

CHICAGO WEEK AHEAD SECURITY BRIEF: SEPTEMBER 14–20, 2026

An open-source read on how scheduled events, street closures, weather and police notices constrain movement across the Chicago metropolitan area from Monday 14 to Sunday 20 September, with a district map that carries every located item in the brief.

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EDITION NOTES AND CORRECTIONS

Archived edition. This brief covers Monday 14 to Sunday 20 September 2026 and was published on Monday 14 September. Its window has passed. It is kept as a record and is not updated for later events.

Changes after publication. 15 September: a planned gathering at City Hall was added to Section 06. 16 September: that entry was removed because no open source could be cited for it, and the full disclaimer was added. 22 September: CPD alert publication times in Section 05 were converted from the feed's UTC stamps to Chicago time, which moves two alerts to the previous day, and the eight downtown access points on the map were redrawn at their corners.

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. In this edition the Overall travel domain in Section 02 is rated High. Section 11 as published also counts a date that carries symbolic weight toward High; the scale on the Intelligence page, which later editions follow, does not. The ratings are left as published.

KEY FACTS, AT A GLANCE

RATING

Elevated. Every day carries at least one tracked venue live, Friday and Saturday carry four, and Sunday stacks a Bears kickoff, a White Sox afternoon game, the third day of Riot Fest and the Chicago River Swim on the same four hours.^{1, 2, 3, 4}

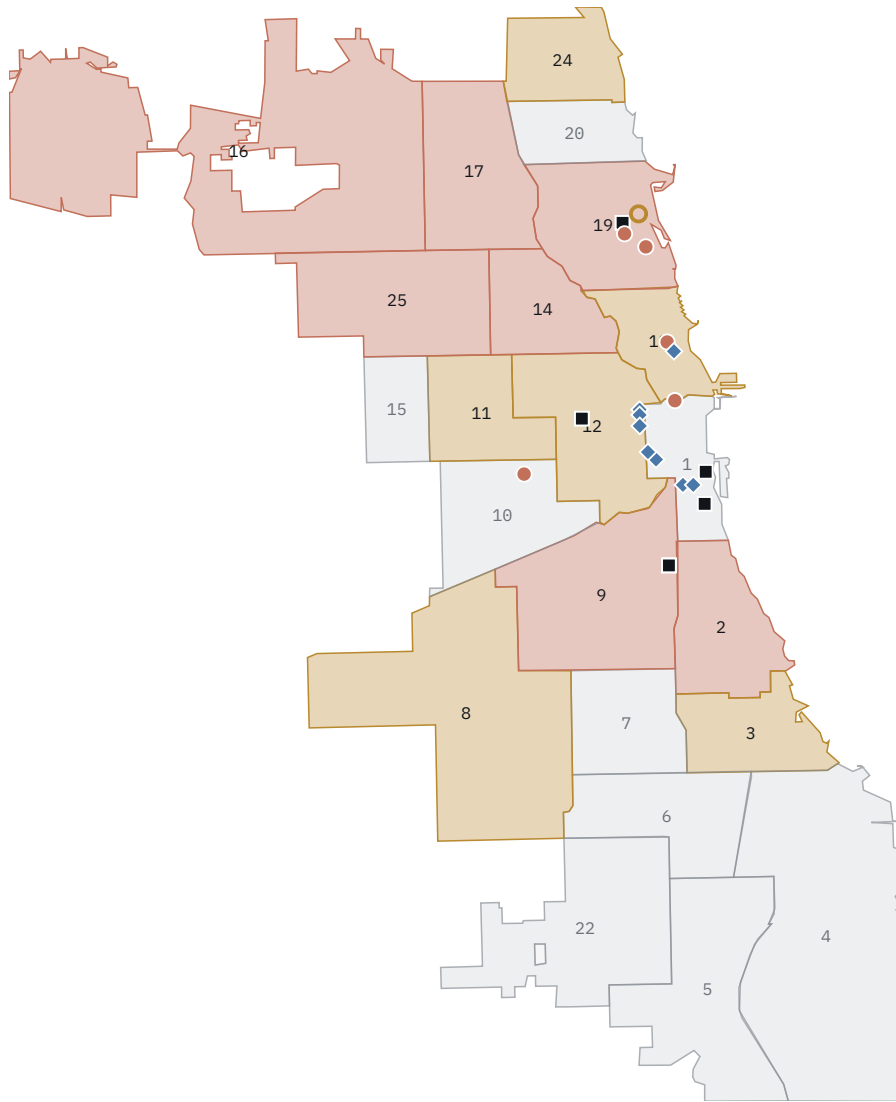
WORST WINDOW

Sunday 11:00–16:30. The Bears kick off at Soldier Field at 12:00 and the Sox at Rate Field at 13:10. Both crowds release between 15:00 and 16:30 onto DuSable Lake Shore Drive south of Roosevelt, the Dan Ryan and the Stevenson, with a 44 percent chance of thunderstorms over the afternoon.^{1, 2, 5}

