**ACCESIBILITY PLAN**

In an effort to provide a positive experience for all guests, MPT has created an accessibility plan to help visitors navigate to and around the event.

After reading the plan thoroughly, please direct any questions to Jessica Campbell at JessicaCampbell@mpt.org or 410-581-4071.

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**The deadline to request the following services is Tuesday, June 7, 2016:**

- Sign language interpreter
- Braille or large print version of the program
- Contact Jessica Campbell at JessicaCampbell@mpt.org or 410-581-4071 prior to the deadline.

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**Before the Event**

- **Know before you go → Visit mpt.org/lzmaryland** to plan your visit and take the time to familiarize yourself with the Maryland State Fairgrounds.
- LZ Maryland activities take place both indoors (Cow Palace, Exhibition Building and Grandstands) and outdoors (Midway to include the Show Ring and Maryland Foods Pavilion and the Infield).
- All areas are wheelchair-accessible. However, note that the Infield is a large grassy area and could be tricky to navigate.

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**Getting to the Event**

- **Ride the Light Rail.** Public transportation is the best way to get to LZ Maryland. The Timonium Fairgrounds stop is just steps away from the entrance to the Fairgrounds. The MTA No. 9 bus line also serves the Timonium Park and Ride/Light Rail Stop. MTA services are accessible for individuals with disabilities. For more information on MTA Bus, Metro Subway, Light Rail, MARC Train or Mobility service, call 410-539-5000 or toll-free 1-866-RIDE-MTA or TTY 410-539-3497 or visit www.mta.maryland.gov.

- **Driving and Parking:**
  - The Maryland State Fairgrounds are located near the intersection of York and Timonium Roads (2200 York Road, Timonium, MD 21093). Vehicle access gates are located on York Road between Padonia and Timonium Roads and on Timonium Road about 1/4 mile east of Interstate 83 and just past the Light Rail tracks.
    - **From Interstate 83 North** - Take Exit 17, Padonia Road, east to York Road, south on York Road to Fairgrounds entrance on the right.
    - **From Interstate 83** - Take Exit 18, York Road, east, to the Fairgrounds entrance on the left.
  - Free fairgrounds parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please allow extra time for parking and consider alternate locations as we anticipate lots will fill quickly.

- **Park and Ride:** Parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Park and Ride lot on Deereco Road, with pedestrian access to the Fairgrounds through the gate opposite the Cow Palace.
At the Event

- Visit Guest Services locations, located inside the Cow Palace, Exhibition Building, the Midway, and Infield. Event staff and volunteers can assist guests with accessibility needs. Guests can also read the braille or a large-print version of the festival program.

- Please note: the event site is expected to be crowded and at times difficult to maneuver. Guests should operate their mobility devices in a safe and courteous manner.

- A viewing area at the LZ Maryland Main Stage is available for guests who use wheelchairs or have mobility disabilities that substantially limit the ability to stand. Space in the area is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please plan on arriving early. One guest is permitted in the viewing area to accompany a guest with mobility issues.

- Indoor venues are wheelchair-accessible.

- In addition to indoor bathrooms, wheelchair accessible portable toilets are available at the Infield and on the Midway.

- Wheelchair-accessible eating areas/shade tents are located at each of the Mess Hall locations including those in the Cow Palace, the Exhibition Building, the Midway, the Maryland Foods Pavilion, the Infield and the Grandstands.

- Service animals are allowed at LZ Maryland. All service animals should be under the control of the owner, on a leash, and alongside its owner at all times. Owners of disruptive or dangerous animals will be asked to leave the site.

- Medics are available outside the Administration Building (between the Grandstands and Exhibition Building). All staff and guest services locations are able to communicate with the medics. As always, any emergency situation should be immediately directed to 911.

- The event does not provide wheelchair rental or an area to store/refrigerate medications.

After the Event

- Send all comments and suggestions to Jessica Campbell at JessicaCampbell@mpt.org or 410-581-4071.