

CHICAGO WEEK AHEAD SECURITY BRIEF: SEPTEMBER 8–11, 2026

An open-source read on how scheduled events, street closures, weather and police notices constrain movement across the Chicago metropolitan area from Tuesday through Friday.

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EDITION NOTES AND CORRECTIONS

Archived edition. This brief covers Tuesday 8 to Friday 11 September 2026 and was published on Tuesday 8 September. Its window has passed. It is kept as a record and is not updated for later events.

Note on the rating (added 28 September 2026). The headline rating, Elevated, is not one of the three levels defined in Section 11. The 8 and 14 September editions used it for a week that sat between Moderate and High: several windows met the High definition, while most of the week's constraints had published start and end times. It is shown in the High color. The Symbolic date domain in Section 01 is rated High under a clause in Section 11 that counts a date carrying symbolic weight toward High. The scale on the Intelligence page, which later editions follow, does not include that clause. The ratings are left as published.

KEY FACTS, AT A GLANCE

RATING	Elevated. Four consecutive nights carry at least two tracked venues in use at once, and Friday carries the twenty-fifth anniversary of 11 September and the start of Rosh Hashanah in the same eight hours.
WORST WINDOW	Friday 17:00–21:00. A Wrigley day game empties into the evening rush while two arenas and an outdoor pavilion fill and synagogue attendance begins at sunset.
LARGEST SINGLE DRAW	Wednesday, Soldier Field, 19:30. Chicago Fire against Inter Miami. The club has published a rally towel giveaway for the first 20,000 fans, which is the clearest signal it expects a large gate. ³
ROUTE RISK	No full corridor closure downtown. The street festivals that open Friday sit on the north and northwest sides, on Milwaukee, Lincoln and Racine, and none of them touches the Loop or the lakefront. ¹⁵
TEN-DAY CLOSURE	West Grace Street and North Pine Grove Avenue close in full from Friday 11 September through Monday 21 September for a synagogue’s High Holy Days. That is not a festival, and it is not one day. ¹⁵
WORKFORCE	No WARN separation date falls inside this window. The next metropolitan date is 15 September. ¹⁴
NOT IN THIS EDITION	No air travel section: the FAA status feed was unreachable at publication. Planned gatherings are listed in Section 06.

01 Week risk dashboard

8 DOMAINS

Ratings score constraint on movement, not danger.

DOMAIN	RATING	WHY
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Overall travel	ELEVATED	Every evening in this window has at least two tracked venues live at once. Tuesday two, Wednesday two, Thursday three, Friday four. ^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
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DOMAIN	RATING	WHY
Symbolic date	HIGH	Friday is the twenty-fifth anniversary of 11 September and the sunset start of Rosh Hashanah. Nine published ceremonies across the metropolitan area, most of them suburban and outdoors. ^{13, 19, 20}
Street closures	MODERATE	Sixteen permitted events. Four full closures matter: one Gold Coast evening on Wednesday and three north-side festivals opening Friday. No downtown corridor is removed. ¹⁵
Stadium and arena load	HIGH	A three-game White Sox home stand, a Fire fixture against the strongest visiting draw on the home calendar, a Cubs day game, two United Center nights and a four-night arena run in Rosemont. ^{1, 2, 3, 5, 6}
Weather	LOW	Storms likely Wednesday before 13:00 with gusts to 15 mph. Otherwise dry and seasonal. No advisory or warning product in effect. ¹⁰
Police notices	MODERATE	Fifteen pattern alerts published in the thirty days to 8 September, spread across fourteen districts. Nothing new since 4 September. ^{11, 12}
Planned gatherings	MODERATE	Two listed inside the window: a Wednesday midday gathering on the UIC quad and a Friday morning court sitting in the Gold Coast. Seven more run from 12 through 19 September.
Workforce disruption	LOW	No separation date inside the window. The thirty-day forward calendar is heavy at both ends of the month. ¹⁴

Tuesday, September 8

MODERATE

82°

Two venues live. Both crowds move on the south lakefront.

MOSTLY SUNNY
SSE 5-10 MPH

- **Rate Field, 18:40:** White Sox host Pittsburgh, first of a three-game series. The club is running a discounted Tuesday promotion, which historically lifts walk-up attendance above a mid-week baseline.¹
- **Huntington Bank Pavilion, Northerly Island, 19:30:** TLC and Salt-N-Pepa with En Vogue. The pavilion is reached through Museum Campus, so its arrival and departure traffic runs on the same lakefront approaches as the ballpark crowd.⁴

Both crowds release within roughly an hour of each other. Overnight brings a 30 percent chance of showers and storms after 04:00, low near 73.¹⁰

Wednesday, September 9

HIGH

83°

Heaviest weekday load. Museum Campus and Bridgeport fill at once.