01 Districts and what lands in them

INTERACTIVE^{6, 7, 8}

CPD issues alerts by district number. Most people know the city by neighborhood, and most of what this brief tracks has an address. The map below carries three layers. The first shades each district by how many pattern alerts CPD published for it in the thirty days to 14 September. The second draws every street-closure permit active in the window, colored by closure type, with a switch for the thirty days beyond it. The third places everything located in this edition on one surface: the venues in use, the festivals and races, the ten-day synagogue closure, and the eight downtown access points the City would use if it restricts vehicle traffic before Wednesday ends. Select a district and the panel lists everything above that lands in it.^{6, 8, 7, 9}



Shading counts CPD pattern alerts published 15 August to 14 September 2026, by district named in the alert; it counts police publications, not offences. The closures layer draws the 147 DOT_SE permits active 14 to 20 September 2026. The combined layer places every venue, festival, planned gathering, multi-day closure and downtown access point in this edition. Venues sit at their street address and intersections on the city grid, accurate to about a block.

Every district, the same facts as text

DISTRICT	OFFICIAL NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	ALERTS, 30 DAYS	CLOSURES IN WINDOW	IN THIS EDITION
1st	Central	The Loop, South Loop, Printers Row, Dearborn Park, Grant Park and the Museum Campus	0	3	McCormick Place; The Big Jump, Chicago River Swim; Chicago River Swim; Soldier Field; 4 downtown access points

DISTRICT	OFFICIAL NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	ALERTS, 30 DAYS	CLOSURES IN WINDOW	IN THIS EDITION
2nd	Wentworth	Bronzeville, Grand Boulevard, Washington Park, Fuller Park	3	2	None located
3rd	Grand Crossing	South Shore, Greater Grand Crossing, Woodlawn, Jackson Park	1	2	None located
4th	South Chicago	South Chicago, the East Side, Hegewisch, South Deering, Jeffery Manor	0	2	None located
5th	Calumet	Roseland, Pullman, West Pullman, Riverdale	0	1	None located
6th	Gresham	Auburn Gresham, Chatham, Gresham	0	1	None located
7th	Englewood	Englewood, West Englewood	0	1	None located
8th	Chicago Lawn	Chicago Lawn, Marquette Park, West Lawn, Ashburn, Garfield Ridge, Clearing	1	5	None located
9th	Deering	Bridgeport, Canaryville, Back of the Yards, McKinley Park, Armour Square	2	3	Rate Field
10th	Ogden	Little Village (South Lawndale), the south end of North Lawndale, Heart of Chicago	0	3	Riot Fest 2026
11th	Harrison	East and West Garfield Park, and the south end of Humboldt Park	1	3	None located
12th	Near West	West Loop, Fulton Market, Greektown, Little Italy, University Village, Pilsen and the Illinois Medical District	1	5	United Center; 3 downtown access points

DISTRICT	OFFICIAL NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS	ALERTS, 30 DAYS	CLOSURES IN WINDOW	IN THIS EDITION
14th	Shakespeare	Logan Square, Wicker Park, Bucktown and the north end of Humboldt Park	2	11	None located
15th	Austin	Austin	0	3	None located
16th	Jefferson Park	Jefferson Park, Norwood Park, Edison Park, Portage Park, Forest Glen, O'Hare	3	21	None located
17th	Albany Park	Albany Park, Irving Park, Mayfair, North Park, part of Avondale	3	14	None located
18th	Near North	River North, the Gold Coast, Streeterville, Old Town and the Magnificent Mile	1	10	Old Town Oktoberfest; 1 downtown access point
19th	Town Hall	Lakeview, Wrigleyville, Northalsted, Roscoe Village, North Center, part of Lincoln Park	2	30	Wrigley Field; Lakeview East Festival of the Arts; Race to Wrigley 5K; Anshe Emet High Holy Days closure
20th	Lincoln	Lincoln Square, Ravenswood, Andersonville, Uptown, part of Edgewater	0	4	None located
22nd	Morgan Park	Morgan Park, Beverly, Mount Greenwood, Washington Heights	0	17	None located
24th	Rogers Park	Rogers Park, West Ridge, part of Edgewater	1	3	None located
25th	Grand Central	Belmont Cragin, Hermosa, Montclare, Dunning, part of Portage Park	3	3	None located

Alert counts are of CPD publications naming the district, not of offenses. Closure counts are short-term DOT_SE permits active 14 to 20 September; standing seasonal permits such as farmers markets are listed in the map panel but not counted here.^{6, 8}

Ratings score constraint on movement, not danger.

