

CHICAGO WEEK AHEAD SECURITY BRIEF: ARTS IN THE DARK WEEK, OCTOBER 19–25, 2026

An open-source read on how scheduled events, closures, weather, aviation and police notices constrain movement across the Chicago metropolitan region from Monday 19 to Sunday 25 October.

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KEY FACTS, AT A GLANCE

RATING

Moderate. The week's constraints are the Green and Pink Line interruption at the Lake Street bridge to Monday 26, the Bears home game at Soldier Field on Thursday evening with the DuSable Lake Shore Drive river bridge closed overnight, the suspension of all Loop elevated train service from Saturday 24 to Monday 26, and Saturday evening's Arts in the Dark parade on Columbus Drive.^{1, 2, 3, 4} Each is scheduled with printed dates, and none removes an expressway or a rail corridor without a detour or a substitute service.^{1, 5}

WORST WINDOW

Thursday 22, from 17:15 CDT, Soldier Field. The Bears host the New England Patriots at 19:15 CDT, with gates open two hours before kick-off; Soldier Field has a venue maximum of 63,500.^{2, 6, 7} The same evening the Jonas Brothers play Allstate Arena in Rosemont from 19:30 CDT.⁸ From 22:00 CDT Thursday to 05:00 CDT Friday the DuSable Lake Shore Drive bridge over the Chicago River is closed in both directions, with detours via Wacker Drive, Columbus Drive, Illinois Street and Grand Avenue, and Blue Line trains share one track between Irving Park and Jefferson Park from 22:00 CDT.^{3, 1}

ROUTE REMOVED

None without a substitute. From Saturday 24 at 04:00 CDT to Monday 26 at 02:00 CDT, CTA suspends train service at all eight Loop elevated stations for track maintenance at the Tower 18 junction. Shuttle buses run from Roosevelt to Clinton via State, Washington and Madison, and from Merchandise Mart to Harold Washington Library; downtown Red and Blue Line service is unaffected.¹ Green and Pink Line trains do not run between Clinton and Clark/Lake until Monday 26 at 04:00 CDT, with free buses for the Green Line and a Pink Line transfer to the Blue Line at Racine.¹

AIR TRAVEL

O'Hare delays in fog at publication. The FAA airport-status file at 11:00 CDT on Tuesday 20 shows departure delays of 16 to 30 minutes at O'Hare, increasing, for low ceilings; Midway shows none, and neither airport has a ground stop, ground delay program or closure.⁹ The forecaster reports that dense fog brought O'Hare visibility down to 1/8 mile on Tuesday morning and expects another

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chance of fog on Wednesday morning for terminals closer to the lake.¹⁰ No Illinois-specific temporary flight restriction is listed.¹¹

Dry and mild: highs 65 to 69 from Tuesday to Sunday, sunny to partly sunny, no thunder in the hourly forecast and a precipitation chance of 4 percent at most, during the day on Sunday. Winds are 10 mph or less. Patchy fog is forecast from 04:00 to 08:00 CDT Wednesday, and the forecaster expects ground fog within 10 to 15 miles of the lake in the early mornings.^{12, 13, 10} A Dense Fog Advisory covered Cook County zones until 09:00 CDT Tuesday; otherwise the forecaster expects “No significant weather is expected through the upcoming weekend”.¹⁰ No NWS watch, warning or advisory at the Loop forecast point at 10:55 CDT on Tuesday 20.¹⁴

CPD ALERTS

30 pattern alerts counted in 30 days across 17 districts. 6 robbery-classified. 8 multi-district. Following this brief’s standing practice, sexual-offense alerts are listed in section 05 but not counted (3 in this period), and two alerts known only from their feed titles are listed but not counted.¹⁵

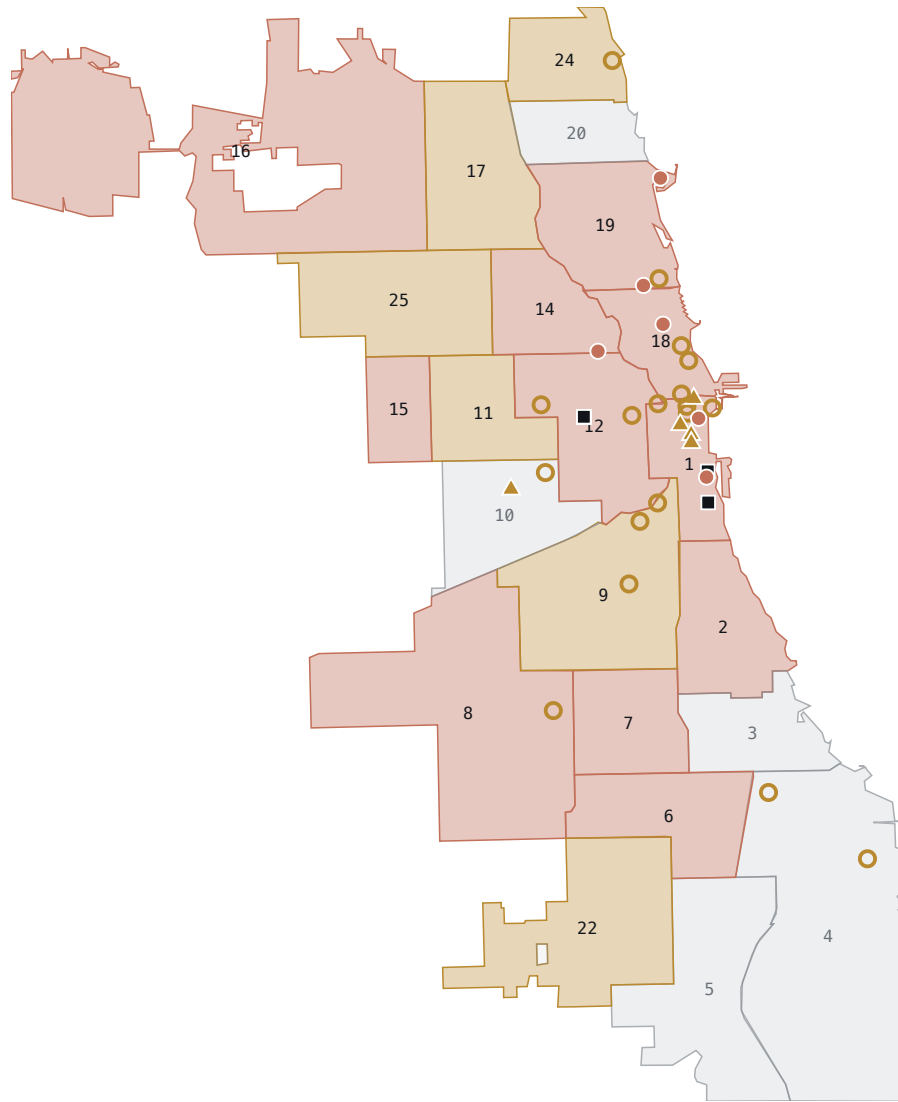
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No home game for the Cubs or White Sox: both MLB schedules list no games from 19 October to 1 November.¹⁶ Soldier Field lists no Chicago Fire FC match in the window; its next is 28 October.¹⁷ No NWS watch, warning or advisory is in effect at the Loop forecast point.¹⁴ No Illinois-specific temporary flight restriction is listed.¹¹