STORMS LIKELY BEFORE 13:00
60% CHANCE, GUSTS 15 MPH

- **UIC Quad, 803 S. Morgan Street, 11:00-12:00:** gathering listed under the campaign name “Defend Undocumented Students’ Right to Education.”
- **Soldier Field, 19:30:** Chicago Fire against Inter Miami. The club published a rally towel giveaway for the first 20,000 fans, which tells you what gate it is planning for. Inter Miami is the strongest visiting draw on the Fire’s home calendar.³
- **Rate Field, 18:40:** White Sox against Pittsburgh, second game.¹
- **Astor Street, Goethe Street and Scott Street:** full closure for Evening on Astor, one evening, Gold Coast.¹⁵

Museum Campus and Bridgeport fill within fifty minutes of each other on the same north-south corridors. Morning storms clear well before either gate opens, so the weather problem here is the commute rather than the event. Move anything time-sensitive early and treat DuSable Lake Shore Drive south of Roosevelt as unreliable from 17:30.¹⁰

Thursday, September 10

MODERATE

77°

Three arenas, three separate corridors. None competes for the same roads.

MOSTLY SUNNY
LOW 63

- **United Center:** Jungle, world tour date. The venue listing does not publish a start time; treat the Near West Side as loaded from 18:00.⁵
- **Allstate Arena, Rosemont:** Garth Brooks, first of four consecutive nights. The only multi-night arena residency in the window, and it sits beside O'Hare on the Mannheim and I-190 approaches.⁶
- **Rate Field, 18:40:** White Sox against Pittsburgh, series finale.¹
- **Stockton Drive and Clark Street, 1700-1900:** curb lane closed for the Green City Market Chef BBQ, Lincoln Park.¹⁵

Rosemont is the one to plan around if any movement touches O'Hare. A four-night arena run changes the hotel and rental car picture around the airport for the rest of the week.

Friday, September 11 HIGH

Anniversary and observance stack. Four venues live and the festivals open.

81°
SUNNY
LOW 66

- **Wrigley Field, 13:20:** Cubs host Pittsburgh in a day game. A weekday afternoon start releases into the evening rush rather than after it, so the ballpark empties onto the Red Line and Lakeview streets between 16:00 and 17:00 instead of after 22:00.²
- **Loyola University Corboy Law Center, 25 E. Pearson Street, 09:00:** the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, Sixth Division sits for oral argument.
- **United Center:** Eric Clapton.⁵
- **Huntington Bank Pavilion, Northerly Island:** Dermot Kennedy.⁴
- **Allstate Arena, Rosemont:** Garth Brooks, second night.⁶
- **Three street festivals open:** Musky Fest on Nelson and Racine, Oktoberfest on Lincoln and Leland, and Throwback Music Fest across six blocks of Milwaukee Avenue, all under full closure through Sunday.¹⁵
- **West Grace Street and North Pine Grove Avenue:** full closure begins for a synagogue's High Holy Days and stays in force through 21 September.¹⁵

Weather is clean all day, sunny and 81, which removes the usual excuse for late arrivals and means every gate fills on schedule.¹⁰

WHAT FRIDAY EVENING CARRIES

Friday is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the September 11 attacks. Anniversary years ending in five and zero draw larger ceremonies and more elected officials to firehouses, federal buildings and first responder memorials. The published Chicago-area ceremonies are listed in Section 08.^{19, 20}

Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset the same evening and runs to nightfall Sunday, bringing high synagogue attendance across three days.¹³

The two are separate populations in different parts of the region, and they peak within a few hours of each other. Anyone staffing both is drawing on one pool of detail hours.

Sixteen permitted street events fall inside this window. Most are single-block parties that matter only to the block they sit on. Six are worth planning around. One of them is a ten-day closure rather than an event.