DOMAIN	RATING	WHY
Overall travel	HIGH	Seven days, at least one tracked venue every day. Friday: Sox, United Center, Riot Fest, Old Town. Saturday: the same four plus Lakeview East and the Saturday block parties. Sunday: Bears, Sox, Riot Fest, the River Swim and a 5K at Wrigley. ^{10, 2, 11, 3, 1}
Symbolic date	MODERATE	Wednesday 16 is Mexican Independence Day, the last day of the City's downtown access-control plan. Yom Kippur begins at sunset Sunday, the highest synagogue attendance of the year. ^{9, 12}
Street closures	HIGH	147 permitted street events touch the window and 105 of them are single-block, single-day permits on Saturday alone. Eleven are worth planning around, listed in Section 04. ⁸
Stadium and arena load	HIGH	Wrigley Monday to Wednesday at 18:40. Rate Field Thursday to Sunday. United Center Friday and Saturday at 19:30. Soldier Field at noon Sunday. IMTS at McCormick Place Monday to Saturday. ^{10, 2, 11, 1, 13}
Weather	MODERATE	Thunderstorms likely Tuesday morning (80 percent), Wednesday (60 percent) and Thursday before 13:00. Weekend chances run 44 to 50 percent with highs of 78 to 82. ⁵
CPD alerts	MODERATE	Fifteen pattern alerts in the thirty days to 14 September, two of them new since the last edition. The 2nd, 16th, 17th and 25th Districts carry three each. ^{6, 14}
Planned gatherings	LOW	None listed inside the window.
Workforce disruption	LOW	One dated separation inside the window: Woodridge, Tuesday 15, 57 people. Three July notices carry "or within 14 days" dates that may land in the window. ^{15, 16}

Monday, September 14

MODERATE

72°

One venue live. The trade-show week opens on the near South Side.

PARTLY SUNNY
SE 10-15 MPH

- **Wrigley Field, 18:40:** Cubs host Atlanta, first of three. Weeknight Cubs traffic runs Addison, Clark and the Red Line from about 17:00.¹⁰
- **McCormick Place, all day:** IMTS opens and runs through Saturday. The organizer showed 80,697 registered on 14 September. Attendee movement concentrates on the King Drive and Martin Luther King approaches and the hotel shuttles from the Loop and Michigan Avenue.¹³
- **Downtown, all week:** the City's Mexican Independence Day plan stays in force through Wednesday. Street closures limiting vehicle access to the central business district may be put in place at police discretion, with eight access points for residents, employees and deliveries. Pedestrians are not affected.⁹
- **Fast of Gedaliah,** dawn to nightfall. No movement implication.¹²

Overnight brings a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 04:00, low near 67, south wind 15 to 20 mph with gusts to 30.⁵

Tuesday, September 15

MODERATE

80°

Storms in the morning commute. One evening venue.

STORMS 07:00-10:00, 80%
WSW 5-15, GUSTS 25

- **Morning:** showers and thunderstorms are forecast between 07:00 and 10:00 with an 80 percent chance, then a lingering chance through the day. Wet-road commute on every expressway.⁵
- **Wrigley Field, 18:40:** Cubs host Atlanta, second of three.¹⁰
- **Hoyne Avenue, evening:** El Grito Pilsen closes Hoyne 2250 to 2300 South, one block in the 10th District, on the eve of Mexican Independence Day.⁸
- **Woodridge:** the one dated WARN separation in the window. Niagara Bottling closes its Werch Drive plant, 57 people, on this date.¹⁵
- **National Hispanic American Heritage Month** opens today and runs to 15 October.¹⁷

Tuesday night keeps a 50 percent chance of storms, low around 68.⁵

Wednesday, September 16

MODERATE

70°

Mexican Independence Day. The downtown plan is live until the day ends.

STORMS LIKELY 07:00–13:00, 60%
NE 10 MPH

- **Central business district:** the OEMC plan names this as the final day. If police restrict vehicle access, the access points are Halsted at Washington, Madison and Jackson; Division at LaSalle; Roosevelt at Canal; Taylor at Desplaines; and 18th at State and at Indiana. Drivers entering for a reservation are asked to show proof. The eight points are plotted on the map in Section 01.⁹
- **Wrigley Field, 18:40:** Cubs host Atlanta, last of the series, then leave town for the weekend.¹⁰
- **McCormick Place:** IMTS, day three.¹³

Showers and thunderstorms are likely between 07:00 and 13:00, and likely again after 01:00 Thursday.⁵

Thursday, September 17

MODERATE

75°

The baseball load moves from the North Side to the South Side.