01 Districts and what lands in them

MAP

Shading counts the CPD pattern alerts that name each district, published 19 September to 18 October 2026, the 30 days before the window. The layers show full street closures from City permits and the located venues, gatherings and works listed in sections 03, 04 and 06.^{15, 5, 18} Sexual-offense alerts and the two alerts known only from feed titles are listed in section 05 and are not counted in the shading. The Closures column counts distinct full-closure permits whose rows fall in the district at any point in the window; most are utility and construction openings in the public way.⁵



Shading counts CPD pattern alerts published 19 September to 18 October 2026, by district named in the alert; it counts police publications, not offences. The closures layer draws the 595 permits holding a full street closure active 19 to 25 October 2026. The combined layer places every venue, festival, gathering, closure and filming item located in this edition. Verified venues sit at their own checked position, addresses at the US Census point, and permitted events and closures on the coordinates their permit rows carry. Items the table marks "placed approximately" sit on the calibrated address grid.

Every district, the same facts as text

DISTRICT	CPD NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	ALERTS	CLOSURES	LOCATED ITEMS
1st	Central	The Loop, South Loop, Printers Row, Dearborn Park, Grant Park and the Museum Campus	6	9	Loop elevated stations, service suspended (Sat 24 to Mon 26); McCormick Place (PACK EXPO to Wed 21); Federal Plaza rally, 230 S Dearborn St (Tue 20); Soldier Field (Thu 22); DuSable Lake Shore Dr bridge closure (Thu 22 night); filming on Wacker Dr, Wabash Ave and State St south of the river (Fri 23); ALS Walk, Waldron Dr (Sat 24); Arts in the Dark parade, Columbus Dr (Sat 24); gathering at Ida B. Wells Dr and S Michigan Ave (Sat 24); hotel strike listings, 720 S Michigan Ave and 151 E Wacker Dr (from Sun 18)
2nd	Wentworth	Bronzeville, Grand Boulevard, Washington Park, Fuller Park	3	12	None
3rd	Grand Crossing	South Shore, Greater Grand Crossing, Woodlawn, Jackson Park	0	20	None
4th	South Chicago	South Chicago, the East Side, Hegewisch, South Deering, Jeffery Manor	0	59	ComEd Bridge 22 works on E 79th St (from Mon 19; weekend closures from Fri 23); 92nd St bascule bridge reconstruction, S Ewing Ave (from Mon 19)
5th	Calumet	Roseland, Pullman, West Pullman, Riverdale	0	53	None
6th	Gresham	Auburn Gresham, Chatham, Gresham	4	49	None
7th	Englewood	Englewood, West Englewood	4	19	None

DISTRICT	CPD NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	ALERTS	CLOSURES	LOCATED ITEMS
8th	Chicago Lawn	Chicago Lawn, Marquette Park, West Lawn, Ashburn, Garfield Ridge, Clearing	2	79	Street closure, 6245–6260 S Rockwell St (Sat 24)
9th	Deering	Bridgeport, Canaryville, Back of the Yards, McKinley Park, Armour Square	1	33	Pershing Rd bridge closure, Ashland to Morgan (from Mon 19); filming on W 26th St (Tue 20) and S Grove St (Wed 21)
10th	Ogden	Little Village (South Lawndale), the south end of North Lawndale, Heart of Chicago	0	13	Gathering outside the 10th District station, 3315 W Ogden Ave (Tue 20); filming on the Ogden Ave service drive and S Talman Ave (Tue 20)
11th	Harrison	East and West Garfield Park, and the south end of Humboldt Park	1	15	None
12th	Near West	West Loop, Fulton Market, Greektown, Little Italy, University Village, Pilsen and the Illinois Medical District	4	26	United Center (Mon 19, Fri 23, Sat 24, Sun 25); N Morgan St closure (Mon 19 to Thu 22); Milwaukee Ave closure for Lake Street bridge construction; filming on N Washtenaw Ave (Wed 21, Thu 22)
14th	Shakespeare	Logan Square, Wicker Park, Bucktown and the north end of Humboldt Park	3	12	Meet Me On Milwaukee, N Milwaukee Ave, Damen to Ashland (Sun 25)
15th	Austin	Austin	2	10	None
16th	Jefferson Park	Jefferson Park, Norwood Park, Edison Park, Portage Park, Forest Glen, O'Hare	2	27	None

DISTRICT	CPD NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	ALERTS	CLOSURES	LOCATED ITEMS
17th	Albany Park	Albany Park, Irving Park, Mayfair, North Park, part of Avondale	1	18	None
18th	Near North	River North, the Gold Coast, Streeterville, Old Town and the Magnificent Mile	5	14	Goethe St crane lift (Tue 20); filming on Kinzie St and N State St (Fri 23); LaSalle Long Distance Classic, Orleans, Willow and Eugenie (Fri 23); helicopter lift, 103 E Oak St (Sun 25)
19th	Town Hall	Lakeview, Wrigleyville, Northalsted, Roscoe Village, North Center, part of Lincoln Park	2	19	St. Clement Halloween, N Orchard St (Fri 23); helicopter lift, 2550 N Lakeview Ave (Sat 24); Polish National Association race, N Simonds Dr (Sun 25)
20th	Lincoln	Lincoln Square, Ravenswood, Andersonville, Uptown, part of Edgewater	0	14	None
22nd	Morgan Park	Morgan Park, Beverly, Mount Greenwood, Washington Heights	1	69	None
24th	Rogers Park	Rogers Park, West Ridge, part of Edgewater	1	15	Crane lift, 1200 W Columbia Ave (Thu 22 to Fri 23)
25th	Grand Central	Belmont Cragin, Hermosa, Montclare, Dunning, part of Portage Park	1	15	None

Alert counts are of CPD publications naming the district, not of offenses. A listed district is not a place to avoid.

Ratings score constraint on movement, not danger.

