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The 13th Annual Fort4Fitness Fall Festival Update

Fort Wayne, IN – After months of careful yet optimistic preparation for the 13th Annual Fort4Fitness Fall Festival, Fort4Fitness regretfully announces its decision to forgo a live race. The Board of Directors, Fall Festival committee, and staff – in consultation with local public safety and government officials – have determined it in the best interest of our thousands of participants and spectators to cancel the in-person Fall Festival event due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The health and safety of our participants has always been, and will continue to be, our top priority. As much as we would love to let our participants take that hard-earned step across the finish line at Parkview Field, we believe that this is the best decision in order to keep our community safe.

We are pleased, however, to announce that there will be a virtual race option for current participants and for those who have not yet registered. Already-registered participants will automatically be transferred into the virtual race, which they can complete at any time and at any location of their choosing. They will also receive a credit toward next year's Fall Festival registration in 2021. Those who have yet to sign up can still register for the virtual run at a discounted rate.

All participants who register before August 10 are guaranteed a t-shirt and a race medal. T-shirts and medals will either be distributed via curbside pick-up Sept. 21 through Sept. 25 at Parkview Field, or they will be mailed out for a \$10 shipping fee. All participants are encouraged to check for an email update in which they can indicate their preferred packet pick-up method.

We thank the participants, sponsors, and our Fort Wayne community partners for their support and understanding during this time. We encourage you to practice social distancing while continuing with your health and fitness goals, and we hope you and your family stay safe and healthy throughout this pandemic. Fort4Fitness remains committed to inspiring healthy living through fitness in the Greater Fort Wayne region, and looks forward – optimistically! – to hosting our 5th Annual Winter Wonder Dash this winter, and seeing everyone “live” for next year's events, including Spring Cycle, Fall Festival, and an exciting new fourth event coming in summer of 2021!

More details, updates, and registration information can be found at www.fort4fitness.org.