STORMS LIKELY BEFORE 13:00
NW 5 MPH

- **Rate Field, 18:40:** White Sox host Detroit, first of four. Traffic on the Dan Ryan at 35th and on the Red Line from about 17:00.²
- **McCormick Place:** IMTS, day four.¹³

Thursday night carries a chance of storms, low near 68.⁵

Friday, September 18 HIGH

Four venues, two of them new for the weekend. The river, the park and the arena all open.

78°

29% SHOWERS
E 5 MPH

- **Wacker Drive, 10:00 to 12:00:** The Big Jump puts registered swimmers into the river from 70 West Wacker in small groups. Curb lane taken on Wacker 2 to 80 West, State to Clark. The main stem is a working waterway with tour-boat traffic through the morning.^{4, 8}
- **Douglass Park, from 11:00:** Riot Fest day one. Gates 11:00, set times end 22:00. The permit fully closes Farrar Drive and Sacramento Drive inside the park and Marshall Boulevard 1900 to 2100 South, with curb lanes taken on Ogden, 19th Street, Albany and California. Main entrance at Ogden and Sacramento; the Pink Line California stop is the organizer's named transit route.^{3, 8}
- **Old Town, from 17:00:** Oktoberfest opens on Wells Street between Schiller and Evergreen. The permit fully closes Wells 1300 to 1365 North and Evergreen 202 to 304 West, with a curb lane on North Park.^{18, 8}
- **Rate Field, 18:40:** White Sox host Detroit.²
- **United Center, 19:30:** Phoebe Bridgers, first of two nights. Arena release meets the Old Town and Rate Field crowds on the Kennedy and the Dan Ryan around 22:30.¹¹
- **Roscoe Village, Bucktown, Norwood Park:** Retro on Roscoe, the Output anniversary party on Wood Street, and Norwood Park Fall Fest all open Friday and run through Sunday.⁸
- **Shabbat** candle lighting 18:36.¹²

Friday night stays mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, low near 70.⁵

Saturday, September 19

HIGH

82°

The block-party peak. 105 single-block permits, five festivals and four races on one day.

46% STORMS
SSW 10 MPH

- **Neighborhood streets, all day:** 105 single-block, single-day permits are filed for Saturday, the heaviest block-party date in the window. Most are north of North Avenue and west of the river. Each removes one residential block; the list is in the map panel for each district.⁸
- **Lakeview East, 11:00 to 22:00:** the Festival of the Arts closes Broadway from Belmont to Hawthorne. Art hours end at 19:00; the music and drink tents run to 22:00.^{19, 8}
- **Douglass Park, 11:00 to 22:00:** Riot Fest day two.³
- **Old Town, 11:00 onward:** Oktoberfest, day two.¹⁸
- **Races:** Austin P.O.W.E.R. 5K on Chicago Avenue 4800 to 5900 West and on Mayfield; HBCU Brunch and Run on East 75th; S.S. H.E.D. 5K on East 79th, ten blocks; Divas Chicago on Waldron Drive at the Museum Campus; Run with Pius on May Street in Pilsen, intermittent closure.⁸
- **Michigan Avenue:** the Fall Magnificent Mile Art Festival holds a sidewalk permit at 860 to 881 North, Saturday and Sunday. Pedestrian volume, not a lane closure.⁸
- **Rate Field, 18:10:** White Sox host Detroit.²
- **United Center, 19:30:** Phoebe Bridgers, second night.¹¹
- **McCormick Place:** IMTS closes today.¹³

A 46 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms through the day, high near 82, wind south-southwest at 10. Saturday night holds a 50 percent chance, low near 68.⁵

Sunday, September 20

HIGH

76°

The worst window of the week. Two stadiums release into the same roads inside ninety minutes.

44% STORMS
NE 10 MPH

- **Wrigleyville, 08:00:** Race to Wrigley 5K starts at 08:00. The permit fully closes a course of nine blocks: Sheffield 3440 to 3800, Clark 3440 to 4400, Montrose 1030 to 1430, Irving Park 1030 to 1300, Addison 1000 to 1200, Grace 1000 to 1100, and Seminary and Kenmore in between. The Cubs are in Cincinnati, so the course clears before any ballpark traffic.^{20, 8, 10}
- **Chicago River, morning:** the Chicago River Swim, expanded to 750 swimmers over one and two miles on the main stem. The City has not published a start time on the release; treat Wacker Drive and the riverwalk as occupied through the morning.⁴
- **Soldier Field, 12:00:** Bears host Minnesota, the first home game of the season. Gates and lots fill from 09:00. Release runs from about 15:15.^{1, 21}
- **Rate Field, 13:10:** White Sox host Detroit, last of four. Release runs from about 16:00. The two crowds share DuSable Lake Shore Drive south of Roosevelt, the Dan Ryan between 18th and 35th, and the Stevenson at the Ryan.²
- **Douglass Park, 11:00 to 22:00:** Riot Fest day three, the last release of the weekend onto Ogden and California.³
- **Lakeview East and Old Town:** both festivals run their final day from 11:00.^{19, 18}
- **Yom Kippur begins at sunset.** Candle lighting 18:33. Kol Nidre services fill synagogues from about 17:30, and the Anshe Emet closure on Grace Street holds through Monday.^{12, 8}