DOMAIN	RATING	WHY
Overall travel	MODERATE	No day removes an expressway or a rail corridor without a detour or a substitute service. The constraints are the Green and Pink Line interruption all week, Thursday evening's Bears game with the overnight DuSable Lake Shore Drive bridge closure, the Loop elevated suspension from Saturday 04:00 CDT to Monday 02:00 CDT, and Saturday evening's parade on Columbus Drive. ^{1, 2, 3, 4} Rule: each is a predictable slow-down on a known day; none removes a route or a capacity without a substitute.
Street closures	MODERATE	79 special-event permits touch the window: 55 block parties, 16 festivals, 3 farmers markets, 3 athletic events and 2 sidewalk sales. ⁴ Special-event full-closure permits dated for a single day number 2 on Tuesday, 5 on Friday, 49 on Saturday (47 of them block parties) and 4 on Sunday, with none on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. ⁴ The through streets closed for events are Columbus Drive and Waldron Drive on Saturday 24 and N Milwaukee Avenue from Damen to Ashland on Sunday 25; the DuSable Lake Shore Drive river bridge closes overnight Thursday for testing, with printed detours. ^{4, 3} Rule: closures with printed dates and parallel routes are Moderate.
Stadium and arena load	MODERATE	Soldier Field (63,500) hosts the Bears on Thursday at 19:15 CDT. ^{2, 7} The United Center hosts four events: a concert Monday at 19:00 CDT, hockey Friday at 19:00 CDT, basketball Saturday at 19:00 CDT (venue from a single secondary schedule) and hockey Sunday at 14:00 CDT. ^{19, 20, 21, 22} Allstate Arena in Rosemont hosts concerts Wednesday at 19:00 CDT and Thursday at 19:30 CDT. ⁸ PACK EXPO International occupies McCormick Place to Wednesday 21. ²³ Rule: event egress is a predictable slow-down with a defined end.
Air travel	MODERATE	O'Hare shows departure delays of 16 to 30 minutes, increasing, for low ceilings in the FAA file at 11:00 CDT on Tuesday 20; Midway shows none, and neither airport has a ground stop, ground delay program or closure. ⁹ Dense fog brought O'Hare visibility down to 1/8 mile on Tuesday morning, and the forecaster expects another chance of fog on Wednesday morning for terminals closer to the lake. ¹⁰ 78 temporary flight restrictions are listed nationally, 6 of them VIP restrictions, and none carries an Illinois state entry or the Chicago Center facility code. ¹¹ Rule: a weather delay window that clears after sunrise is a predictable slow-down with a defined end.

DOMAIN	RATING	WHY
Ground transport	MODERATE	53 CTA alerts overlap the window, 26 of them planned reroutes, and none is flagged a major alert; 13 begin inside the window. ¹ Green and Pink Line service is interrupted between Clinton and Clark/Lake to Monday 26 at 04:00 CDT, and Loop elevated service is suspended from Saturday 24 at 04:00 CDT to Monday 26 at 02:00 CDT, each with bus substitutes. The Blue Line single-tracks between Irving Park and Jefferson Park from 22:00 to 04:00 CDT, Sunday night through Thursday night, and the Harlem (O'Hare branch) station's west entrance and bus terminal close from Friday 23 at 22:00 CDT to Monday 26 at 04:00 CDT. ¹ Rule: reduced service with substitutes and printed ends is Moderate.
CPD alerts	LOW	30 counted pattern alerts were published 19 September to 18 October across 17 districts, with 43 district mentions. 6 are robbery-classified, and 8 name more than one district. The 1st carries 6 and the 18th 5. ¹⁵ Rule: an alert describes past incidents and imposes no scheduled constraint on movement. Alert volume measures how often the Department publishes a notice.
Weather	LOW	Highs 65 to 69 each day from Tuesday, probability of precipitation 0 percent Tuesday to Saturday and 4 percent at most on Sunday, no thunder in any hour of the hourly forecast, and hourly winds of 10 mph or less. ^{12, 13} Patchy fog is forecast from 04:00 to 08:00 CDT Wednesday; the Dense Fog Advisory for Cook County zones ended at 09:00 CDT Tuesday, and the forecaster's discussion carries no watch, warning or advisory for Indiana or Lake Michigan. ^{12, 10} Rule: no forecast weather period constrains movement on the roads; the fog's effect on flights is rated under air travel.
Planned gatherings	MODERATE	The Arts in the Dark Halloween parade runs on Columbus Drive on Saturday 24 from 18:00 to 20:00 CDT under a full-closure permit, with staging from Balbo Drive to Roosevelt Road. ^{4, 24} Three other gatherings are announced for the week, at Federal Plaza and at the 10th District station on Tuesday 20 and at Ida B. Wells Drive and Michigan Avenue on Saturday 24; none states a size. ^{25, 26, 27} Rule: a parade with a printed footprint and hours is a predictable slow-down with a defined end.

03 Monday through Sunday

7 DAYS

Reading the capacity figures. Every figure below is a **venue maximum**, not a ticket count, an attendance forecast or a prediction.

This edition publishes on Tuesday 20; Monday 19 had passed and is not re-forecast. Weather, aviation and the CPD feed are as re-read at 11:01 CDT on Tuesday.^{12, 9, 15}

Monday, October 19

MODERATE

NOT RE-FORECAST: THE DAY HAD PASSED AT PUBLICATION^{1,2}

The Green and Pink Lines remain interrupted at the Lake Street bridge, four bridge and street closures begin on the South and Near West Sides, and a concert loads the United Center at 19:00 CDT. Rule: reduced rail service with a bus substitute and closures with printed dates are Moderate.^{1, 5, 19}

- **Green and Pink Lines, Clinton to Clark/Lake, all day:** service interrupted to Monday 26 at 04:00 CDT for the Lake Street bridge. Free buses replace the Green Line between Clinton and Clark/Lake; Pink Line trains run between 54th/Cermak and Polk, with a transfer to the Blue Line at Racine.¹ Milwaukee Avenue is closed from Canal to Fulton for the bridge work.⁵
- **W Pershing Rd bridge, Ashland to Morgan, from Monday:** full closure to 17 November for shoring and joint work.⁵
- **N Morgan St, 1–42 N, Monday to Thursday 22:** full closure around the clock, with a detour.⁵
- **E 79th St, 1461–1515 E, from Monday:** full closure for the ComEd Bridge 22 replacement.⁵
- **S Ewing Ave, 9207–9485 S, from Monday:** full closure for the 92nd Street bascule bridge reconstruction.⁵
- **McCormick Place, 2301 S King Dr:** PACK EXPO International, to Wednesday 21.^{2,3}
- **United Center, 19:00 CDT:** Disney Descendants, ZOMBIES & Camp Rock: Worlds Collide Concert Tour.¹⁹
- **Blue Line, Irving Park to Jefferson Park, 22:00–04:00 CDT:** single-track operation with minor delays, nightly to Thursday night.¹

Tuesday, October 20

MODERATE

65°

SUNNY

EAST 0 TO 5 MPH · 0%¹²

A one-hour rally at Federal Plaza in the morning, a crane closure on Goethe Street and two filming closures in the day, and an evening gathering outside the 10th District station. Rule: closures and gatherings with printed hours are Moderate.^{25, 28, 29, 30, 26}

