

ACCESSING THE DOWNTOWN NORTHWESTERN MEDICAL CAMPUS RACE DAY

The 48th running of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon is just around the corner. On Sunday, October 11, 2026, more than 55,000 runners will be racing through the streets of Chicago, as they make their way to the finish line of one of the premier running events in the world. The event street closures may impact how you normally access the downtown medical campus.

Event street closure information is available at chicagomarathon.com/streetclosures. Please note, additional streets may be closed by the Chicago Police Department or Bank of America Chicago Marathon officials if deemed necessary.

FROM THE WEST SIDE OF CHICAGO, WESTERN SUBURBS

Take I-290 east to eastbound I-90/94. Take I-90/94 to exit 53 to merge onto northbound I-55 toward DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Take DuSable Lake Shore Drive north to Chicago Avenue. Exit DuSable Lake Shore Drive at Chicago Avenue (northbound exit only). Take Chicago Avenue to Fairbanks Court to access the medical campus. Alternatively, take I-290 east to Ida B. Wells Drive. Turn left (north) on State Street. Take State Street to Washington Street. Turn right (east) on Washington Street. Take Washington Street to Michigan Avenue. Turn left (north) on Michigan Avenue. Take Michigan Avenue to Erie Street. Turn right (east) on Erie Street to access the medical campus.

**There is an exit at Grand Avenue, but that is not recommend as there may be additional congestion due to event pedestrian traffic.*

FROM SOUTH/SOUTHWEST SIDE OF CHICAGO, SOUTH/SOUTHWEST SUBURBS

Take I-55 north to DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Exit DuSable Lake Shore Drive at Chicago Avenue (northbound exit only). Take Chicago Avenue to Fairbanks Court to access the medical campus.

FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF CHICAGO, NORTH SUBURBS AND WISCONSIN

Take DuSable Lake Shore Drive south to Chestnut Street (southbound exit only). Once you exit, take an immediate left turn onto southbound Inner Lake Shore Drive towards the medical campus.

**There is also an exit at Ontario Street, but that is not recommend as there may be additional congestion due to event pedestrian traffic.*

***It is not recommended to take the expressway into the loop, as you will likely encounter event street closures. Individuals may need to take surface streets to get to southbound DuSable Lakeshore Drive.*