A 44 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high near 76, wind northeast at 10. Sunday night cools to 64.⁵

Sunday is the day to plan around. Two stadium releases inside ninety minutes on the same three corridors, with a festival and a river event already occupying the West Side and the Loop, is the heaviest single afternoon in this brief's three editions. Yom Kippur then moves the evening to the synagogues.^{1, 2, 3, 4, 12}

04 Street closures

147 PERMITTED EVENTS⁸

147 short-term street permits are active between Monday and Sunday, and 20 seasonal permits such as farmers markets run through the window as they have all summer. 105 of

the short-term permits are single-block, single-day closures on Saturday alone, and 15 more on Sunday. Each matters only to the block it sits on. Eleven are worth planning around.⁸

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Fri, Sept 11 – Mon, Sept 21	Anshe Emet High Holy Days	Full	W Grace Street 701 to 730; N Pine Grove Avenue 3744 to 3769. Lakeview. Runs through Monday 21 September, the day of Yom Kippur. A ten-day closure rather than an event.
Tue, Sept 15	El Grito Pilsen	Full	S Hoyne Avenue 2250 to 2300. Heart of Chicago, one block of Hoyne, the evening before Mexican Independence Day.
Fri, Sept 18	The Big Jump, Chicago River Swim	Curb lane	W Wacker Drive 2 to 80. Loop. Curb lane on Wacker Drive; jumps run 10:00 to 12:00 ⁴ .

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Fri, Sept 18 – Sun, Sept 20	Riot Fest	Curb lane and Full and Intermittent	S Farrar Drive 1250 to 1459; S Albany Avenue 1620 to 1859; W 19Th Street 2800 to 3100; S Sacramento Drive 1608 to 1895; N California Avenue 1500 to 1900; S Farrar Drive 1500 to 1899; W Ogden Avenue 2800 to 3100; W 19Th Street 2800 to 3100; S Marshall Boulevard 1900 to 2100. Douglass Park, three days. Gates 11:00, set times end 22:00. Main entrance at Ogden Avenue and Sacramento Drive. Full closures inside the park plus Marshall Boulevard; curb lanes on Ogden, 19th, Albany and California ... ³ .

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Fri, Sept 18 – Sun, Sept 20	Old Town Oktoberfest	Curb lane and Full	W Evergreen Avenue 202 to 304; N North Park Avenue 1340 to 1402; N Wells Street 1300 to 1365. Old Town. Wells Street 1300 to 1365 and Evergreen fully closed, Friday from 17:00, Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 ¹⁸ .
Fri, Sept 18 – Sun, Sept 20	Retro on Roscoe	Full	W Roscoe Street 2000 to 2300; N Bell Avenue 3340 to 3416; N Hamilton Avenue 3340 to 3416; N Hoyne Avenue 3340 to 3416; N Leavitt Street 3340 to 3416; N Seeley Avenue 3340 to 3416. Roscoe Village, three days, six blocks of Roscoe Street.

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Sat, Sept 19 – Sun, Sept 20	Lakeview East Festival of the Arts	Full	N Broadway 3200 to 3450; W Aldine Avenue 547 to 624; W Roscoe Street 540 to 619; W Melrose Street 544 to 617; W Buckingham Place 600 to 621. Broadway from Belmont to Hawthorne, Saturday 11:00 to 19:00 with music and food tents to 22:00, Sunday 11:00 to 19:00 ¹⁹
Sat, Sept 19	Austin P.O.W.E.R. 5K	Full	N Mayfield Avenue 800 to 900; W Chicago Avenue 4800 to 5900; N Mayfield Avenue 526 to 800; N Menard Avenue 526 to 800; W Race Avenue 5700 to 5900. Austin. Eleven blocks of Chicago Avenue plus Mayfield, Saturday morning.

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Sat, Sept 19	Divas Chicago race	Full	E Waldron Drive 406 to 499. Museum Campus, Saturday. Waldron Drive is the Soldier Field south lot approach.
Sat, Sept 19 – Sun, Sept 20	Fall Magnificent Mile Art Festival	Curb lane and Sidewalk	N Michigan Avenue 860 to 881; E Delaware Place 150 to 190; E Chestnut Street 150 to 190. Sidewalk permit, Michigan Avenue at Water Tower, Saturday and Sunday.

