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UPDATE FROM THE INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

August 04, 2020 | By Indianapolis Motor Speedway

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway today issued the following statement:

"It is with great regret that we announce the 104th Running of the Indianapolis 500 will take place on Aug. 23 without fans. This tough decision was made following careful consideration and extensive consultation with state and city leadership.

"As dedicated as we were to running the race this year with 25 percent attendance at our large outdoor facility, even with meaningful and careful precautions implemented by the city and state, the COVID-19 trends in Marion County and Indiana have worsened. Since our June 26 announcement, the number of cases in Marion County has tripled while the positivity rate has doubled. We said from the beginning of the pandemic we would put the health and safety of our community first, and while hosting spectators at a limited capacity with our robust plan in place was appropriate in late June, it is not the right path forward based on the current environment.

"We encourage Hoosiers to continue making smart decisions and following the advice of our public health officials so we can help get Indiana back on track.

"Penske Corporation made a long-term investment to be the steward of this legendary facility. While we were very excited to showcase the investments and enhancements we have made in the guest experience, we know we have reached the right decision. As much as Roger Penske and



"Our commitment to the Speedway is unwavering, and we will continue to invest in the Racing Capital of the World. We encourage everyone to watch this year's race on NBC, and we look forward to welcoming our loyal fans back to 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing' on May 30th of 2021."

Further Information from IMS

- All on-track activity during the month of August, including practice and qualifications, will be closed to the general public.
- Individuals who still have tickets to this year's Indy 500 will be credited for the 2021 Indianapolis 500 and will retain their seniority and their originally assigned seats.
- The first Indy 500 practice will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 12, with a full schedule available on [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com).
- All of the action from IMS can be viewed via NBC Sports Gold, NBCSN or NBC. Visit [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com) or [INDYCAR.com](https://www.indycar.com) for a comprehensive streaming and broadcast schedule.
- The 104th Running of the Indy 500 will take place Sunday, Aug. 23, with national coverage beginning on NBC at 1 p.m. ET.
- Local Central Indiana coverage of the race will be available on NBC affiliate WTHR.
- Broadcast coverage of qualifications on Saturday, Aug. 15 begins on NBC at 3 p.m. ET.
- Sunday, Aug. 16 broadcast coverage of Pole Day begins on NBC at 1 p.m. ET.



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Kanaan: This Year Isn't Goodbye at Indianapolis

When Tony Kanaan, the 2013 Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge winner, announced in January he would step away from the NTT INDYCAR SERIES as a primary driver, dubbing his full-time departure from racing “TK Last Lap,” it was never truly meant to be a goodbye. [Read More](#)

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Rahal Letterman Lanigan Drivers Feeling Winning Vibes Entering 104th Indianapolis 500

The calendar might show August, but there is a May feeling among the Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing drivers in preparation for the 104th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, which opens for practice Wednesday, Aug. 12. [Read More](#)

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Live Indy 500 TV Broadcast Is Rare But Not Unprecedented for Central Indiana Fans

Central Indiana race fans can watch the Indianapolis 500 live on local television for the second time in five years, but such a broadcast from Indianapolis Motor Speedway is anything but commonplace. [Read More](#)

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New IMS Museum Exhibit Honors Large '500' Legacy of Colorful Legend Andy Granatelli

Race fans looking to take one of the brightest journeys through motorsports history can look no further than the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. [Read More](#)

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