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS
Wed, Sept 9	Evening on Astor	Full	Astor Street 1205 to 1328, Goethe Street 40 to 57, Scott Street 1 to 70. Gold Coast, one evening.
Wed, Sept 9	Project Hood Playstreet	Full	South Ellis Avenue, 6300 to 6500.
Thu, Sept 10	Green City Market Chef BBQ	Curb lane	Stockton Drive and Clark Street, 1700 to 1900. Lincoln Park.
Fri, Sept 11 – Mon, Sept 21	Anshe Emet High Holy Days	Full	West Grace Street 701 to 730 and North Pine Grove Avenue 3744 to 3769. Ten days, not one.
Fri, Sept 11 – Sun, Sept 13	Throwback Music Fest	Full	North Milwaukee Avenue, 5900 to 6120. Six blocks of an arterial, Jefferson Park.
Fri, Sept 11 – Sun, Sept 13	Musky Fest, 35th annual	Full and curb lane	West Nelson Street 1200 to 1259, North Racine Avenue 2946 to 3110. West Lakeview.
Fri, Sept 11 – Sun, Sept 13	Oktoberfest	Full	West Leland Avenue 2300 to 2333, North Lincoln Avenue 4644 to 4710. Lincoln Square.
Fri, Sept 11	Hispanic Heritage Celebration	Curb lane	West 47th Street at 1724.

Special event permits filed with the Chicago Department of Transportation, permit type DOT_SE, filtered to start dates inside the window.¹⁵ Eight single-block party permits are omitted. Permits get amended and some are never executed.

THE TEN-DAY CLOSURE

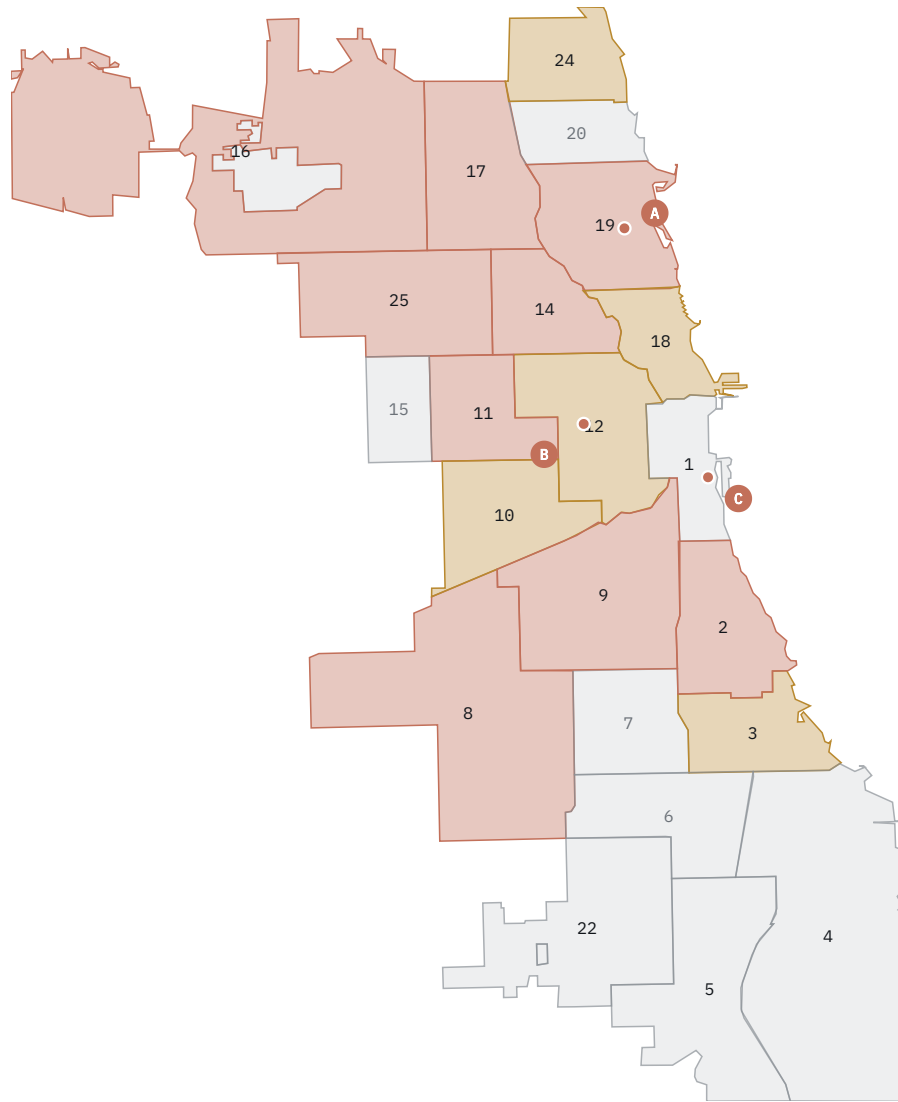
The Anshe Emet permit closes West Grace Street and North Pine Grove Avenue in full from Friday 11 September through Monday 21 September, the ten days running from the start of Rosh Hashanah to the end of Yom Kippur. It is the one entry in the closure table that outlasts the window this edition covers.¹⁵

Three of the four Friday street festivals sit on the north and northwest sides. None of them touches the Loop or the lakefront, so they do not compound the Wrigley release or the arena traffic. They do compete for the same police detail hours across the same weekend.