DATE	EVENT	CLOSURE	STREETS AND NOTE
Sun, Sept 20	Race to Wrigley 5K	Full	N Sheffield Avenue 3440 to 3800; N Clark Street 3440 to 3700; W Montrose Avenue 1030 to 1430; N Clark Street 3700 to 4400; N Kenmore Avenue 4000 to 4364; W Irving Park Rd 1030 to 1300; N Seminary Avenue 3800 to 3959; W Grace Street 1000 to 1100; W Addison Street 1000 to 1200. Wrigleyville and Uptown, a nine-block course on Sheffield, Clark, Montrose, Irving Park and Addison. Start 08:00 Sunday; the Cubs are away, so the course clears before any game traffic ²⁰ .

Permits get amended and some are never executed. The map's closures layer draws all of them, and the panel for each district lists every one, so a reader who cares about a particular block can find it without scanning 147 rows.⁸

The Chicago Police Department publishes community and business alerts as public notices. Fifteen alerts naming a district were published in the thirty days to 14 September. Two are new since the last edition: criminal damage to vehicles in the 2nd District on 10 September, and an attempted child luring in the 16th on the 11th. The 2nd, 16th, 17th and 25th Districts each carry three, and the open set is still mostly commercial burglary and robbery spread across the North and Northwest Sides.^{6, 14}

PUBLISHED	DISTRICTS	SERIES	PATTERN	REFERENCE
Sept 11, 16:57 CDT	16	Community	Attempted Child Luring	JK407955
Sept 10, 12:11 CDT	2	Community	Criminal Damage to Vehicles	P26-1-072
Sept 4, 10:48 CDT	16, 25	Business	Commercial Burglaries	P26-5-015 BA
Sept 2, 16:15 CDT	16, 17	Community	Strong-Arm Robberies & Burglaries from Motor Vehicle	P26-5-014
Sept 1, 17:58 CDT	9, 14, 17, 19	Business	Commercial Burglaries	26-CWP-024
Aug 31, 20:03 CDT	8, 9	Business	Armed Robberies (update)	P26-1-069 A
Aug 29, 16:50 CDT	19	Community	Motor Vehicle Thefts / Scooters	P26-3-028
Aug 28, 09:10 CDT	18	Community	Burglaries	P26-3-025
Aug 25, 19:37 CDT	12	Community	Burglaries & Criminal Damage to Vehicles	P26-3-027
Aug 25, 18:09 CDT	2, 3	Business	Burglaries	P26-1-071
Aug 24, 16:34 CDT	14, 17, 25	Community	Armed Robberies with a Knife (update)	P26-5-012A
Aug 22, 15:07 CDT	2	Community	Armed Robberies	P26-1-070
Aug 21, 14:11 CDT	24	Community	Armed Robberies	P26-3-26
Aug 18, 15:44 CDT	11	Community	Armed Robberies	P26-4-020
Aug 18, 12:48 CDT	25	Business	Commercial Burglaries	P26-5-013

Shaded rows involve robbery. Alerts naming no district, and alerts covering sexual offenses and missing persons, are not counted. Eight alerts in the window were excluded on those grounds: six from the Public Transportation Section and the Special Investigations Unit, which name no district, and two criminal sexual abuse alerts. An alert stays listed until CPD removes it, so a listing does not mean an incident is ongoing. Suspect photographs and descriptions are never reproduced here; the CPD page carries them.⁶

06 Planned gatherings

NONE LISTED

No planned gathering with an open, citable source falls inside this window. A gathering is listed here only where a permit, an organizer announcement or published reporting puts it on the record, and none did for these seven days. Absence from this section is not a statement that nothing is planned.

07 Since the last edition

ONE INCIDENT

One event between the 8 September edition and this one bears on planning. It changes no rating in Section 02.

Yankee Stadium, New York

At 21:11 on Friday 11 September, during the seventh inning of the Yankees and Mets game that carried the twenty-fifth anniversary commemoration, a spectator entered the outfield carrying a Palestinian flag. Stadium security and police reached him on the grass, brought him down and walked him off through the centre-field wall. The crowd threw drinks and chanted. Play resumed within minutes and the game finished.^{22, 23}

Two things travel. The time was chosen, which is what a symbolic date does to a televised venue. And an outfield wall is a low barrier with a long frontage; the spectator had reached open grass before anyone was close enough to stop him. Sunday's Bears opener is the first large televised crowd in Chicago since that date.