- **Fog and O'Hare:** a Dense Fog Advisory covered Cook County zones until 09:00 CDT, and dense fog brought O'Hare visibility down to 1/8 mile; at 11:00 CDT the FAA file shows departure delays of 16 to 30 minutes at O'Hare, increasing, for low ceilings.^{10, 9}
- **Federal Plaza, 230 S Dearborn St, 08:30–09:30 CDT:** "Stop Illegal War on Iran" rally at the offices of Senators Duckworth and Durbin. Start time from the organizer's page, end time and offices from a secondary listing. Size not stated.^{25, 28}
- **W Goethe St, State to Dearborn, 08:00–16:00 CDT:** full closure for a crane lift. The permit is dated for the day; the hours are from the 2nd Ward notice.^{5, 29}
- **W 26th St, Green to Peoria, 09:00–13:00 CDT:** full closure for filming, with the adjoining alley.³⁰
- **Ogden Ave inner eastbound service drive, Washtenaw to Rockwell, 07:00–15:00 CDT; S Talman Ave, Ogden to 14th Pl, 07:00–16:00 CDT:** full closures for filming.³⁰
- **CPD 10th District station, 3315 W Ogden Ave, 17:30–18:30 CDT:** "Say No to Police Violence" protest. Organizer and size not stated. (single source)²⁶
- **#35 bus, Tuesday 06:00 to Friday 19:00 CDT:** eastbound buses rerouted via 35th, Halsted, Pershing and LaSalle.¹
- [Continuing: Green and Pink Line interruption; Pershing Rd bridge, N Morgan St, E 79th St and S Ewing Ave closures; PACK EXPO; Blue Line single-tracking overnight.]^{1, 5, 23}

Wednesday, October 21

MODERATE

68°

Patchy fog before 08:00 CDT, PACK EXPO's final day at McCormick Place, a full-day filming closure on North Washtenaw Avenue, and an evening concert at Allstate Arena in Rosemont. Rule: closures with printed hours and arena egress are Moderate.^{12, 23, 30, 8}

PATCHY FOG, THEN MOSTLY SUNNY
SOUTH 0 TO 5 MPH · 0%¹²

- **Fog, 04:00 to 08:00 CDT:** patchy fog in the hourly forecast; the forecaster expects another chance of fog for terminals closer to the lake.^{13, 10}
- **McCormick Place:** PACK EXPO International, final day.²³
- **N Washtenaw Ave, Fulton to Lake, 06:00–18:00 CDT:** full closure for filming, with intermittent traffic control on Lake, Fairfield and Fulton from 12:00 to 18:00 CDT.³⁰
- **S Grove St, 2260 S to the river:** full closure for filming. Hours not stated.³⁰
- **Allstate Arena, 6920 N Mannheim Rd, Rosemont, 19:00 CDT:** Disney Descendants, ZOMBIES & Camp Rock: Worlds Collide Concert Tour.⁸
- [Continuing: Green and Pink Line interruption; Pershing Rd bridge, N Morgan St, E 79th St and S Ewing Ave closures; #35 reroute; Blue Line single-tracking overnight.]^{1, 5}

Thursday, October 22

MODERATE

67°

SUNNY

NORTH 0 TO 5 MPH · 0%

The Bears host New England at Soldier Field at 19:15 CDT, a concert loads Allstate Arena at 19:30 CDT, and the DuSable Lake Shore Drive river bridge closes from 22:00 CDT, the worst window of the week. Rule: stadium egress and an overnight closure with printed detours are predictable slow-downs with defined ends.^{2, 8, 3}

- **Soldier Field, 19:15 CDT:** Chicago Bears vs. New England Patriots. Gates open two hours before kick-off. Venue capacity about 63,500.^{2, 6, 7} The Bears' game-day page lists CTA Roosevelt, the #128 Soldier Field Express and the #146 bus, and rideshare on Balbo Drive between Columbus Drive and DuSable Lake Shore Drive.⁶
- **DuSable Lake Shore Dr bridge, 148–500 N, 22:00 to Friday 05:00 CDT:** full closure for testing after electrical work. Northbound detour via Wacker, Columbus and Illinois; southbound via Grand, Columbus and Wacker. Backup date Thursday 29 October.³
- **Allstate Arena, Rosemont, 19:30 CDT:** Jonas Brothers: The Burning Up Tour All Over Again.⁸
- **N Washtenaw Ave, Fulton to Lake, 06:00–18:00 CDT:** full closure for filming, with intermittent traffic control on Lake, Fairfield and Fulton from 12:00 to 18:00 CDT.³⁰
- **S Forest Ave, 106th to 107th, 07:30–16:00 and 18:00–20:00 CDT:** full closure for filming.³⁰
- **W Columbia Ave, 1200–1211 W, Thursday to Friday:** full closure for a crane lift.⁵
- **Wrigley Field perimeter:** the north sidewalk of Addison Street closes from Thursday for bollard work; Sheffield Avenue between Addison and Waveland remains closed to vehicles. (single source)³¹
- **Blue Line, Irving Park to Jefferson Park, 22:00–04:00 CDT:** single-track operation, last night of the series.¹

Friday, October 23

MODERATE

65°

SUNNY

SOUTHEAST AROUND 5 MPH · 0%¹²

Morning filming closures on Kinzie Street and State Street north of the river, two school events in Old Town and Lincoln Park, a Blackhawks game at 19:00 CDT, and a weekend closure of East 79th Street from 19:00 CDT.

Rule: closures with printed hours and arena egress are Moderate.^{30, 4, 20, 5}

- **Kinzie St and N State St, 03:00–15:00 CDT:** filming restrictions on both sides of Kinzie from State to Wabash, the south side of Kinzie from 21 W Kinzie to State, the west side of State from 348 N State to Kinzie, the west side of Wabash from Wacker to Lake, the south side of Wacker from State to Wabash, and the west sidewalk of State from Wacker to Lake. The permit prints no closure type.³⁰
- **N Orleans St, W Willow St and W Eugenie St:** full closures for the LaSalle Long Distance Classic, a school run. Hours not stated.⁴
- **N Orchard St, 2440–2536 N:** full closure for the St. Clement Halloween party. Hours not stated.⁴
- **S Forest Ave, 106th to 107th, 07:30–15:30 CDT:** full closure for filming.³⁰
- **United Center, 19:00 CDT:** Montreal at Chicago, NHL.²⁰
- **E 79th St, 1461–1515 E, Friday 19:00 to Monday 05:30 CDT:** weekend full closure for the ComEd Bridge 22 replacement, repeating on weekends to 30 April.⁵
- **Harlem (O'Hare branch) Blue Line station, from 22:00 CDT:** west entrance and bus terminal closed to Monday 26 at 04:00 CDT; #88 and #90 buses board on the street.¹
- **Shabbat:** candle lighting at 17:38 CDT.³²

Saturday, October 24

MODERATE

66°

MOSTLY SUNNY

SOUTH-SOUTHEAST AROUND 5 MPH · 0%¹²

The Loop elevated is suspended from 04:00 CDT, a lakefront walk closes Waldron Drive in the morning, 47 block parties hold residential streets, and in the evening the Arts in the Dark parade on Columbus Drive, a gathering at Ida B. Wells Drive and Michigan Avenue and a Bulls game at the United Center (venue from a single secondary schedule) fall between 18:00 and 19:00 CDT. Rule: each closure is permitted for the day with substitutes or parallel routes.^{1, 4, 24, 27, 21, 22}

