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AC Race Series' Historic AmeriHealth NJ Atlantic City Marathon takes on more athletes due to NJ Marathon Cancellation in Long Branch.

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Atlantic City's historic Marathon will see increases in athlete participation on Sunday, October 17 in conjunction with the Atlantic City Marathon Race Series AmeriHealth New Jersey Atlantic City Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K and 5K presented by US Army as the New Jersey Marathon scheduled to take place in Long Branch cancels their race scheduled for the same date.

The third race in the 2021 Race Series, already fueled by runner confidence after the success of the AmeriHealth New Jersey April Fools Half Marathon in April and Bungalow Beach Boardwalk 5 Miler in June of 2021, will take on as many as 1,500 additional runners from the New Jersey Marathon throughout the weekend's four events. Organized by the Atlantic City Marathon Race Series, a division of the Milton & Betty Katz JCC in Margate, the event has capacity to accommodate these additional runners and is working directly with New Jersey Marathon organizers to transfer participants into their respective events. "It is with great excitement and strategic planning that we continue the long history of the Atlantic City Marathon and the culmination of our 2021 Race Series including three in – person events after a year of hosting races virtually due to COVID-19," said Samantha Wolf, Esq., JCC Board President. "We are preparing for the increase in participation by increasing some of our participant materials, course assets and hopefully more volunteers."

The AmeriHealth New Jersey Atlantic City Marathon & Half Marathon presented by US Army will take place on Sunday, October 17 and the 10K and 5K on Saturday, October 16 beginning and ending on the Boardwalk at Bally's Atlantic City. Including the transferred New Jersey Marathon runners, the Race Series anticipates 3,500 runners throughout the race weekend up from 2019's 2,400 event participants.

“Atlantic City is proud to be the home of the third oldest continuing marathon in the United States,” said Mayor Marty Small, Sr. “We're committed to working with Race Series organizers to provide a safe and fun experience for new and returning athletes coming to our great City for the 2021 Marathon.”

The Race Series organizers received positive feedback with regards to the 2021 events so far including the COVID-19 policies in place and the excitement of being back at an in – person running event.

“It felt amazing to get back to racing after a long year. There's no better feeling then getting to that start line and finishing the race knowing that you accomplished something. Racing is finally back and I couldn't be happier,” said Lori Rendo, 5 Miler finisher of Bardonia, NY.

The 2021 event sponsors include AmeriHealth New Jersey, US Army, Bally's Atlantic City, Dogfish Head Beer, AtlantiCare, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Borgata Atlantic City, Dick's Sporting Goods, Orozco Orthopaedics, the CRDA, IBEW and the Atlantic City Sports Commission.

For more information, visit www.acraceseries.com or contact Genia Bittner, Race Director, at 609-822-1167 ext. 118 or acmarathon@jccatlantic.org.

About Atlantic City Marathon Race Series

About the Atlantic City Marathon Race Series: The Atlantic City Marathon Race Series is a division of the Milton and Betty Katz JCC, a non-profit organization based in Margate, New Jersey. The Race Series is dedicated to supporting the local community charitable works as well as the Milton and Betty Katz Early Childhood Scholarship Programs. Working in conjunction with National charitable organizations, it is the goal of the Atlantic City Marathon Race Series to support organizations that fundraise through road racing events. For each participant, the Race Series strives to offer events that allow participants of all skill levels to participate and accomplish their personal goals. The Atlantic City Marathon Race Series provides sponsors and the local community highly effective exposure throughout the year to help maximize their presence and support the community

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