04 Districts and neighborhoods

INTERACTIVE^{11, 12}

CPD issues alerts by district number. Most people know the city by neighborhood. The map shades each district by how many pattern alerts CPD published for it in the thirty days before this brief. Select any district for its official CPD name, the neighborhoods it covers, and every alert published for it in that window.^{11, 12}



Marked on the map

- **A · 19th District, Town Hall.** Wrigley Field, Cubs at 13:20 Friday. Musky Fest opens on Nelson and Racine the same day, and the Grace Street closure begins Friday and runs ten days.
- **B · 12th District, Near West.** United Center, Thursday and Friday nights, back to back.
- **C · 1st District, Central.** Soldier Field Wednesday for the Fire fixture, and the Northerly Island pavilion Tuesday and Friday. The 1st drew no pattern alert in thirty days, and it carries the heaviest crowd load of the week.

Allstate Arena sits in Rosemont, outside the city and outside this map. Rate Field sits in the 9th District, shaded for two. District 31 is an administrative polygon with no residential population, which is why the map carries twenty-three shapes and twenty-two patrol districts.

The Chicago Police Department publishes community and business alerts as public notices. Fifteen pattern alerts were published in the thirty days to 8 September. Nothing new has been issued since 4 September, which covers the Labor Day weekend and the four days after it.^{[11](#), [12](#)}

The pattern in the open set is commercial burglary and strong-arm robbery, and it is spread wide rather than concentrated. Two of the most recent alerts name four or more districts at once, which is how CPD signals a pattern that is moving rather than a hot block.

PUBLISHED	DISTRICTS	SERIES	PATTERN	REFERENCE
Sept 4, 15:48	16, 25	Business	Commercial Burglaries	P26-5-015 BA
Sept 2, 21:15	16, 17	Community	Strong-Arm Robberies & Burglaries from Motor Vehicle	P26-5-014
Sept 1, 22:58	9, 14, 17, 19	Business	Commercial Burglaries	26-CWP-024
Sept 1, 01:03	8, 9	Business	Armed Robberies (update)	P26-1-069 A
Aug 29, 21:50	19	Community	Motor Vehicle Thefts / Scooters	P26-3-028
Aug 28, 14:10	18	Community	Burglaries	P26-3-025
Aug 26, 00:37	12	Community	Burglaries & Criminal Damage to Vehicles	P26-3-027
Aug 25, 23:09	2, 3	Business	Burglaries	P26-1-071
Aug 24, 21:34	14, 17, 25	Community	Armed Robberies with a Knife (update)	P26-5-012A
Aug 22, 20:07	2	Community	Armed Robberies	P26-1-070
Aug 21, 19:11	24	Community	Armed Robberies	P26-3-26
Aug 18, 20:44	11	Community	Armed Robberies	P26-4-020
Aug 18, 17:48	25	Business	Commercial Burglaries	P26-5-013
Aug 14, 16:54	8, 10, 14	Community	Armed Robberies (seeking to identify, update)	26-CWP-023 A
Aug 10, 19:36	11	Community	Burglaries from Motor Vehicle & Robbery	P26-4-017

Shaded rows involve robbery. Alerts naming no district, and alerts covering sexual offenses and missing persons, are not counted in the pattern totals above. An alert stays listed until CPD removes it, so a listing does not mean an incident is ongoing.

06 Planned gatherings

9 LISTED

Gatherings scheduled across the city and the days ahead, by date, district and address, each one carrying its own source. Each is a stated intent to gather at a place and a time. Nothing here speaks to the cause, the organizers or the likely conduct.

DATE AND TIME	DISTRICT	LOCATION	LISTED AS	NOTE
Wed, Sept 9, 11:00–12:00	012	UIC Quad, 803 S. Morgan Street	“Defend Undocumented Students’ Right to Education”	Campus quad, midday, one hour. ²⁷
Fri, Sept 11, 09:00	018	Loyola University Corboy Law Center, 25 E. Pearson Street	Illinois Appellate Court, First District, Sixth Division, oral argument	Not a demonstration. Listed because it puts a court sitting in a Gold Coast academic building. ²⁸

Listed after this window

Seven entries run from 12 through 19 September, on top of a Wrigley day game, a Soldier Field afternoon and three concerts.

