# FestiFools 2022 -- OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT COVID-19 SAFETY and EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (CS/EAP) WonderFool Productions (WFP)

### I. GENERAL

Building upon our successful event experiences in 2021, FestiFools 2022 will be designed to ensure safety and social distancing in compliance with all COVID-19 public health and safety protocols. The event will be held outdoors with experiences designed for socially distanced viewing by attendees, with appropriate efforts to minimize any large public gatherings at any location. FestiFools 2022 is modeled after the safe and successful event experiences for FoolMoon 2021 in Ann Arbor on April 9, 2021, and ypsiGLOW in Ypsilanti in October 2021.

Street Closings: The permit application requests the following street closures—State Street (William to E. Madison Streets), and South University Street (Tappan to State Streets). Proposed barricade placements would be at the intersections of State Street at E. Madison Street, South University Street, and William Street, and at the intersection of South University Street at Tappan Street. The event processional will begin at the intersection of State Street and South University Street and continue northward to end at the intersection of State Street and William Street. The blocks of State Street (E. Madison to South University Streets) and South University Street (Tappan to State Streets) will be used for event staging purposes.

### II. PURPOSE

- A. This plan lays out the actions to take before and during FestiFools in compliance with COVID-19 public safety protocols and in response to an emergency or otherwise hazardous condition. These actions will be taken by organizers, volunteers, and attendees. These actions represent those required prior to the event during preparation and those required during an emergency.
- B. The EAP portion of this plan is intended to be flexible due to the wide variety of potential hazards that may exist for this event. These hazards include, but are not limited to, Fire, Medical Emergencies, Severe Weather, or situations where Law Enforcement is required.

#### III. ASSUMPTIONS

The possibility of an emergency or breach of COVID-19 safety protocols is present at any special community activity or event including FestiFools. There are a variety of potential emergencies that could require the response of the City of Ann Arbor Fire & Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, and Police.

### IV. COVID-19 SAFETY/EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

## A. CS/EAP Event Representatives

- 1. The primary emergency contact for all communications is Jennifer Goulet, WFP Executive Director.
- 2. The alternate emergency contacts are Jeri Rosenberg, WFP Board Chair, and Shary Brown, WFP Board Member.

## B. Emergency Notification

- 1. In the event of an emergency requiring emergency services, organizers and volunteers will call 911. The caller should have the following information available to the 911 operator: nature of emergency, location, and contact person with callback number.
- 2. In the event of an emergency requiring shelter, event goers may be instructed to enter adjacent businesses or campus facilities open to the public during the event. The University of Michigan, State Street Area Association and potential businesses will be notified of this prior to the event to the extent feasible.

## C. COVID-19 Public Safety Protocols

- WFP will follow guidelines, regulations, and protocols for COVID-19 public safety measures as issued by the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County Health Department, State of Michigan, and Centers for Disease Control.
- 2. The event is held outdoors. All event staging and processional plans will be designed to maximize social distancing for public safety. Masks will be required for all processional participants and encouraged for audience participants unless stricter guidelines are issued by the above public health and safety entities.
- 3. Signage will be provided at all event staging areas reminding participants to follow the social distancing and masking requirements for public safety in experiencing FestiFools 2022.
- 4. WFP will provide volunteer monitors at event staging areas and key intersections to assist in managing participant flows and maximizing disbursement of participants across the event area.
- 5. All COVID-19 safety protocols will be clearly provided on WFP's event website (<a href="www.wonderfoolproductions.org/festifools">www.wonderfoolproductions.org/festifools</a>) and reminders will be incorporated in all event communications.
- 6. WFP acknowledges that COVID-19 conditions may change at any time prior to FestiFools 2022 and stands ready to make any adjustments, changes, or cancellations to the planned activities.
- 7. WFP is designing FestiFools 2022 to avoid any large public gatherings at any place or time, and to encourage safe participation by members of the community at their own pace and on their own time, in keeping with normal day-to-day activities in the downtown districts. Should any concerns regarding COVID-19

safety measures or community adherence to guidelines arise, WFP will respond immediately to eliminate or alleviate such concerns, working with public health agencies and engaging public safety officials, as may be needed.

## D. Severe Weather

- 1. Weather forecasts and current conditions will be monitored through the National Weather Service's area Weather Forecast Office web site at <a href="www.weather.gov/">www.weather.gov/</a> as well as other radar enabled weather forecasting apps.
- 2. Before the event If severe weather is predicted prior to the event, the CS/EAP event representative will frequently monitor and evaluate the conditions and determine if the event will remain scheduled. The CS/EAP event representative or his/her designee will be identified as such and will be responsible to monitor the weather conditions before and during the event.
- 3. During the event If severe weather occurs during the event, the CS/EAP event representative or his/her designee will make notification to those attending the event that a hazardous weather condition exists and direct them to shelter.
- 4. There are adjacent, open businesses and campus facilities along the event areas for sheltering participants in the case of severe weather. Seek shelter warnings will be issued to attendees via volunteers sent into event areas or using available sound systems in the area.
- 5. This event will follow the 30-30 Rule for lightning. If lightning is observed and thunder is heard within 30 seconds, the event will be delayed until 30 minutes have passed since thunder was last heard.

#### E. Fire

- No specific hazard has been identified as an increased risk of fire at this event.
- 2. No open flames will be permitted at the event without permission from the Fire Department.
- 3. At least one fire extinguisher will be available at the FestiFools operations area on site during preparations and during the event.
- 4. Should an incident occur that requires the Fire Department organizers and volunteers are instructed to call 911. The caller should have the following information available to the 911 operator: nature of emergency, location, and contact person with callback number.

### F. Medical Emergencies

1. As with any outdoor activities or event, there is potential for injury

- to the participants. The types of injuries are various and include individual health emergencies as well as traumatic injuries.
- 2. There are no provisions for on-site Emergency Medical Services needed at this event.
- 3. Should an incident occur that requires Emergency Medical Services, organizers and volunteers are instructed to call 911. The caller will have the following information available including the nature of emergency, precise location, and contact person with callback number.

#### G. Law Enforcement

- Additional Law Enforcement presence at this event been identified as not being necessary. Bike patrol service, if determined by the City of Ann Arbor to be needed, will be requested from the AAPD Community Service Officer.
- Should an incident occur that requires Law Enforcement, organizers and volunteers are instructed to call 911. The caller will have the following information available including the nature of emergency, precise location, and contact person with callback number.

## H. Emergency Vehicle Access

- 1. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.
- 2. Fire lanes and fire hydrants will not be obstructed.
- 3. Participants and spectators will be directed to park in approved areas and not to obstruct protective features, sidewalks, or public throughways.
- 4. Crowd control will be managed by staff and volunteers. This is not anticipated to be a concern in 2022 due to planned COVID-19 safety and social distancing measures.
- 5. If needed, parking for staff or event partner vehicles will be assigned in areas not obstructing emergency vehicle access.
- 6. Parking for attendee vehicles will be local public parking locations.

## V. Key Contact Information

WFP Primary Contact	Jennifer Goulet	734-834-4288
WFP Second Contact	Jeri Rosenberg	734-223-2836
WFP Third Contact	Shary Brown	734-476-9321
Emergency-Police, Fire,	City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw	911
Medical	County Emergency services	
<b>Ann Arbor Fire Department</b>	Non-Emergency	(734) 794-6961

## VI. Event Area Map (attached next page)