

Member Communication

May 18, 2020

On Friday, May 15, Allegheny County moved to a "yellow" status. In compliance with all local and state guidelines, [North Park Trail Runners](#) is resuming **official Group Runs** this week. We are taking the following precautions to ensure the health and safety of our runners as well as our community at large:

1. All group runs will comply with the 25-person limit, with the intention of keeping the headcount well below that number.
2. The ability to split every group run into two groups is in place. (Group Run Leads are accountable for this)
3. All runners will maintain the minimum 6-foot distance between each other (before, during and after runs).
4. Participants are encouraged to use the "Going" or "Not Going" RSVP feature within the [NPTR Public Facebook](#) Events. We realize some runners utilize our [website calendar](#) for group run information. In those cases, RSVP's are not viable.
5. All runners will respect the established trail etiquette, yielding to hikers and moving off the trail to allow for 6-foot distancing.
6. Questions or issues? Please contact us via email: Northparktrailrunners@gmail.com

The above-listed guidelines are posted on the [COVID-19 page](#) of our website for ongoing reference. All member communications related to COVID-10 (including this one) are accessible from COVID-19 page.

What the \$&#? is the difference between an official NPTR Group Run and a Pop-Up? And what's up with two FB pages?

- **Official NPTR Group Runs** originate on our [Public Facebook Page](#). These runs have always complied with [NPTR by-laws](#). They reoccur weekly and are scheduled in advance. (eg. Tuesday Trail Trotters, Thursday Night Runs, Friday Morning Just Right Runs, Sunday Relaxed Run) The public FB page is viewable by anyone on the planet. As our organization gets more involved in philanthropic endeavors (food drives for our local food banks, tree-planting projects in North Park, etc) it is helpful to have a public-facing social media outlet.
- **Pop-up runs** are ad-hoc runs posted on our [Closed FB page](#). (This page is NOT viewable by the planet, rather only by individuals who have requested access.) **Anyone in this group can post a pop-up run**. The lead time for posting is often last-minute. While we strongly encourage pop-ups to comply with NPTR guidelines and by-laws, we do not "police" these runs. Having said that, if we get complaints, we will address them as best we can.

We hope this makes sense! At the end of the day, **we all just want to run the trails!** This group has grown exponentially, and our leadership team is constantly collaborating to make the trail running experience **as fun and inclusive as possible!** We welcome feedback from everyone! As we start to plan more 2020 events, we're looking to utilize committees -- thereby including more people in the planning process!

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to making this group safe, fun and inclusive!

Sincerely,

North Park Trail Runners

(If you've made it this far in the email, congratulations! Bonus points if you click on this: [NPTR Timeline](#))