- **Loop elevated, from 04:00 CDT:** no trains at Clark/Lake, State/Lake, Washington/Wabash, Adams/Wabash, Harold Washington Library, LaSalle/Van Buren, Quincy or Washington/Wells, to Monday 26 at 02:00 CDT. Green Line trains run Harlem to Clinton and Roosevelt to 63rd Street; Orange Line Midway to Roosevelt; Brown Line Kimball to Merchandise Mart; Pink Line trains reroute to Racine for the Blue Line. Shuttle buses run Roosevelt to Clinton via State, Washington and Madison, and Merchandise Mart to Harold Washington Library.¹
- **Waldron Dr, DuSable Lake Shore Dr to Special Olympics Dr, 05:00–13:00 CDT:** full closure for the 2026 ALS Walk for Life, a two-mile lakefront walk finishing at Soldier Field, with crossing assistance at Waldron and Special Olympics Drive from 10:30 to 10:50 CDT.⁴
- **#70 Division bus, 07:30–17:00 CDT:** rerouted for the Division Street Farmers Market.¹
- **S Rockwell St, 6245–6260 S, 11:00–19:00 CDT:** full closure for an anniversary event.⁵
- **2550 N Lakeview Ave:** helicopter lift of HVAC units. The permit lists Stockton Drive between Fullerton and Cannon, James at Clark, and Lakeview between Deming and Roslyn. Closure type and hours not stated.³⁰
- **Columbus Dr, 18:00–20:00 CDT:** Arts in the Dark Halloween Parade. The permit closes Columbus Drive from 100 to 1200 S, with staging from Balbo to Roosevelt and the route from Balbo to Monroe; the tourism bureau listing gives the route's north end as Jackson.^{4, 24}
- **Ida B. Wells Dr and S Michigan Ave, 18:00 CDT:** protest over a Mississippi grand jury decision in a death case. End time and size not stated. (single source)²⁷
- **United Center, 19:00 CDT:** Washington at Chicago, NBA. (venue from a secondary schedule)^{21, 22}
- **Havdalah: 18:37 CDT.**³²

Sunday, October 25

MODERATE

69°

PARTLY SUNNY

SOUTH-SOUTHWEST AROUND 5 MPH · 4%¹²

The Loop elevated stays suspended, N Milwaukee Avenue is pedestrianized from Damen to Ashland, a helicopter lift closes blocks of East Oak Street and North Michigan Avenue in the morning, and the Blackhawks play at 14:00 CDT. Rule: permitted closures and reroutes with printed hours are Moderate.^{1, 4, 33, 30, 20}

- **103 E Oak St:** helicopter lift of rooftop units. Closed during the lift: E Oak St from Rush to Lake Shore Drive, N Michigan Ave from Bellevue to Walton, E Lake Shore Dr from Michigan to Walton, and the southbound Lake Shore Drive exit onto N Michigan Ave. The permit prints no hours; the 42nd Ward newsletter gives 09:00 to 11:00 CDT. (single source for the hours)^{30, 34}
- **N Milwaukee Ave, 1228–1579 N, 10:00–16:00 CDT:** Meet Me On Milwaukee, full closure from Damen to Ashland, with closures on W Evergreen Ave, N Wolcott Ave and N Hermitage Ave.^{4, 33} The #56 bus runs in both directions via Damen and Division from 07:00 to 20:00 CDT.¹
- **#56 Milwaukee bus, southbound, 07:00–18:00 CDT:** rerouted via Kedzie and Logan for the Logan Square farmers market.¹
- **N Simonds Dr, 4400–5100 N, 02:00–21:00 CDT:** full closure for the Polish National Association race, hours as printed in the permit.⁴
- **United Center, 14:00 CDT:** Florida at Chicago, NHL.²⁰
- **750 N Michigan Ave:** a City parade permit is on file for the day, with no name, time or organizer printed.³⁰
- [Continuing: Loop elevated suspension to Monday 26 at 02:00 CDT; Green and Pink Line interruption to Monday 26 at 04:00 CDT; E 79th St weekend closure; Harlem (O'Hare branch) station west entrance closed.]^{1, 5}

Saturday 24 carries the most constraints of the week. From 04:00 CDT the Loop elevated carries no trains and riders move to shuttle buses and the Red and Blue Line subways; Waldron Drive is closed from 05:00 to 13:00 CDT for the ALS Walk; 49 special-event full-closure permits are dated for that day alone, 47 of them block parties; and between 18:00 and 19:00 CDT the Arts in the Dark parade on Columbus Drive, the gathering at Ida B. Wells Drive and Michigan Avenue and the Bulls game at the United Center (venue from a single secondary schedule) begin.^{1, 4, 24, 27, 21, 22} Thursday evening, from 17:15 CDT, is the single worst window for stadium egress.^{2, 6, 3}

79 special-event permits touch the window; 55 are block parties.⁴ Event closures remove a through route on two days: Columbus Drive from 100 to 1200 S and Waldron Drive on Saturday 24, and N Milwaukee Avenue from Damen to Ashland and N Simonds Drive on Sunday 25, each with parallel streets open.⁴ The DuSable Lake Shore Drive river bridge closes from 22:00 CDT Thursday 22 to 05:00 CDT Friday 23 with printed detours.³ Standing construction holds southbound State Street from Wacker to Randolph and Lake Street from Dearborn to Wabash to 31 December, and Milwaukee Avenue from Canal to Fulton to 30 October and 3 November.⁵

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
To Mon 26	Lake Street bridge	Rail	Green and Pink Lines interrupted between Clinton and Clark/Lake to 04:00 CDT Mon 26, with a Green Line bus substitute and a Pink Line transfer to the Blue Line at Racine. Milwaukee Ave closed from Canal to Fulton for the bridge construction. ^{1, 5}
All week	State/Lake station reconstruction	Full	Southbound State St, Wacker to Randolph, and Lake St, Dearborn to Wabash, to 31 December; eight bus routes board southbound at relocated stops. ^{5, 1}
All week	Lower Wabash Ave	Full	Southbound lanes, Illinois to Hubbard (420–450 N), continuous to 12 November. Detour via Illinois, State and Hubbard. ⁵
All week	Western Ave viaduct reconstruction	Full	N Western Ave, 300–429 N (Fulton to Hubbard), to 7 December. The permit describes single-direction closures. ⁵
From Mon 19	Pershing Rd bridge	Full	W Pershing Rd, Ashland to Morgan (1100–1400 W), to 17 November. ⁵
Mon 19 to Thu 22	N Morgan St	Full	1–42 N Morgan St, around the clock, with a detour. ⁵
From Mon 19	ComEd Bridge 22	Full	E 79th St, 1461–1515 E. Weekend full closures, Friday 19:00 to Monday 05:30 CDT, from Fri 23 to 30 April. ⁵