DATE AND TIME	DISTRICT	LOCATION	LISTED AS	NOTE
Sat, Sept 12, 14:00–22:00	001	Butler Field, Grant Park, 350 E. Monroe	El Grito Chicago	Ticketed festival, Butler Field, both days. ^{24, 25, 26}
Sat, Sept 12, 16:00	012	Recess Chicago, 838 W. Kinzie Street	“Schrec’s Honor Ride”	Motorcycle memorial ride, River West. ²⁹
Sun, Sept 13, 11:00–18:00	024	6300 N. Ridge Avenue	Misericordia Family Fest	Rogers Park. ³⁰

DATE AND TIME	DISTRICT	LOCATION	LISTED AS	NOTE
Sun, Sept 13, 12:00	010	2556 S. California Avenue	26th Street Mexican Independence Day Parade	Little Village, 24 , 26
Sun, Sept 13, 14:00–22:00	001	Butler Field, Grant Park	El Grito Chicago, day two	25 , 26
Thu, Sept 17, 11:00	001	555 W. Monroe Street	“Constitution Day: Rally to Restore Second Chances”	31
Sat, Sept 19, 17:00	001	MCC Chicago, 71 W. Van Buren Street	“Running Down the Walls”	32

Venue schedule after this window

Scheduled events at the tracked venues that fall after 11 September and so sit outside the day cards in Section 02.

DATE AND TIME	VENUE	EVENT	NOTE
Sat, Sept 12, 13:20	Wrigley Field	Cubs vs Pittsburgh	Day game. Releases into the evening rush.
Sat, Sept 12, 15:00	Soldier Field	Chicago Football Classic	Mississippi Valley State vs Lincoln University. Lots open 11:00, doors 13:30.
Sat, Sept 12, 19:30	United Center	Robyn	
Sat, Sept 12, 19:30	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chief Keef Live 2026	Northerly Island, reached through Museum Campus.
Sat, Sept 12, 20:00	Wintrust Arena	Mojo Brookzz Outta Pocket Tour	McCormick Square.
Sun, Sept 13, 13:20	Wrigley Field	Cubs vs Pittsburgh	
Sun, Sept 13, 16:30	Soldier Field	Chicago Fire vs New England Revolution	The club announced 16:30 CT in July. Other listings carry 16:40.

DATE AND TIME	VENUE	EVENT	NOTE
Sun, Sept 13, 20:00	Wintrust Arena	Mojo Brookzz Outta Pocket Tour	Second night.
Mon, Sept 14 – Sat, Sept 19, 09:00	McCormick Place	International Manufacturing Technology Show	Six days. The largest single driver of hotel and airport movement in the month.
Thu, Sept 17, 18:40	Rate Field	White Sox vs Detroit	
Thu, Sept 17, 19:00	Wintrust Arena	Chicago Sky vs Washington Mystics	

07 Since the last edition

ONE INCIDENT

One event between the Labor Day weekend brief and this one bears on planning. It changes no rating in Section 01.

CANFIELD FAIR, OHIO

A man forced his way through the crowd toward Ohio gubernatorial candidate Amy Acton while she spoke at the Canfield Fair on Sunday 6 September, knocking several people down before Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers stopped him. He was carrying a taser and two pistols. The Mahoning County Sheriff's Office says nothing was drawn or taken from a holster. He was booked on disorderly conduct and two counts of assault, and bond has been set.^{17, 18}

The setting is the part that travels. This happened at a rope line, inside a venue with uniformed state police present, during prepared remarks. County fairs and street festivals put a public figure in an open crowd with no screening at the perimeter, and three of the closures in Section 03 describe that same kind of venue.

