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## Temporary street closures this Saturday around Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, MO (October 12, 2015) – An estimated 10,000 runners from 48 states and 14 nations, will descend onto the streets of Kansas City Saturday, October 17 to participate in the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon with Ivy Funds. This major community event includes a full marathon, half marathon, team relay, five-kilometer run and a 1.2-mile kids marathon. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Children’s Mercy Hospital & Clinic Weight Management Center are the official race benefactors.

To ensure runner safety and to cause less impact to the community, this year the course will have a rolling close meaning the entire course will not be closed for the entire race duration ([see attached map for details](#)). Police and race officials will allow traffic to cross the course until runners approach affected intersections and as breaks between participants warrant. All roads will be reopened at approximately 1 p.m.

“Our top priority is to make sure the participants and spectators are safe and the race has as little impact on the community as possible,” said President & CEO Kathy Nelson. “We hope the community will support the runners on Saturday and cheer them on along the course.”

In addition, Washington Square Park next to Crown Center Shopping Center, will close at 5 p.m. Friday, October 16 for setup of the Finish Line Festival presented by BNY Mellon. Please be aware that any cars parked starting at noon on Friday, October 16 along Pershing and Grand streets will be towed. Parking is available at the Crown Center parking garage.

Race officials from the Kansas City Sports Commission encourage Kansas Citians to come out and support one of the largest community events in Kansas City. The 26.2-mile marathon course offers many opportunities for local residents to cheer on participants as it winds through several districts.

The Kansas City Sports Commission and the Marathon Steering Committee would like to thank the Kansas City community for their continued support of the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon with Ivy Funds.

### **About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation**

The Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation benefits the Kansas City region through sports by creating, attracting and managing major sporting events for Kansas City. As a nonprofit organization, our mission is to foster and create amateur sports by promoting the overall benefits of fitness to the youth and general public of Greater Kansas City. For the latest on Kansas City Sports Commission news, follow on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Also follow the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon with Ivy Funds on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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