

## Traffic Impact for 2024 Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon on Oct. 20

*Road closures start Friday, 10/18 at the start/finish in the North Bank Park area*

**OVERVIEW:** Starting on Friday, Oct. 18, various roads in the North Bank Park area will be closed to road traffic. On Sunday, Oct. 20, 26.2 miles of the [marathon course](#) will be subject to rolling closures, based upon the expected time the first and last athlete passes each mile of the course.

### WHEN/WHERE:

#### Friday, October 18

- 9 a.m.: Long St. closes, Hocking St. to Neil Ave., remains closed until 6 p.m. Sunday. (except 5-7 p.m. Saturday for Blue Jackets)
- 11:59 p.m.: Spring St. between West St. and Neil Ave. closes until 6 p.m. Sunday
- 11:59 p.m.: Hanover and Cozzins Streets closed except to local traffic until 6 p.m. Sunday
- 11:59 p.m.: West St. from Nationwide to Marconi and John McConnell from New Public Way to Spring St. close until Sunday at 6 p.m.

#### Saturday, October 19

- 11:59 p.m.: Spring St. from Neil Avenue to Hocking St. closes until 6 p.m. Sunday
- 11:59 p.m.: Neil Ave. south from Nationwide Blvd. goes down to one lane for condo traffic only until 4 a.m. Sunday

#### Sunday, Oct. 20

- 4 a.m.: Neil Ave. south from Nationwide closes until 3 p.m. Sunday (condo traffic uses rear entrance off Nationwide)
- 7:30 a.m.: Starting at the start line on Long Street and for the 26.2 miles of the marathon course and the 13.1 miles of the 1/2 marathon course, roads will be subject to partial or full closure based upon the expected [arrival times of the first and last athlete](#).
- 6 p.m.: Spring Street, Long Street and Neil Ave. will open back up to traffic

**NOTE:** On Sunday, COTA services will be disrupted in the downtown area and rerouted. Please visit [www.cota.com](http://www.cota.com) for more details.

### **About The Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon:**

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon has raised more than \$13 million for Nationwide Children's Hospital since it became the title beneficiary of the event in 2012. The Columbus Marathon will be held for the 44<sup>th</sup> time in 2024; this year will mark the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the ½ Marathon and the third for both the Jesse Owens 5K and 1 Mile races. For more information, visit [www.columbusmarathon.com](http://www.columbusmarathon.com).

## FUN FACTS about the 44<sup>th</sup> Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 18<sup>th</sup> ½ Marathon

### THE PEOPLE

- 25 Marathon Mile Champions who have shared their stories to inspire
- Over 2,000 volunteers that make this marathon possible
- More than 13,500 athletes who come from **ALL 50 states**, D.C., Puerto Rico and 11 countries.
- Nearly 50 bands, DJs and entertainers add extra cheer
- 25-member marathon team and 10-member marathon board of directors have put in approximately 10,000 hours of planning
- 24 Striding Slider (presented by White Castle) pace team leaders
- Approximately 100,000 spectators cheer on athletes on Race Day
- 835 Children's Champions raise money for Nationwide Children's Hospital through the event
- 122 participants will be celebrating their birthday race weekend
- Youngest participant is 12; oldest participant is 82

### THE SUPPLIES

- 100,000 White Castle cups of water to quench thirst
- 100,000-plus cups of Lemon-Lime Gatorade when water just doesn't cut it
- 9,0000 bananas; 6,000 Ohio apples; 16,000 bottles of water that will be collected and recycled in bins on site; 12,000 bottles of chocolate milk; more than 60,000 individual bags of post-race snacks like Frito-Lays chips, Pork Rinds, Peanut Butter Crackers, Trail Mix and Almonds; thousands of delicious treats from Cheryl's Cookies, Haribo and Ready Nutrition
- 500-plus portable bathrooms for relief
- 3,000 GU energy gels to refuel (Vanilla Bean, Chocolate Outrage, Strawberry Banana and Raspberry Lemonade flavors)

### THE COURSE

- 1 Angel Mile to honor, remember and celebrate the angels of Nationwide Children's who have already finished their race
- 1 Encore Mile, for the 250+ patients who lined the 2012 – 2023 Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon course
- 201,600-watt sound system to rev up runners at the Start Line
- 27 permits throughout five different police jurisdictions to close down 26.2 miles of roads
- Thousands of pounds of discarded clothes donated to Goodwill Columbus

### THE CAUSE

- Nationwide Children's Hospital has more than 1.8 million patient visits annually and stays true to its mission of providing care regardless of the family's ability to pay.

- Last year, it provided more than \$319 million in charity care and community benefit services and welcomed patients from all 50 U.S. states and 45 foreign countries.
- As a result of the partnership between the Columbus Marathon and Nationwide Children's Hospital, more than \$14 million has been raised to support the work of Nationwide Children's Hospital.
- Once again listed on U.S News & World Report's Best Children's Hospital Honor Roll, a distinction awarded to only 10 children's centers nationwide.
- Nationwide Children's Hospital is America's third largest children's hospital and has America's highest number of NICU beds, inpatient surgeries, clinic, urgent care, diagnostic therapy, and outpatient visits.

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Health & Fitness Expo – Hall D of the Greater Columbus Convention Center

- Friday, Oct. 18 noon to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 19 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jesse Owens 5K and 1 Mile; Highlights Kids' Run – 311 W. Long Street – **Saturday, Oct. 19**

- 11 a.m.: Jesse Owens 5K start
- 11 a.m.: Jesse Owens 1 Mile start
- 12:30 p.m.: Highlights Kids' Run start

Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon – **Sunday, Oct. 20**

- 7:25 a.m. Wheelchair Division Start
- 7:30 a.m. Marathon & ½ Marathon

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