

Pioneer Valley Walk to End Alzheimer's FAQs

What time and where does the event start?

Walkers Welcome opens: 8:30 a.m.

Warm-up: 9:40 a.m.

Formal Program: 9:50 a.m.

Start your walk! 10:00 a.m.

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Holyoke Community College

303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke, MA

Is there water/food available

There is water available at a water stop, located along the Walk route. An assortment of pre-packaged nonperishable food and bottled water items will be available in the "Food Area" pre- and post-Walk.

Are dogs/pets allowed on the route?

YES! All dogs must be on leashes and owners must clean up after them. **No dogs** are allowed on the track/soccer field area.

Do I need to wear a Mask?

Unvaccinated persons are required to wear masks at all times, indoors or outdoors on campus. Vaccinated people are not currently required to wear masks outdoors.

How long is the Walk?

There are 2 route options:

- Walk routes are 1.5 miles around the campus (Campus Road) or .25 mile around the track
- 1.5 mile route is NOT wheel friendly (no strollers or wheelchairs). The track is wheelchair friendly.

On Site Questions

Can I sign up for the Walk at the Walk?

Walk day will be as contactless as possible, encouraging all attendees to [register](#) and turn in donations in advance using the [mobile app](#) or via QR codes on site. Please pre-register your friends, family, friends etc.

Do I get a Walk T-shirt?

Those who raise \$150+ will receive all qualifying items *in the mail* including t-shirts and your Champions medal.

How do I get a Promise Garden flower?

Flowers are available at the Promise Garden tent.

What do I do with my Promise Flower?

Before you begin walking, plant your flower in the Promise Garden. Take note (or a picture!) of where you planted it so you can collect it before you leave.

SITE Questions

Where should I park?

Parking is widely available on the HCC campus next to the Bartley Center. Please fill the following parking lots in this order:

Parking lot R - 1st
Parking lot M - 2nd
Parking lot N-3rd
Parking lot Q-4th
Sponsor/Exhibitor Parking: Parking lot P
Handicap Parking: Parking lot "O"

Where are the restrooms?

Restrooms (Porto Potties) are located at the corners of Parking Lot O (next to dumpster/close to stage)

My loved one is lost, where can I find him/her?

If you are looking for a lost or missing person, please report to the Alzheimer's Care and Support tent. If a lost person identifies themselves to you, please find a staff member or bring them to the Care and Support tent to be re-united with their party.

Who do I get in touch with in case of an emergency?

In the case of an emergency, please call 911. For less urgent medical care, you can visit the Holyoke Fire Department EMTs who will be on site. Find a committee member with a walkie talkie and they will be able to assist.

Safety details:

Walk has been planned with the health and safety of our constituents, staff and volunteers as our top priorities. If you are living with Alzheimer's or caring for someone with the disease, we encourage you to take extra precautions. Consider wearing a mask at all times if you choose to participate at your local event, or elect to Walk From Home in your neighborhood. The Alzheimer's Association offers [tips](#) for keeping vulnerable individuals safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

All events will implement safety protocols including:

- Contactless registration
- Masks welcomed and available on site. Please note: Unvaccinated persons are required to wear masks at all times, indoors or outdoors on campus. Vaccinated people are not currently required to wear masks outdoors.
- Physical distancing
- Appropriate spacing of tents and tables to avoid crowds
- Open air tents
- Shortened Promise Garden Ceremony
- Route will open at 8:30am. Feel free to start Walking as soon as your team is ready!
- Hand sanitizing stations

We will continue to closely monitor CDC, state and local guidelines to ensure events adhere to recommendations.