is binding on me and my heirs and successors.