



2022 Christie Clinic Within the Loop Half Marathon, Relay, and 10K

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend will be back on the streets of Champaign-Urbana on April 29-30, 2022, but with some necessary changes, adjustments, and COVID-19 policies in place. We understand that the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend impacts many in the community, especially those who are within or need to get into one of the various loops of the race route. It is our desire to be a good community member and provide as many options as possible to help the community move around on the days of the event. Following are some specific information and instructions that should provide aid to those who need to travel through the community.

The half marathon, relay, and 10K events are run Saturday, April 30 with events kicking off at approximately 7:31 am. Saturday races begin with a wheelchair division. Wheelchair competitors travel faster than the runners and the chairs sit lower to the ground, so it is critical to keep an extra eye out for them. It is expected that most of the wheelchair racers will be clear of the race within an hour of the start. The rest of the field will start in waves beginning at 7:33 am.

To help people navigate the cities on race day, the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend Beltway was created. It was designed to provide an alternative to having multiple crossings of the route. The beltway decreases travel time, as motorists are not stuck in traffic trying to cross a section of the route. The beltway map can be found on the web at https://illinoismarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/IL_Marathon_beltway.pdf?x14262.

At the beginning of the race in Champaign and moving into Urbana on Green St, runners will likely be bunched with small gaps between waves. As the race continues into Urbana and returns into Champaign the runners should be spaced out enough that pulsing traffic will be easier to accomplish. Please note the course impact times on the website <https://illinoismarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/Course-Impact-Times.pdf?x14262> to help you in planning your activities. During the 30 minutes on either side of the peak time listed, it will be difficult to pulse across the route.

Course team volunteers will be at intersections throughout the various routes to help vehicles cross the route. Please follow the guidance of these volunteers. In addition, if you are heading to the Emergency Animal Clinic at the University of Illinois, please follow their staff's directions to the clinic to further expedite your arrival at the clinic. If you call in advance, they will alert race officials who will, in turn, get the information out to staff and volunteers on the course. Access to the Emergency Animal Clinic may be gained through the Windsor Road at First or at Race. If coming from the north, it is suggested that you take Vine to Florida to Lincoln and then

south on Lincoln. Officers will be stationed at those intersections.

To help plan your day we have color coded the map below. The various loops have been color-coded to help you identify the area needed to be exited from or entered in. A separate map displays the Friday event.

Saturday Events—by colored zone, in order of impact (see maps below)

Green – This area will be the first impacted. The race starts at 7:31 am with the Wheelchair racers starting first followed by Half, relay, and 10K racers starting in waves. This loop bounded by First, Green, Fourth and Gregory will only be total closed for the last lap of the half marathon. We expect the loop to be closed off starting at 8:20 am and reopen at approximately 11:15 am. Because this area is near the start and the finish, we expect gaps to appear and will be able to pulse runners across the course. First Street from Kirby to Green Street will be closed at 7:00 am. Fourth St. will be closed at approximately 7:10 am, with the first runners/racers arriving in the area at approximately 7:39 am. The last race will start prior to 7:50 am. The areas on the east and south of this loop have multiple passes of runners. The area to the south will be busy throughout the event as this is the main hub of activities and the finish of the races. To exit this area early in the day and after the race start has cleared the area, it is suggested that traffic go to Fourth and then north to Green. Movement from there will depend on the time of the day and destination. This zone should be cleared 11 am except for the south end.

Blue – Closure of this area will begin at approximately 7:05 am and continue as the race travels east and south in Urbana. The loop will be closed off with pulsing allowed at approximately 7:20 am. The first runner is expected to arrive at 7:52 am. The blue area will be first to open. There will be an angled closure after the first pass which should occur at 8:20 am. A total closure of this area will last approximately 40 minutes. Vehicles will be allowed to go north on Fourth from Green but only if heading west. This section of Green St east of Fourth will continue to open as runners pass by and clean-up is completed. The first major intersection, Lincoln and Green will open at approximately 8:35 for traffic leaving the loop. The race route in Urbana should be totally open to traffic by 9:20 am.

See Map on next page