08 Holidays and observances

30-DAY HORIZON

DATE	OBSERVANCE	RELEVANCE	PROTECTIVE NOTE
Mon, Sept 14	Fast of Gedaliah	LOW	Jewish fast day, dawn to nightfall, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. ¹²
Tue, Sept 15 – Thu, Oct 15	National Hispanic American Heritage Month	MODERATE	Institutional and civic events across the period, opening the day before Mexican Independence Day. ¹⁷
Wed, Sept 16	Mexican Independence Day	HIGH	Final day of the City's downtown traffic plan. Closures at police discretion, eight named access points, pedestrians unaffected. ^{9, 24}
Fri, Sept 18	Shabbat	LOW	Candle lighting 18:36. Shabbat Shuva, the Sabbath between the High Holy Days, on Saturday. ¹²
Sun, Sept 20 – Mon, Sept 21	Yom Kippur	HIGH	Candle lighting 18:33 Sunday; the fast ends at nightfall Monday, 19:31. Highest synagogue attendance of the year. Anshe Emet holds a street closure on Grace Street through Monday. ^{12, 8}
Fri, Sept 25 – Sun, Oct 4	Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah	MODERATE	Sukkot begins at sunset Friday 25 September. Outdoor sukkahs at synagogues and homes for eight days. ¹²

09 Workforce disruption

ONE DATED SEPARATION IN WINDOW¹⁵

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.^{25, 15, 16}

One dated separation falls inside this window, in Woodridge on Tuesday. Three July notices give a first layoff date of 4 or 6 September "or within 14 days after," which means their

September separations can land on any day through the 18th or 20th. The workbook does not say which day.¹⁵

DATE	EMPLOYER	LOCATION	PEOPLE	NOTICE TYPE	SECTOR AND STATED CAUSE
Tue, Sept 15	Niagara Bottling, LLC and Waters of America	Woodridge	57	Plant closure	Specialty food retailer. Reorganization. ¹⁵
Sept 4, or within 14 days	INEOS Styrolution America	Channahon	64 in September	Plant closure	Plastics manufacturing. Faltering company. 94 in total through December. ¹⁵
Sept 4, then through Oct 30	CJ Logistics America	University Park	59 in September	Plant closure	Warehousing. 30 more in October. ¹⁵
Sept 6, or within 14 days	D&H Distributing Company	Bolingbrook	62 in September	Plant closure	Electronic parts wholesale. Relocation. 68 in total through April. ¹⁵
Wed, Sept 30	SCR Medical Transportation	Chicago, 8835 S. Greenwood Ave.	241	Layoff	Special-needs transportation. Lost contract. Union workforce. ¹⁵
Wed, Sept 30	Techmer PM (Colors for Plastics)	Elk Grove Village	68	Plant closure	Custom compounding. ²⁵
Wed, Sept 30	Eurofins Environment Testing North Central	Geneva	29	Layoff	Testing laboratory. ¹⁵

DATE	EMPLOYER	LOCATION	PEOPLE	NOTICE TYPE	SECTOR AND STATED CAUSE
Sat, Oct 3	Essendant	Lincolnshire and Carol Stream	644	Plant closure	Stationery and office supplies wholesale, two sites: 510 in Lincolnshire, 134 in Carol Stream. Financial. ¹⁶
Mon, Oct 5	Nordstrom	Lombard, Yorktown Center	101	Store closure	Department store. ¹⁶
Fri, Oct 9	TV Hardware Distribution	Chicago, 8600 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.	101 in October	Closure	Hardware wholesale. Consolidation and relocation; 15 more in January. ¹⁶
Fri, Oct 9	Heartland Human Care Services	Chicago, 2850 S. Wabash Ave.	2	Layoff	Human services. Union workforce. ¹⁶

The thirty-day picture

Eleven separation events with dates through 14 October cover 1,428 people across the metropolitan counties. Two dates carry most of it: 30 September, with 338 people at three sites, and 3 October, with 644 at one wholesaler's two suburban warehouses. Employers cluster separations at month end and quarter end because payroll, benefits and severance run on those cycles.^{25, 15, 16}

Where it concentrates

The forward calendar is a warehouse and distribution story on the I-55 and I-88 corridors and the north suburban office band, with two Chicago addresses on the far South and Northwest Sides. 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 day in Chicago the week of September 14, 2026?

Sunday, September 20. The Bears host the Vikings at Soldier Field at 12:00, the first home game of the season, and the White Sox host the Tigers at Rate Field at 13:10. Both crowds release between 15:00 and 16:30 onto DuSable Lake Shore Drive south of Roosevelt, the Dan Ryan and the Stevenson. Riot Fest runs its third day at Douglass Park from 11:00, the Chicago River Swim occupies the main stem in the morning, and Yom Kippur begins at sunset.

Is there a Bears game at Soldier Field on September 20, 2026?