DATE	OBSERVANCE	RELEVANCE	PROTECTIVE NOTE
Fri, Sept 11	September 11, twenty-fifth anniversary	HIGH	Larger than usual ceremonies at firehouses, federal buildings and first responder memorials.
Fri, Sept 11 – Sun, Sept 13	Rosh Hashanah	HIGH	Sunset Friday to nightfall Sunday. Highest synagogue attendance to that point in the year, sustained across three days. ¹³
Mon, Sept 14	Holy Cross Day	LOW	Observed in Orthodox and some Western traditions. No movement implication. ¹³
Mon, Sept 14	Ganesh Chaturthi	LOW	Hindu festival. Processions and temple attendance where observed.
Mon, Sept 14	Fast of Gedaliah	LOW	Jewish fast day, dawn to nightfall, falling between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
Mon, Sept 14	International Day of Democracy	LOW	Observance rather than a scheduled event.
Tue, Sept 15 – Thu, Oct 15	National Hispanic Heritage Month	HIGH	Opens the day before Mexican Independence Day and runs a month. Institutional and civic events across the period.
Sat, Sept 12 – Wed, Sept 16	Mexican Independence Day	HIGH	The holiday falls on Wednesday 16 September. The movement problem is the weekend before it, 12 and 13 September, when two parades and a Grant Park festival run alongside downtown vehicle caravans. Detailed below. ^{13, 24, 25}
Sun, Sept 20 – Mon, Sept 21	Yom Kippur	HIGH	Sunset Sunday to nightfall Monday. The highest synagogue attendance day of the year. ¹³

Where the Chicago-area ceremonies are, September 11, 2026

Published observances for the twenty-fifth anniversary, taken from municipal and organizer announcements. Most are outdoors and free to attend, and several occupy a street or a park for part of the day.^{[19](#), [20](#)}

DATE AND TIME	OBSERVANCE	LOCATION	NOTE
Wed 9 – Sun 13	The Healing Field	Oak Brook Polo Grounds, 700 Oak Brook Rd, Oak Brook	Open around the clock for five days. 2,977 flags.
Fri 11, 06:00	Naperville ruck march	Safety Town, 1320 Aurora Ave, Naperville	Three miles on foot. Registration opens 05:00. Runs rain or shine.
Fri 11, 07:30	St. Charles Fire Department ceremony	Fire Department Memorial, 2 E. Main St, St. Charles	Moment of silence, wreath laying, 21-gun salute.
Fri 11, 09:00	Will County joint police and fire ceremony	Joliet City Square, 91 N. Chicago St, Joliet	First combined ceremony by the county fire and police chiefs associations.
Fri 11, 09:00	Elmhurst Day of Remembrance	Outside Fire Station No. 2, Elmhurst	Memorial incorporates a steel column from the World Trade Center.
Fri 11, 10:30	Wheaton remembrance ceremony	Memorial Park bandshell, 225 Karlskoga Ave, Wheaton	Mayor, police and fire honor guard, municipal band, bagpiper. Draws a large crowd.
Fri 11, 15:00–19:00	River Forest LemonAid	700 block of Bonnie Brae, River Forest	Block party in its 25th year. Residential street occupied for four hours.
Fri 11, evening	Cmdr. Dan Shanower memorial ceremony	Riverwalk behind 400 S. Eagle St, Naperville	Listings give 17:00 and 18:00, with the carillon before the program. Moves indoors in rain.
Sat 12, 09:11	9/11 Heroes Run	Community Park, 8 Bridges Dr, South Barrington	Travis Manion Foundation. Course run on park and residential roads.

Naperville also lights two beams behind the Municipal Center from dusk Thursday to dawn Friday.^{[20](#)} Every entry above sits outside the City of Chicago, so none of it appears in the CDOT permit feed that drives Section

03. Start times are as published and change without notice.

Mexican Independence Day, and what the last two years looked like

The holiday is Wednesday 16 September. The traffic event is not the sixteenth. It is the weekend before, and this year that weekend is 12 and 13 September, the two days immediately after this edition closes.

DATE AND TIME	EVENT	WHERE	NOTE
Sat 12 – Sun 13	El Grito Chicago	Butler Field, Grant Park	Ticketed festival across both days. Jackson closes from Columbus to DuSable Lake Shore Drive. ^{24, 25, 26}
Sun 13, 09:00	El Grito 5K family run and walk	26th St, Kostner to Kedzie, ending at Manuel Perez Jr. Plaza	Runs on the parade route hours before the parade. ²⁴
Sun 13, 12:00	26th Street Mexican Independence Day Parade	Steps off at the Little Village arch, 26th and Albany, west to Kostner	Described by the city's tourism bureau as one of the largest parades in the Midwest. ²⁶
Sun 13, 13:00	South Chicago parade	South on Commercial Ave from 87th St, disbanding around 101st to 103rd	Second parade the same afternoon, ten miles from the first. ²⁴

The organizer and the city's tourism bureau both give the festival as Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September.^{25, 26} One television listing pairs those weekdays with the dates 13 and 14, which do not fall on those days this year.²⁴ The organizer controls.

