



Greetings, Turkey Traversers!

Less than a week now until the first runners/walkers hit the Loppet Turkey trails. And we sincerely thank you for your support of the Loppet Foundation and we aim to give back with a really fun, new course and a socially distanced (but socially connected at the same time!) outdoors event to enjoy safely. We wanted to get the communication started to be sure we were all on the same page with the plan for the Traverse weekend.

First things first. When Traverse day comes, please review the [MN Dept of Health Health Screening Checklist](#) before you head out the door. If you answer “yes” to any of the questions, please stay home, away from people and contact your health professional. We will miss you. But we all know the stakes and have to do our part for the community.

However we do hope to see all of you next weekend! Come bust your Covid stress with a fun run in the sun. Well, we are hoping for sun but we all know Minnesota can dish up anything in November so be prepared. Here are some helpful items to review:

- [Traverse Website](#) (all the stuff)
- [Traverse Participant Guide](#) (boiled down, what you need to know)
- [Traverse Course](#). Google map, in case you are curious ... lake paths, wooded ski trails, creek bridges, and views from the golf course hills. Oh yeah, reminder that this is a trail run. There are indeed some hills. Enjoy.
- [Coronavirus Symptoms](#). It doesn't hurt to keep checking in on this list and info from the CDC.
- [Official Covid Preparedness Plan](#). In case you want to review the whole thing. And we welcome any comments or concerns. Our top goal is to keep everyone safe.

A few key things to note and put on your radar:

1. Your car will be your warm zone. The Trailhead is closed to the public (though you could get some chow at [Mill Valley Market](#) and enjoy it inside - customers only allowed inside)
2. We are strongly encouraging everyone to do **drive through** packet pickup on Thur, 3-7pm, Trailhead Turnaround.
3. Note on the website and in the guide the start list info and starting procedures. Please review it in full. For the self-timed race, we are aiming to share a signup by 12pm, Mon, Nov 16. It will be first come, first serve. And for the timed race, a start list (you will be assigned a specific start time) shared by 12pm, Thur, Nov 19. Know your start time and review the participant guide for further instructions.

Ultimately, your support is helping keep our mission in action of creating a shared passion for year-round outdoor adventure with a focus on underserved youth and families. In fact, some of our Jr Loppet kids are expected to be on the course at some point over the weekend! Your donations and entries mean that we can give these kids experiences like the Turkey Traverse all year long. More next week. We were just super eager to say hello. Have a great weekend.

Loppet Events Team - Paul, Andrea, Jackie, and Heidi (and a whole bunch of other Loppet staff)