

## Race Across Oregon Risk Mitigation Plan

- 1) Pre-race meetings. All of our pre-race meetings are being held virtually. I've already met with each racer and most of the crew about our face cover policy. Keep your nose and mouth covered whenever in the presence of someone not on your team or you'll be disqualified. Our standard pre-race meeting will reinforce the mitigation plan/rules as well as our regular rules and route questions. I'll be offering multiple times for the meeting so we can fit into everyone's schedule. If we don't, then we'll set up extra meeting times to meet with those unable to participate in our scheduled meeting. Again – these are all held over 8x8 virtual.
- 2) Start and Finish times. I've extended our finish time by 12 hours to accommodate less training than in the past. I also worked with Race Across America to get the qualification time extended. First rider off will be 5AM Friday rather than a mass start with neutral roll out at 6PM Friday. I will be spacing racers out with a minimum of 15 minutes in between each start. This way we will not have racers and crew hanging out in the motel area – they'll be out on the road racing. The course closes for everyone regardless of start time at 8AM Monday.
- 3) We are supplying face covering for all participants and crew. Not only practical, it seemed like a great memento from the COVID year.
- 4) We are supplying hand sanitizer for each crew vehicle. I thought about gloves but after talking with front line medical folks and my own time in the medical industry we decided that most really don't know how to correctly use gloves and hand sanitizer would be more effective.
- 5) Face cover MUST be in place whenever interacting with another person not in your pod (your crew and rider). We will make this to be within 15 feet of another person to fit your guidelines.
- 6) I checked the most current Phase 2 Counties today and we are good.
- 7) Post race awards. We're working with Cousins restaurant and, if we go ahead with the socially distanced gathering, we will take them up on boxed breakfasts at an outside park overlooking the Columbia.
- 8) If you would like for us to have the required signage on both vehicle dashboards as a constant reminder to crew and on the outside of each support and official vehicle then we can do that as well to let people know we are taking this seriously.
- 9) All are encouraged to stock up so that there is minimal interaction with any community along the route. Most will likely need to make only one gas stop. Again, they know face coverings are mandatory.
- 10) Finally, there is a rule in RAAM that solo racers are allowed to ride together for no more than 15 minutes every 24 hours. I removed that rule for RAO. We went over this in our earlier pre-race virtual meeting that they must announce to the rider they are overtaking that they are coming and then ride right past. No chatting allowed. We're a supportive and friendly bunch on the road – even while being competitive. I said that they could apologize after the event for not being friendly.

11) Inspections. I do like to see that lights, signage, reflective tape, etc on vehicles and bikes are properly displayed. I will likely do the inspections from 15 feet out – it's important to me that we're correctly marked and lit when out on the road.

12) Field size. I limited the field to 20.

The 2020 course is brutal. 625 miles with 48,000 feet of climbing. Last year our racers were distanced far apart. This is really going to feel like a rider with a support crew alone on the route.