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
From Mon 19	92nd Street basculé bridge	Full	S Ewing Ave, 9207–9485 S, reconstruction to November 2028. ⁵
Tue 20	Crane lift, Goethe St	Full	W Goethe St, State to Dearborn (6–21 W), 08:00–16:00 CDT per the 2nd Ward notice. ^{5, 29}
Tue 20	Filming, W 26th St	Full	26th St, Green to Peoria, and alley, 09:00–13:00 CDT. ³⁰
Tue 20	Filming, Ogden Ave and S Talman Ave	Full	Inner eastbound Ogden service drive, Washtenaw to Rockwell, 07:00–15:00 CDT; Talman, Ogden to 14th Pl, 07:00–16:00 CDT. ³⁰
Wed 21	Filming, S Grove St	Full	Grove, from 2260 S to the river. Hours not stated. ³⁰
Wed 21 and Thu 22	Filming, N Washtenaw Ave	Full	Washtenaw, Fulton to Lake, 06:00–18:00 CDT each day; intermittent traffic control on Lake, Fairfield and Fulton, 12:00–18:00 CDT. ³⁰
Thu 22 and Fri 23	Filming, S Forest Ave	Full	Forest, 106th to 107th: Thu 07:30–16:00 and 18:00–20:00 CDT; Fri 07:30–15:30 CDT. ³⁰
Thu 22 to Fri 23	DuSable Lake Shore Drive bridge	Full	148–500 N, 22:00 Thu to 05:00 CDT Fri, for testing after electrical work. Northbound detour via Wacker, Columbus and Illinois; southbound via Grand, Columbus and Wacker. Backup date Thu 29 October. ³
Thu 22 to Fri 23	Crane lift, W Columbia Ave	Full	1200–1211 W Columbia Ave. ⁵
Fri 23	Filming, Kinzie St and State St	Restrictions	Kinzie, State to Wabash, both sides; State from 348 N to Kinzie; Wabash, Wacker to Lake; Wacker, State to Wabash; State sidewalk, Wacker to Lake; 03:00–15:00 CDT. Closure type not printed. ³⁰
Fri 23	LaSalle Long Distance Classic	Full	N Orleans St 1700–1740, W Willow St 310–344 and W Eugenie St 317–331. Hours not stated. ⁴

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Fri 23	St. Clement Halloween	Full	N Orchard St, 2440–2536 N. Hours not stated.. ⁴
Sat 24 to Mon 26	Loop elevated suspension	Rail	No trains at the eight Loop elevated stations, 04:00 CDT Sat to 02:00 CDT Mon; shuttle buses Roosevelt to Clinton and Merchandise Mart to Harold Washington Library. Red and Blue Line subways unaffected.. ¹
Sat 24	2026 ALS Walk for Life	Full	Waldron Dr, DuSable Lake Shore Dr to Special Olympics Dr, 05:00–13:00 CDT.. ⁴
Sat 24	Arts in the Dark Halloween Parade	Full	Columbus Dr, 100–1200 S. Staging Balbo to Roosevelt; route Balbo to Monroe per the permit, to Jackson per the tourism bureau. Parade 18:00–20:00 CDT.. ^{4, 24}
Sat 24	Street closure, S Rockwell St	Full	6245–6260 S Rockwell St, 11:00–19:00 CDT.. ⁵
Sat 24	Helicopter lift, 2550 N Lakeview	Not stated	Stockton Dr, Fullerton to Cannon; James at Clark; Lakeview, Deming to Roslyn, as listed on the permit. Hours not stated.. ³⁰
Sat 24 to Sun 25	Crane lift, S Wood St	Full	1000–1019 S Wood St.. ⁵
Sun 25	Meet Me On Milwaukee	Full	N Milwaukee Ave, 1228–1579 N (Damen to Ashland), with W Evergreen, N Wolcott and N Hermitage, 10:00–16:00 CDT; #56 rerouted via Damen and Division, 07:00–20:00 CDT.. ^{4, 33, 1}
Sun 25	Polish National Association race	Full	N Simonds Dr, 4400–5100 N, 02:00–21:00 CDT as printed.. ⁴
Sun 25	Helicopter lift, 103 E Oak St	Full	E Oak, Rush to Lake Shore Dr; N Michigan, Bellevue to Walton; E Lake Shore Dr, Michigan to Walton; southbound Lake Shore Dr exit to N Michigan. 09:00–11:00 CDT per the 42nd Ward. (single source for the hours) ^{30, 34}

Permit records show filings, not street conditions, and they lag emergency work.

05 CPD pattern alerts

30 COUNTED OF 35 PUBLISHED IN 30 DAYS

35 alerts were published from 19 September to 18 October. 30 are counted, 10 of them since the previous edition. By the type printed on each alert, aggravated battery and burglary are the largest groups, 9 each, followed by robbery, 6; 26-CWP-028, whose heading reads armed robberies but whose body describes business burglaries, is counted as burglary. The 1st District carries 6, the 18th 5, and the 6th, 7th and 12th 4 each. One alert has been published inside the window as of the 11:01 CDT feed reading on Tuesday 20: P26-3-040, 12th District, motor vehicle thefts, on Oct 19, 09:59 CDT; it falls outside the 30-day look-back and is not counted. The 3 sexual-offense alerts and the two alerts known only from their feed titles are listed below and not counted.¹⁵ Alert volume measures how often the Department publishes a notice, not how much crime occurred.

PUBLISHED	DISTRICTS	SERIES	PATTERN	REFERENCE
Oct 16, 19:42	7	Community	Hit and run	608-26-014
Oct 16, 19:12	14, 18	Business	Armed robberies with a handgun (heading as printed; the body describes business burglaries; counted as burglary)	26-CWP-028
Oct 16, 15:45	19 (feed title)	Community (feed title)	Burglaries from motor vehicles & criminal damage to vehicles (feed title; listed, not counted)	P26-3-039 (feed title)
Oct 16, 12:29	12	Community	Criminal damage to vehicles	P26-3-038

PUBLISHED	DISTRICTS	SERIES	PATTERN	REFERENCE
Oct 15, 15:51	1, 12, 18	Community	Criminal damage to property & burglaries	P26-3-036
Oct 15, 15:12	14, 16, 17	Business	Commercial burglaries	P26-5-019
Oct 15, 12:55	18	Community	Aggravated battery	JK446326
Oct 15, 10:06	15	Community	Aggravated battery (Sept 6 incident)	JK402739
Oct 14, 14:56	1	Community	Aggravated battery/senior citizen	JK439340
Oct 12, 14:00	6, 22	Community	Armed robbery with handgun	P25-02-015CA (feed title P26-2-015)
Oct 12, 13:51	2	Community	Criminal damage to vehicles	P26-1-072 A
Oct 11, 15:49	6	Community	Armed robberies with handgun	P26-2-016
Oct 10, 11:29	not stated	Community (feed title)	Public indecency (feed title; listed, not counted)	JK443416
Oct 6, 12:24	15	Community	Aggravated battery	JK420398
Oct 5, 15:56	2, 6	Business	Commercial burglaries	26-CWP-027

PUBLISHED	DISTRICTS	SERIES	PATTERN	REFERENCE
Oct 5, 13:24	1	Community	Aggravated battery	JK438007
Oct 2, 22:25	11	Community	Homicide (May 3, 2022 incident)	JF228530
Oct 2, 10:45	7	Community	Aggravated battery	JK433359
Oct 2, 09:28	7	Community	Aggravated battery & aggravated robbery	JK427596
Oct 1, 11:56	7	Community	Armed robberies	P26-1-074
Sept 30, 18:45	2, 8, 9	Business	Commercial burglaries	P26-1-073 B
Sept 30, 15:40	12, 14, 19, 25	Business	Commercial burglaries	26-CWP-026
Sept 29, 23:14	16	Community	Residential garage burglaries	P26-5-018
Sept 29, 20:14	6	Community	Homicide	JK427296
Sept 28, 12:17	1	Community	Burglaries from motor vehicles, criminal damage to vehicles & aggravated assault: handgun	P26-3-034
Sept 26, 11:31	18	Community	Aggravated battery	JK423622

