



Traffic Impact for 39th Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon on Oct. 21

Road closures start Thursday at the start/finish in the North Bank Park area

OVERVIEW: Starting on Thursday, Oct. 18, various roads in the North Bank Park area will be closed to road traffic. On Sunday, Oct. 21, 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:

Thursday, Oct. 18 – Long St. between Neil Ave. to Hocking St. will close at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 19

- Long St. between Neil and Hocking St. (2 lanes only) will re-open from 6 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for rush hour and then Long St. from Marconi to Hocking will close for the weekend at 9:30 a.m.
- Spring St. will be closed from West St. to Hocking St. at 11 p.m.
- Neil Ave. will be closed south of New Public Way to the combined Start/Finish Line at Long St. at 11 p.m.
- NOTE: Entrances and exits from all Nationwide parking lots and garages will remain accessible

Saturday

- Spring Street will re-open from 3 pm to 11 pm for the Columbus Blue Jackets' home game; and then will close until 6 pm Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 21

Starting at the start line on Long Street at 7:30 a.m. and for the 26.2 miles of the marathon course and the 13.1 miles of the ½ marathon course, roads will be subject to partial or full closure based upon the expected [arrival times of the first and last athlete](#). **Spring Street, Long Street and Neil Ave. will open back up to traffic at 6 p.m.**

NOTE: On Sunday, COTA services will be disrupted in the downtown area and rerouted. Please visit cota.com for more details.

BACKGROUND: A field of nearly 18,000 runners, walkers and wheelchair racers are expected to participate in the 39th running of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon on Oct. 21. For more information, please visit www.columbusmarathon.com.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE 2018 EVENT

THE PEOPLE

- 24 Miracle Mile Patient Champions who have shared their stories to inspire
- 3,000 volunteers making this marathon possible
- Nearly 18,000 athletes come from 46 states (we are only missing representation from Alaska, Louisiana, Rhode Island and the ever elusive North Dakota!)
- Nearly 100 bands and entertainers add extra cheer
- 25-member marathon team and 10-member marathon board of directors that have put in approximately 10,000 hours of planning
- Approximately 60,000 people attend the Health & Fitness Expo
- Approximately 100,000 spectators cheer on athletes on Race Day
- Participants in the ½ Marathon range in age from 12 years of age (we have five registered) to 83 years of age; participants in the full range in age from 16 years old to 77 years old (from Kildare, Ireland!).
- Participants in the full marathon hail from USA, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa and the UK. Participants in the half marathon hail from the USA, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Kenya and Taiwan
- 85 elite athletes are entered in the full and the ½ marathon – the best female qualifying time in the full is Anne Flower with 2:46, the best female qualifying time in the ½ is Ivy Kibet with 1:13, the best male qualifying time in the full is Morris Mwangi with 2:15 and the best male qualifying time in the ½ is Johnson Limo with 1:02
- 53 participants are running the race on their birthday!

THE SUPPLIES

- More than 125,000 White Castle cups of water to quench thirst
- 100,000-plus cups of Lemon-Lime Gatorade (approximately 11,600 gallons of Gatorade) when water just doesn't cut it
- 14,000 bananas, 10,000 apples, 30,000 bottles of water, 12,000 peanut butter sandwich cracker 6-packs, 12,000 packets of string cheese, 18,000 Zone Perfect bars, Sunbelt Bakery granola bars, 2900 Whirly Bird bags of granola, 18,000 Haribo Halloween gummies, 16,000 cartons of Smith's Chocolate Milk, 12,000 bagels
- 600 portable bathrooms for relief
- 24,000 Clif Shot energy gels to refuel (chocolate, raspberry and citrus flavored!)
- 96 portable generators to power the course

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 patients who lined the 2012 – 2017 Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon course
- 20,000 feet of fencing (nearly 4 miles) along various parts of the course
- 201,600-watt sound system to rev up runners at the Start Line
- 20 Clif Bar and New Albany Walking Club members
- 27 permits throughout five different police jurisdictions to close down 26.2 miles of roads

- More than 8,000 lbs. of discarded clothes donated to Goodwill Columbus

THE CAUSE

- Nationwide Children's Hospital has more than 1.2 million patient visits annually and stays true to its mission of providing care regardless of the family's ability to pay.
- As a result of the partnership between the Columbus Marathon and Nationwide Children's Hospital seven years ago, approximately \$7 million has been raised to support the life-saving work of Nationwide Children's (this figured doesn't include the 2018 fundraising numbers)

About The Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & ½ Marathon will be held on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018. The Marathon is now in its 39th year. In its 13th year, the ½ Marathon is the largest in Columbus. Approximately \$7 million has been raised for Nationwide Children's Hospital since it became the title beneficiary of the event in 2012. For more information, visit www.columbusmarathon.com.

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