THE DOWNTOWN PERIMETER IS A DECISION, NOT A SCHEDULE

For the past two years the city has held the same posture: close the central business district if the caravans grow, and admit residents, employees, deliveries, emergency vehicles and ticket holders through a fixed set of controlled intersections. Reporting on this year names eight of them: Halsted at Washington, Madison and Jackson; Division and LaSalle; Roosevelt and Canal; Taylor and Desplaines; and 18th at State and at Indiana.²⁴

In 2024 the perimeter ran from DuSable Lake Shore Drive west to Halsted and from Division south to 18th, sealed on the Saturday evening, with ten access points where residents and workers showed a license or an employee badge and visitors showed a reservation or a ticket. IDOT closed the eastbound Ohio feeder ramp off the Kennedy and the inbound ramp to the Byrne interchange. A caravan under Mexican flags blocked part of Michigan Avenue anyway.²³ Across that four-day weekend police arrested 69 people, at least 19 of them on illegal gun possession.²¹

In 2025 the city said it was prepared to close streets from the Friday through the Tuesday holiday and named the same kind of intersection list. The 2nd and 42nd Ward alderpersons handed access passes to building managers ahead of the weekend. Officials also said publicly that losing the sanctioned festival could push more people into caravans rather than fewer.^{21, 22}

The perimeter is called on the night rather than published in advance, so a route that works at 18:00 may not exist at 21:00, and with the entry points fixed the question for any vehicle is which of the eight it can still reach.

09 Workforce disruption

NONE IN WINDOW¹⁴

Illinois employers meeting the federal and state WARN thresholds file advance notice of closures and mass layoffs with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The filings carry a date set roughly sixty days ahead, which puts a large number of people at one address on one known day.

No scheduled separation falls inside this window. The next metropolitan date is 15 September in Woodridge. The thirty-day calendar is loaded at both ends of the month.

DATE	EMPLOYER	LOCATION	PEOPLE	NOTICE	TYPE	SECTOR AND STATED CAUSE
Tue, Sept 15	Niagara Bottling and Waters of America	Woodridge	57	Plant closure		Retail trade. Reorganization.

DATE	EMPLOYER	LOCATION	PEOPLE	NOTICE TYPE	SECTOR AND STATED CAUSE
Fri, Sept 18	D & H Distributing	Bolingbrook	2	Plant closure	Wholesale trade. Relocation.
Fri, Sept 25	INEOS Styrolution America	Channahon	15	Plant closure	Manufacturing. Faltering company, financial, restructuring.
Wed, Sept 30	Four employers, four sites	Chicago, Chicago Heights, Elk Grove Village, Geneva	510	Mixed	Transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, professional services. Two of the four involve a union.
Sat, Oct 3	Essendant and CJ Logistics	Lincolnshire, Carol Stream, University Park	662	Plant closure	Wholesale trade and warehousing.

The thirty-day picture

Fifteen separation events are scheduled across the metropolitan counties in the next thirty days, covering 1,736 people. Two dates carry two thirds of that. September 30 separates 510 people at four sites in one day. October 3 brings 662 more, most of it at a single wholesale company across two suburban sites. Neither date is an accident. Employers cluster separations at month end and quarter end because payroll, benefits and severance run on those cycles.¹⁴

Where it concentrates

The forward calendar is a distribution center and back office story rather than a factory one. It maps to the I-55 and I-88 warehouse corridors and the north suburban office band rather than the central business district. A WARN notice is a required employment disclosure. It marks where a large number of people meet a known event on a known date, and says nothing about any employer or workforce named above.

What is the busiest evening in Chicago this week?

Wednesday, September 9. Chicago Fire host Inter Miami at Soldier Field at 19:30 and the White Sox host Pittsburgh at Rate Field at 18:40. The two gates fill within fifty minutes of each other on the same north-south corridors, and the club has published a giveaway for the first 20,000 fans at Soldier Field. Treat DuSable Lake Shore Drive south of Roosevelt as unreliable from 17:30.

Why does Friday, September 11, 2026 need separate planning?

Two independent drivers land in the same eight hours. It is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the September 11 attacks, and anniversary years ending in five and zero draw larger ceremonies at firehouses, federal buildings and first responder memorials. Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset the same evening and runs to nightfall Sunday, bringing the highest synagogue attendance of the year to that point. The two populations are in different parts of the region and peak within hours of each other.

Which Chicago streets are closed this week?

