



128TH BOSTON MARATHON®



Lactation and Medical Device Program Instructions

PRIOR TO RACE DAY, visit the Information Center at the Boston Marathon Expo to pick up a Medical Device Bag and Pink bag label. The Medical Device Bag is a clear, drawstring bag that measures 18" x 19" and will be accepted in, and transported from, Hopkinton. Write your full name, bib number, and cell phone number with a Sharpie on the Pink bag label. Then, attach the label to the Medical Device Bag.

Bank of America Boston Marathon Expo - Location and Hours of Operation

Location: John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center at 900 Boylston St. in Boston

Hours of Operation: Friday, April 12: 11:00AM–6:00PM | Saturday, April 13: 9:00AM–6:00PM | Sunday, April 14: 9:00AM–6:00PM

**The Information Center is located next to the entrance of the Sponsor Pavillion (Exhibit Hall D) on the 2nd floor of the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center.*

ON RACE MORNING, pack your medical device/breast pump in the approved Medical Device Bag. Additional accessories needed for lactation or medical device usage can also be packed in this bag, but please note that breast pumps must be removed from any carrying case.

If you need to check in running attire or other gear, use the clear Gear Check Bag provided to runners at packet pick up to do so. You must affix the Bag Tag Label included in your runner packet to your Gear Check Bag and bring it to the appropriate gear check bus that corresponds to your bib number in the gear check area on Boylston Street and Berkley Street on race morning.

Please note: Gear Check Bags will NOT be accepted or transported from Hopkinton.

Proceed to the bus loading area along Charles Street in the Boston Common with your packed Medical Device Bag, which will be inspected by Boston Police and/or private security before you load the B.A.A. bus to be transported to the Start Area in Hopkinton.

IN THE START AREA, after you unload the B.A.A. bus in Hopkinton, you will enter the Athletes' Village, a large staging area where runners have time to relax and stretch pre-race and where you will find the Lactation Tent and Medical Device Trailer. There will be signage to direct you to the Lactation Tent and Medical Device Trailer and volunteers to give you access to these accommodations.

The Lactation Tent and Medical Device Trailer will be available for you to use at all hours prior to the race until you exit the Athletes' Village to the Start Line according to your assigned Wave and Corral assignment, or in a later Wave or Corral if you choose to do so.

If using the Lactation Tent, there will be designated bins inside the Lactation Tent for runners to discard their breast milk. We kindly request that you discard your breast milk in these bins.

When you have finished using your breast pump or medical device, be sure to place it back into your Medical Device Bag and hand the bag to a volunteer staffing the Lactation Tent or Medical Device Trailer. After the race starts, the Medical Device Bags will be transported by the B.A.A. back to the Finish Area in Boston for you to pick up post-race.

AFTER CROSSING THE FINISH LINE, proceed through Finish Area services straight ahead to the Operations Tent at the corner of Boylston Street and Berkeley Street to pick up your Medical Device Bag. The volunteers staffing the tent will match your bib number to your Medical Device Bag and hand you your bag.

After you have picked up your Medical Device Bag (*and Gear Check Bag if you checked gear in on race morning*), there is a designated Lactation Station in St. James Medical Tent, located at the corner of Berkeley Street and St. James Ave, available for runners who may want to pump post-race. There will be signage to direct you to St. James Medical Tent and volunteers to give you access to the Lactation Station. There will be a designated bin inside St. James Medical Tent for runners to discard their breast milk. We kindly request that if you would like to discard your breast milk post-race, you do so in these bins.

For program maps and a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the Lactation and Medical Device Program, please visit the B.A.A. website:

<https://bstnmar.org/medicaldeviceprogram>