Yes. Chicago Bears against Minnesota Vikings, kickoff 12:00 CDT, Soldier Field, 1410 Special Olympics Drive. It is the first Bears home game of the 2026 season. Lots and gates fill from mid-morning; the release runs from about 15:15.

When and where is Riot Fest 2026?

Friday September 18 to Sunday September 20, 2026, in Douglass Park on the West Side. The main entrance and box office are at West Ogden Avenue and South Sacramento Drive. Gates open at 11:00 and set times end at 22:00 each day. The organizer names the CTA Pink Line California stop as the transit route. Farrar Drive inside the park is closed under a City permit for all three days.

What streets are closed in Lakeview and Wrigleyville this weekend?

Broadway is closed from Belmont Avenue to Hawthorne Place on Saturday September 19 and Sunday September 20 for the Lakeview East Festival of the Arts, 11:00 to 19:00 with tents to 22:00 Saturday. Sheffield Avenue 3440 to 3800, Clark Street 3440 to 4400, Montrose, Irving Park, Addison and Grace are closed on Sunday morning for the Race to Wrigley 5K, which starts at 08:00. West Grace Street 701 to 730 is closed through Monday September 21 for Anshe Emet Synagogue's High Holy Days. Roscoe Street 2000 to 2300 West is closed Friday through Sunday for Retro on Roscoe.

Will downtown Chicago streets be closed for Mexican Independence Day on September 15 and 16, 2026?

Possibly. The City's Office of Emergency Management and Communications says its plan runs from Friday September 11 through the holiday on Wednesday September 16. Street closures limiting vehicle access to the central business district may be put in place at police discretion. If they are, access is limited to residents, employees, deliveries, emergency

services and people with a reservation, through eight access points: Halsted at Washington, Madison and Jackson; Division at LaSalle; Roosevelt at Canal; Taylor at Desplaines; and 18th at State and at Indiana. Pedestrians are not affected.

Which police district is Wicker Park in?

The 14th District, Shakespeare, which also covers Logan Square, Bucktown and the north end of Humboldt Park. The 14th District is named in two of the fifteen CPD pattern alerts published in the thirty days to September 14, 2026, both of them multi-district alerts.

Which police district covers the Loop and the Museum Campus?

The 1st District, Central. It covers the Loop, South Loop, Printers Row, Dearborn Park, Grant Park and the Museum Campus, which puts Soldier Field, McCormick Place and the Chicago River main stem in one district. No CPD pattern alert named the 1st District in the thirty days to September 14, 2026.

When does Yom Kippur begin in Chicago in 2026?

At sunset on Sunday, September 20, 2026. Candle lighting in Chicago is 18:33. The fast ends at nightfall on Monday, September 21, at 19:31. Kol Nidre services fill synagogues from late Sunday afternoon.

What is the weather forecast for the Bears home opener on September 20, 2026?

The National Weather Service forecast for the central city, updated at 14:31 on September 14, gives Sunday a 44 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 76 and a northeast wind around 10 mph. The forecast is five days out and will change.

How many CPD pattern alerts are open in Chicago in September 2026?

Fifteen community and business alerts naming a district were published in the thirty days to September 14, 2026. The 2nd, 16th, 17th and 25th Districts carry three each. Two are new since September 8: criminal damage to vehicles in the 2nd District and an attempted child luring in the 16th. Alerts naming no district, and alerts covering sexual offenses and missing persons, are not counted.

What is IMTS and when is it at McCormick Place in 2026?

IMTS is the International Manufacturing Technology Show, the largest manufacturing trade show in the Western Hemisphere. IMTS 2026 runs September 14 to 19 at McCormick Place. The organizer's site showed 80,697 registered on September 14.

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 03 and the relevance column in Section 08. On the district map in Section 01 the alert shading counts published CPD alerts rather than rating anything, and the closure colors mark closure type, not severity.

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, each of them a page retrieved on 14 September 2026. Nothing was estimated or carried over from a previous edition, with one stated exception: seven alerts CPD published between 15 and 26 August have rolled off the department's feed and are taken from the 8 September edition's own table, which cited the feed at the time.^{6, 14}

Venue schedules cover the two ballparks, Soldier Field, the United Center and three further ticketed venues, plus the Fire and Blackhawks calendars checked directly. Game times from

the MLB API are converted from UTC to Central Daylight Time.^{26, 27, 28, 21, 11} Street closures cover permits filed inside the City of Chicago and no suburb; a permit is a filing, not a street condition. District boundaries were retrieved once and drawn into this page as fixed geometry, so the map loads nothing at page load and works inside the PDF. Venues are placed at their street address and the eight access points on the city's address grid, accurate to about a block at this scale.^{10, 2, 29, 30, 8, 7}

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