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To: Commissioners' Court

From: Misty Brown, Development Services Division Manager

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Re: Environmental Health Mass Gathering Report – Lone Star Celtic Festival and Highland Games (Myer's Park) 2024

Water Supply:

Per TAC 265.3(a), the water supply must be approved. Water is supplied to the site by the Danville Water Supply Corporation. Danville's water supply is tested, monitored and approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - therefore from an approved source.

Food Service:

Food service for the event is to be provided by multiple, independent food vendors. Each independent food vendor will require a separate permit per stand. **All applications and any required fees must be submitted through the [Citizen Self-Service Portal](#) by Monday, April 15th before 4pm to allow for scheduling of inspections on Saturday, April 20th and/or Sunday, April 21th. Failure to have application and fee submitted by close of business April 15th will result in vendor not being able to operate during the event.** Each vendor's stand will be thoroughly inspected by a Collin County Environmental Health Officer for health/safety compliance with Texas Food Establishment Regulations prior to operation on the day of the event and again, randomly, during the event. Any individual vendor that does not comply with all State regulations will not be allowed to participate in the event.

Restroom Facilities:

Per TAC 265.3(b): Texas Administrative Code (TAC 265.3(b)), requires that toilet facilities, separate for each sex and plainly marked "Men" and "Women," shall be provided at a rate of no more than 50 persons per toilet seat."

- Based on an anticipated attendance number at any one time of 2,500, fifty (50) toilets should be required. However with other, similar events at this same venue, it has been observed that fewer than the number required by State statute has been sufficient.
 - For this event, we will require a rate of no more than 100 people per toilet seat. Myer's Park has 28 toilets available, so no additional restroom facilities will be required at this time. Throughout the event, Collin County Environmental Health Officers will continually monitor the average wait time for the restrooms. After the conclusion of the first day, a determination will be made about the sufficiency of the number or toilets available, taking into consideration: average wait time for toilets, number of attendees, etc. If it is determined that the number of restroom facilities was not sufficient, the promoter must provide additional restrooms for the following day – number to be determined by a Collin County Environmental Health Officer. A Collin County Environmental Health Officer will additionally monitor the restrooms periodically throughout the event for continued compliance with sanitation requirements and will notify the promoter of any corrections that need to be made. All portable toilet waste shall be removed and disposed of in compliance with State regulations by a licensed Sludge Hauler (TCEQ).

- “Handwashing and drying facilities shall be provided in the vicinity of each toilet building or location. Waste produced from such handwashing facilities shall be collected and disposed of by... holding tanks...”
 - Myer’s Park has permanent handwashing facilities available throughout the park.

Collin County Health officers will monitor all restroom facilities/handwashing areas for compliance with aforementioned requirements periodically throughout the duration of the event and will notify the event coordinator or their agent of any corrections that need to be made.

Solid Waste:

Past events have utilized the trash receptacles provided by Myer’s Park and the number and spacing of receptacles has been sufficient for trash collection. Collin County additionally utilized SCORE crews to empty the receptacles throughout the duration of the event. A Collin County Health Officer will monitor the trash receptacles periodically throughout the event for continued compliance with sanitation requirements and will notify the promoter of any corrections that need to be made.

Vector Control:

Collin County Myer’s Park employees regularly treat the ponds and the property with mosquito larvicide to control mosquito problems in the Park. The Myer’s Park employees have enough larvicide briquettes to sufficiently control mosquitoes throughout the event. They will begin using the dunks several weeks prior to the event and will continue to use them, per label directions, throughout the event to prevent infestations of mosquitoes in the Park.