

TD Beach to Beacon 10K Race Organizers Send Out a Strong Message: Do Not Run the Course on Race Day!

CAPE ELIZABETH, **Maine** (July 29, 2020)– In May, race organizers made the hard decision to cancel what would have been the 23rd running of the TD Beach to Beacon 10K scheduled for this Saturday, due to the ongoing pandemic. Race organizers would like to remind and reinforce that running of the Course this Saturday, August 1st, especially in a group format, is being strongly discouraged by Race and Town officials.

"We realize our race community is passionate about the TD Beach to Beacon 10K but we cannot stress enough to runners, please do NOT gather to run the race course on Saturday," said David Backer, president of the TD Beach to Beacon 10K.

Matthew Sturgis, town manager of Cape Elizabeth, added, "As a partner with the TD Beach to Beacon 10K, we are requesting that runners not run the race course on August 1. We ask this in compliance with the CDC guidelines and in the best health interests of the runners and for public safety reasons. We request that all of the great athletes of the TD Beach to Beacon community join us in the battle against COVID-19 and join us at the 2021 race."

Backer continued: "We hope the TDB2B running community will find other ways to mark the day and we will plan to all be together for the official race in August of 2021."

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About the TD Beach to Beacon 10K

The TD Beach to Beacon 10K draws runners from New England and throughout the world to picturesque Cape Elizabeth. The race begins on Route 77 near the Crescent Beach State Park entrance, winds along tree-lined streets and past breathtaking ocean vistas and ends in Fort Williams Park at historic Portland Head Light, the most photographed lighthouse in the world.

In 2019, the 22nd running of the TD Beach to Beacon 10K included 6,417 finishers from nine countries, 42 states, and almost 260 Maine cities and towns.

More than \$90,000 in prize money is awarded to the top finishers and place winners in various categories for men and women, and a separate \$30,000 donation is provided to a designated

beneficiary each year by the TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank®.

For additional information about the race, visit www.beach2beacon.org, and find the TD Beach to Beacon 10K on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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