PUBLISHED	DISTRICTS	SERIES	PATTERN	REFERENCE
Sept 25, 11:01	12	Community	Criminal sexual abuse (listed, not counted)	JK399008
Sept 23, 23:46	12	Community	Armed robberies	P26-3-033
Sept 23, 23:45	22	Community	Aggravated criminal sexual assault (listed, not counted)	JK423855
Sept 22, 19:37	17	Community	Criminal sexual abuse (listed, not counted)	JK409394
Sept 22, 11:45	1	Community	Burglaries & criminal damage to vehicles	P26-3-032
Sept 22, 10:40	24, 19	Community	Motor vehicle thefts	26-CWP-025
Sept 22, 04:15	8	Community	Aggravated battery with a firearm	JK410611
Sept 21, 13:26	1	Community	Motor vehicle thefts	P26-3-031
Sept 20, 18:57	18	Community	Armed robberies	P26-3-030

Published times are CDT, from the Department's news feed. District, series, pattern and reference are as printed on each alert; the two alerts marked "feed title" are shown as their feed titles print them.¹⁵

06 Planned gatherings

Each gathering below is listed with the source that announces it.

- **Tuesday 20, 08:30–09:30 CDT, Federal Plaza, 230 S Dearborn St:** “Stop Illegal War on Iran” rally at the offices of Senators Duckworth and Durbin, announced by Chicago Area Peace Action, which prints the start time and address. The end time and the offices are from an aggregator listing. Size and route not stated.^{25, 28} The listing names a coalition “in formation” including the Chicago Committee Against War & Racism and NIAC-Chicago.²⁸
- **Tuesday 20, 17:30–18:30 CDT, outside the CPD 10th District station, 3315 W Ogden Ave:** “Say No to Police Violence” protest concerning the 4 October off-duty police shooting in the 10th District. Organizer and size not stated. (single source)²⁶
- **Saturday 24, 18:00 CDT, Ida B. Wells Drive and S Michigan Avenue:** protest seeking a special prosecutor and a Justice Department review after a Mississippi grand jury returned no true bill in a death case, hosted by the Chicago Activist Coalition for Justice with co-sponsoring organizations. End time and size not stated. (single source)²⁷ The parade is listed for the same start time, 18:00 CDT.²⁴
- **Saturday 24, 18:00–20:00 CDT, Columbus Drive:** Arts in the Dark Halloween Parade, under a City full-closure permit for Columbus Drive from 100 to 1200 S, staging from Balbo Drive to Roosevelt Road and a route from Balbo to Monroe; the tourism bureau listing gives the north end as Jackson. Size not stated. A Park District hold covers the Grant Park grounds on 23 and 24 October, status tentative.^{4, 24, 35}
- **Sunday 25, 10:00–16:00 CDT, N Milwaukee Avenue from Damen to Ashland:** Meet Me On Milwaukee, a pedestrianized street hosted by the 1st Ward office and the Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce. Size not stated.^{4, 33}
- **Hotel strike, UNITE HERE Local 1.** The union’s strike list dated 18 October marks the Hilton Chicago, 720 S Michigan Ave, and the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E Wacker Dr, as on strike, and CBS Chicago reported that workers at both hotels went on strike on the morning of Sunday 18 October. No end date, picket hours or size is stated.^{36, 37}
- **Parade permits with no name, time or organizer printed:** Saturday 24 at Columbus Drive (700 to 1200 S) and Balbo Drive (100 to 400 E), and at 5514 S Nordica Ave; Sunday 25 at 750 N Michigan Ave and 3198 W Logan Blvd.³⁰

NOTE ON UNPERMITTED ASSEMBLY

Where this brief notes that a gathering is unpermitted, that is a statement about **data availability** and nothing else. Peaceful assembly and protest are protected activity. TB Defense reports gatherings solely because they affect how long it takes to move through a street, and takes no position on the subject, organisers or participants.

Week Ahead No. 8 (12 to 18 October), scored. Observed highs at O'Hare and Midway were within 4 F of the forecast every day, and Monday 12 set records of 88 at both airports. Rain fell Tuesday to Thursday as forecast; Thursday 15 brought 0.92 in at O'Hare and no thunderstorm at either airport, where No. 8 printed thunder. Friday 16 was windier than printed: peak gusts reached 49 mph at O'Hare and 42 mph at Midway against a forecast of 15 to 25 mph, and a Gale Warning issued after publication covered the Illinois nearshore waters from 13:00 CDT Friday to 01:00 CDT Saturday.^{38, 39} No NWS alert named Cook County from 12 to 19 October; frost and freeze alerts covered collar counties on 17 and 18 October.⁴⁰

Events. The Blackhawks played the United Center on Tuesday 13, Thursday 15 and Saturday 17 at the times printed.²⁰ Chicago Fire FC played the Philadelphia Union at Soldier Field on Wednesday 14.⁴¹ The McCormick Place calendar lists PACK EXPO International from 18 to 21 October, the dates No. 8 printed.²³

Transit and closures. The Green and Pink Line interruption began on Tuesday 13 at 04:00 CDT and keeps its printed end, Monday 26 at 04:00 CDT. The Columbus Day Parade reroutes, the Blue Line single-tracking and the farmers-market reroutes printed in No. 8 have left the CTA feed after their printed ends. The Schiller Street, Holden Court and McCormick Place busway crane closures ended on their printed dates.^{1, 5} The Loop elevated suspension of 24 to 26 October and the DuSable Lake Shore Drive bridge closure of 22 to 23 October are new since No. 8.^{1, 3}

CPD alerts. 11 alerts were published after the previous edition's feed reading, from Oct 12, 13:51 CDT to Oct 16, 19:42 CDT; ten are counted. On the same counting rule the 30-day count moves from 23 to 30, districts stay at 17, robbery-classified alerts move from 7 to 6 and multi-district alerts move from 5 to 8.^{15, 42}

Hotel strike. No. 8 reported the UNITE HERE Local 1 strike at six downtown hotels from Friday 9 October. The union's strike list dated 18 October names the Hilton Chicago and the Hyatt Regency Chicago and does not name the six hotels reported in No. 8.^{36, 37}

Corrections to No. 8.

- The Columbus Day Parade began earlier than the 12:30 CDT No. 8 printed from the organizer's page: Fox 32 reported opening ceremonies at 11:30 CDT at Wacker Drive and Dearborn Street, and the Chicago Sun-Times reported that the parade began at 11:30 CDT.^{43, 44}
- CPD has reissued the 6th District alert No. 8 listed as P25-02-016CA under the reference P26-2-016, with the same incidents.¹⁵
- The 6th and 22nd District alert No. 8 counted as P26-2-015 has been superseded by an updated alert, printed P25-02-015CA, that adds a third incident on 6 October.¹⁵

In the news

Chicago

- **Suspicious letters reach four Chicago-area congressional offices.** On Friday 16 October, four Chicago-area congressional district offices received suspicious letters during a wave of pre-election mailings to government offices in several states. One letter was found harmless and another Chicago office was evacuated as a precaution; the FBI and U.S. Capitol Police are investigating. For protective details: clients with a political or public profile should confirm mail screening and evacuation procedures before the 3 November election.⁴⁵

World

- Nothing significant in this period.

