Greater Zion Convention & Tourism Office

# **Critical Business Info Facts**



#### **Event Basics** September 13-18, 2021 (Race Week) Women's Race – Friday, September 17

Men's Race – Saturday, September 18

Nearly 20,000 visitors from around the world will be in town for the World Championship. They will bring \$25 million in economic impact to the businesses in the area. We encourage residents and businesses to prepare for the event by adapting your normal schedules so you can join in the activities and support the event.

Be aware of the event, its impacts, and its rewards for you and your business.

Event information, traffic impacts and more: IRONMAN.GreaterZion.com

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**Staff up** – approximately 20,000 visitors will be in town (this is the equivalent of a Presidents Day Weekend, but for the week)

**Stock up** – don't run out of food, coffee, wine, beer, spirits – consider items triathletes and international visitors are going to desire

Spiff up - show off to the world, putting your best foot forward in appearance and cleanliness

**Educate your staff** – make them prepared, share resources, instruct – let them know how they can appreciate this and what's happening in the community and be educational vehicles about the area

**Update your website, social media, and Google listing** – let these visitors, and your regular guests, know when you're open, where to park, and any other vital info

Advise regular deliveries and delivery drivers of access or alternative access

Refer to IRONMAN.GreaterZion.com for event details and information

## **Consider Adaptions**

Add extended hours – open early to accommodate spectators, stay open later to accommodate the event schedule

Bring your business out front – if you're on the route or on a closed street, consider bringing products to the sidewalk, increase outdoor dining/seating options, or even offering to-go items for those passing by.

If you serve alcohol, with increased outdoor seating, consider extending your liquor license.

Consider outside games or pastimes while people wait for food or tables.

On Friday and Saturday (race days), consider a day of service and volunteer instead of being open.

## **Embrace the Event**

Make IRONMAN specials – it doesn't have to be a discount, but name a sushi roll, drink, sandwich or something IRONMAN. (Good job, Benja's!)

If you have an IRONMAN athlete working for/with you, let us know! We'd love to highlight them.

Get involved – volunteer, attend events, check out the IRONMAN Village.

Hang welcome banners, balloons, and encourage staff to dress in themes of IRONMAN – make it a party all week!

Use social event hashtags: #IM703WC | #mdotsculpture | #RiseTolt | #LandofEndurance | #GreaterZion and tag @greaterzionutah and @cityofstgeorge

Add your hashtag and run a social media contest for IRONMAN athletes and fans.

#### Tools

I'M Local – Take advantage of this FREE opportunity to get your business in front of these IRONMAN visitors by making exclusive offers to the competitors and volunteers of the event. Learn more at https://bit.ly/32eoZWN

Welcome banners and signs – using an event template, order through Design to Print or download for your doors, windows, tables and elsewhere.

Pick up information (Race Week Activities brochures, visitors info, etc.) from the Greater Zion Convention & Tourism Office (20 North Main Street) – available in early September

IRONMAN.GreaterZion.com for road closures, links to course maps, fact sheets, schedules, and other resources.

#### **Ask the Questions**

As the lead hosts of this epic event, the **Greater Zion Convention & Tourism Office** wants this to work for you. Have any questions or concerns, contact info@greaterzion.com/435-634-5747.

Reach out to Marc Mortensen, **City of St. George**, (marc.mortensen@sgcity.org) for questions on business operations and ordinances during this event.