Astor Street, Goethe Street and Scott Street close in full on Wednesday evening for Evening on Astor. From Friday through Sunday, North Milwaukee Avenue closes from 5900 to 6120 for Throwback Music Fest, West Nelson Street and North Racine Avenue close for Musky Fest, and West Leland Avenue and North Lincoln Avenue close for Oktoberfest. West Grace Street and North Pine Grove Avenue close in full from Friday 11 September through Monday 21 September for a synagogue's High Holy Days, which is ten days rather than one.

Is there a Bears game at Soldier Field this week?

No. The Bears open on the road at Carolina on Sunday, September 13. The first home game of the season is Sunday, September 20 against Minnesota. Soldier Field is in use this week for the Chicago Fire fixture on Wednesday, September 9.

How many CPD pattern alerts are open in Chicago right now?

Fifteen pattern alerts were published across the community and business series in the thirty days to 8 September. Fourteen of the twenty-two patrol districts are named in at least one. Eight districts are named in none: the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 15th, 20th and 22nd. Nothing new has been issued since 4 September.

What is the Chicago weather forecast for September 8 to 11, 2026?

Tuesday is mostly sunny with a high near 82. Storms are likely on Wednesday before 13:00, high near 83, with a 60 percent chance of precipitation and gusts to 15 mph. Thursday is mostly sunny and cooler, high near 77. Friday is sunny with a high near 81. No advisory or warning product is in effect for the period.

Where are the 9/11 ceremonies in the Chicago area on September 11, 2026?

Published ceremonies for the twenty-fifth anniversary are almost all suburban. St. Charles holds its fire department ceremony at 07:30, Joliet a joint Will County police and fire ceremony at 09:00, Elmhurst a Day of Remembrance at 09:00 outside Fire Station No. 2, and Wheaton a ceremony at the Memorial Park bandshell at 10:30. Naperville runs a ruck march at 06:00 and the Cmdr. Dan Shanower memorial ceremony on the Riverwalk that evening. The Healing Field stands at the Oak Brook Polo Grounds from September 9 through 13, and River Forest holds its LemonAid block party from 15:00 to 19:00. None of these sits inside the City of Chicago.

When is Mexican Independence Day weekend in Chicago in 2026, and will downtown streets close?

Mexican Independence Day falls on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, but the celebrations concentrate on the weekend before it. El Grito Chicago runs Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13 at Butler Field in Grant Park, with Jackson closed from Columbus to DuSable Lake Shore Drive. The 26th Street parade steps off at noon Sunday at 26th and Albany in Little Village, and a second parade runs south on Commercial Avenue in South Chicago that afternoon. Downtown closures are conditional rather than scheduled: for the past two years the city has closed the central business district when car caravans grew, admitting residents, employees and ticket holders through controlled intersections at Halsted, Division, Roosevelt, Taylor and 18th Street.

Are any protests or public gatherings scheduled in Chicago this week?

Yes. Two are scheduled inside this window. A gathering at the UIC Quad, 803 S. Morgan Street, on Wednesday from 11:00 to 12:00 under the campaign name Defend Undocumented Students' Right to Education, and an Illinois Appellate Court oral argument at Loyola's Corboy Law Center at 09:00 Friday. Seven more are listed between 12 and 19 September.

Are any large layoffs scheduled in the Chicago area this week?

No. No WARN separation date falls between 8 and 11 September. The next metropolitan date is 15 September in Woodridge. Fifteen separation events covering 1,736 people are

scheduled across the metropolitan counties in the following thirty days, concentrated on 30 September and 3 October.

11 Ratings and color coding

Low

Movement is close to normal. Nothing in the domain removes a route, fills a corridor, or changes staffing.

Moderate

Movement is constrained in known windows. Plan around published start and end times and the constraint disappears.

High

Movement is constrained in a way that timing alone cannot solve. A route is removed, two large crowds release into the same roads inside an hour, or a date carries symbolic weight that changes institutional demand.

Where else the colors appear

The same three levels shade the day cards in Section 02 and the relevance column in Section 08. On the district map in Section 04 the shading counts published CPD alerts rather than rating anything.

Disclaimer on the ratings

A rating scores constraint on movement across the metropolitan region. It is not a crime forecast, a safety score for any neighborhood, or advice about any individual, group or community.

12 Sourcing and method

Every figure comes from the source named in the end notes. Nothing was estimated or carried over from a previous edition.

Venue schedules cover seven ticketed venues plus the resident teams' own published calendars. Street closures cover permits filed inside the City of Chicago and no suburb. District boundaries were retrieved once and drawn into this page as fixed geometry, so the map loads nothing at page load. Crowd sizes are not forecast anywhere in this brief; where a number appears it is the operator's own published figure.

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