EP and VIP

- **Secret Service deputy director announces departure.** On Friday 16 October, the deputy director of the U.S. Secret Service announced that he would leave the post, with a last day expected on 7 November, less than a week after he and the agency director described on national television the volume of threats against the President and other protectees, 10,000 investigated this year.⁴⁶

08 Holidays and observances

DATE	OBSERVANCE	WHAT IT MEANS FOR MOVEMENT
From Mon, Oct 19	Early voting in all 50 wards, 3 November general election	Early voting runs at sites in every ward, including 137 S State St and 69 W Washington St in the Loop, to 2 November. Hours not printed. ^{34, 47, 48}
Fri, Oct 23	Shabbat	Candle lighting at 17:38 CDT Friday; havdalah at 18:37 CDT Saturday. ³²

09 Workforce disruption

WARN FILINGS

One WARN notice in the region has a first separation date inside the window: Fulton Troika LLC (Fulton Market), 4501 W 42nd St, Chicago, in Cook County, lists 109 workers from 25 October to 30 November. Five notices that began earlier print separation dates or schedules that include the window, in Cook, DuPage and Will counties; one of their sites is

in the City, TV Hardward Distribution, 8600 W Bryn Mawr Ave. A supplemental Capital One notice in Riverwoods adds at least 431 workers from 6 October to on or about 5 November.⁴⁹

DATE	EMPLOYER	LOCATION	PEOPLE
Oct 25 to Nov 30	Fulton Troika LLC (Fulton Market)	Chicago, Cook	109
Oct 9 to Jan 8	TV Hardward Distribution, LLC	Chicago, Cook	116 (101 in October)
Oct 6 to about Nov 5	Capital One	Riverwoods, Lake	at least 431 additional
Sept 4 to Oct 30	CJ Logistics America, LLC	University Park, Will	89 (30 in October)
June 14 to Oct 27	Silver Star Protection Group	Rolling Meadows, Cook	64

DATE	EMPLOYER	LOCATION	PEOPLE
Oct 4 to Dec 31, each “or within 14 days after”	GreenWood, Inc.	Hanover Park, DuPage	28
Sept 6 to Apr 1, each “or within 14 days after”	D&H Distributing Company	Bolingbrook, Will	68 (2 in October)

Counts and causes are as the employer filed them. Nothing in a WARN filing describes conduct, and nothing here suggests any named employer or workforce presents a risk.

10 Asked and answered

Is DuSable Lake Shore Drive closed this week?

Only overnight on Thursday 22 October, at the Chicago River. The DuSable Lake Shore Drive bridge, 148 to 500 N, is fully closed from 22:00 CDT Thursday to 05:00 CDT Friday for testing after electrical work, with northbound traffic detoured via Wacker Drive, Columbus Drive and Illinois Street and southbound traffic via Grand Avenue, Columbus Drive and Wacker Drive; the backup date is Thursday 29 October. On Sunday 25 the southbound exit onto N Michigan Avenue and E Lake Shore Drive between Michigan and Walton close for a helicopter lift at 103 E Oak St, from 09:00 to 11:00 CDT; the City permit lists the streets but prints no closure type or hours, and the 42nd Ward newsletter is the only source for the closure and the hours.

What is the worst window for movement in Chicago this week?

Thursday 22 October from 17:15 CDT, when gates open at Soldier Field for the Bears' 19:15 CDT game against the New England Patriots; Soldier Field has a venue maximum of 63,500. The DuSable Lake Shore Drive bridge over the Chicago River closes from 22:00 CDT the same night, and the Jonas Brothers play Allstate Arena in Rosemont from 19:30 CDT. Saturday 24 carries the most constraints of any single day, with the Loop elevated suspended from 04:00 CDT and the Arts in the Dark parade on Columbus Drive from 18:00 CDT.

Which streets are closed for events?

79 special-event permits touch the week, 55 of them block parties, and 47 of the block parties fall on Saturday 24. The main event closures are Columbus Drive from 100 to 1200 S for the Arts in the Dark parade and Waldron Drive from DuSable Lake Shore Drive to Special Olympics Drive for the ALS Walk, both on Saturday 24, and N Milwaukee Avenue from Damen to Ashland for Meet Me On Milwaukee and N Simonds Drive from 4400 to 5100 N for a race, both on Sunday 25. On Friday 23 school events close N Orchard Street and blocks of Orleans, Willow and Eugenie Streets.

Will weather delay flights at O'Hare or Midway?

Fog already has. O'Hare showed departure delays of 16 to 30 minutes, increasing, for low ceilings in the FAA status file at 11:00 CDT on Tuesday 20 October; Midway showed none, and neither airport had a ground stop, ground delay program or closure. Dense fog brought O'Hare visibility down to 1/8 mile on Tuesday morning, and the forecaster expects another chance of fog on Wednesday morning for terminals closer to the lake. Otherwise the forecast is dry all week, with no thunder in any hour, a precipitation chance of 4 percent at most and winds of 10 mph or less.

How many CPD alerts are open?

30 counted pattern alerts were published by the Chicago Police Department from 19 September to 18 October 2026, across 17 districts. 6 are robbery-classified and 8 name more than one district; the 1st District carries the most, 6. Following standing practice, 3 sexual-offense alerts and two alerts known only from their feed titles are listed but not counted, for 35 published. Alert counts measure how often the Department publishes a notice, not how much crime occurred.

What is the forecast?

Dry and mild for the rest of the week. Highs run from 65 on Tuesday to 69 on Sunday, under sunny skies Tuesday to Friday after patchy fog early Wednesday, mostly sunny skies Saturday and partly sunny skies Sunday, with lows from 48 to 54. No hour of the forecast carries thunder, the chance of precipitation is 4 percent at most, during the day on Sunday, and winds are light, 10 mph or less. The forecaster expects weak afternoon lake breezes to bring slightly cooler conditions right near the lake.

11 Ratings and color coding

HOW TO READ THE SHADING

Each rating scores how much something **constrains movement** across the period. None of them scores danger, and none of them scores a place.

LOW

No scheduled constraint. Normal routes, nothing on the calendar that changes them.

MODERATE

A predictable window will slow movement, and it has a defined end: stadium egress, a festival footprint, a holiday return build.

HIGH

A route or a capacity is **removed** rather than reduced, and there is no equivalent substitute.

DISCLAIMER ON THE RATINGS

The ratings are **TB Defense's own editorial judgement**, not an official designation and not a statistical model. They describe conditions as of publication and go stale. A Low rating is not an assurance of safety and a High rating is not a prediction of harm. Ratings apply to **movement across the region**, never to a neighborhood, a community or a group of people.

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