



November 19, 2020

Anne Bitong  
President and CEO  
Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation  
155 E. Voris St.  
Akron, OH 44311

Ms. Bitong,

Thank you for submitting your very thorough and well thought out plans for the Akron Marathon Series - Return to Racing. It has been a pleasure working with your team over the last several months to ensure the best protocols are incorporated into your planning for the health and safety of athletes, staff and spectators.

The plans you have submitted to the health district are accepted as written for the June, August and September races and the Kids Run. With the staggered start and bracelet system you have implemented to limit capacity in the races that end in stadiums, there is no need to apply for a variance at this time under the current sports directors' order. The traditional "Expo" is still prohibited at this time as a mass gathering, but I will advise if this changes in the future. Of course this approval is subject to change should further restriction and directors' orders apply.

Please let me know if there is anything the health district can do to help make your events safe and successful. Don't hesitate to reach out.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tonia W. Burford". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tonia W. Burford, M.S., R.S.  
Director of Environmental Health