

CHICAGO WEEKEND SECURITY BRIEF: LABOR DAY WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 4–7, 2026

An open-source read on how scheduled events, closures, weather, aviation and police notices constrain movement across the Chicago metropolitan area over the holiday weekend.

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EDITION NOTES AND CORRECTIONS

Archived edition. This brief covers Friday 4 to Monday 7 September 2026. It was published on Friday 4 September and the web edition was updated on Saturday 5 September, as set out below. Its window has passed. It is kept as a record and is not updated for later events.

Correction, 28 September 2026. The district map labeled the 31st District as “31th District”. The label is corrected. No count or rating changed.

28 September 2026: removed a source link that identified a victim, consistent with this brief’s policy.

KEY FACTS, AT A GLANCE

RATING	Moderate. Twelve festivals and parades run across the city and suburbs, three stadium-scale events sit on the lakefront and South Side, and one full-corridor closure removes the main north-south road on Sunday morning. Every constraint has a published start and end.
WORST WINDOW	Friday 17:00–22:30, Museum Campus. Two venues under a mile apart can release up to about 91,500 people onto the same roads inside one hour.
ROUTE REMOVED	DuSable Lake Shore Drive, Sunday from 06:00, 57th St. to Bryn Mawr Ave., for Bike the Drive. The organizer plans a rolling reopening 10:45–12:00; the Loop Alliance advisory lists the closure to 14:00. There is no equivalent substitute.
AIR TRAVEL	No ground stop, ground delay program or airport closure at O'Hare or Midway at publication. Friday is one of the heaviest outbound days of the late summer at both fields.
WEATHER	Friday stayed hot (93°F at O'Hare, Heat Advisory cancelled for Chicago late morning). Saturday through Monday: dry, highs 75–77.
CPD ALERTS	17 pattern alerts published in the 30 days before publication, across 18 districts. 10 robbery-classified. 7 span more than one district.
CLEAR	No permitted demonstration listed for the Loop or Near North. No new event closure permitted inside the Loop for the weekend beyond the standing State/Lake reconstruction closures and a one-day car show on the 200 block of S. La Salle St. on Sunday.

UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS IN THIS WEB EDITION (SEPT 5)

This page is the checked web edition of the brief circulated Friday morning. Every figure was re-verified against the primary source on Saturday, September 5. Changes from the Friday PDF: the Friday weather did not cool as the September 3 forecast suggested (a Heat Advisory covered Cook County on Friday and O'Hare reached 93°F); the Omar Courtz concert at the United Center on Saturday is listed as cancelled; ARC Music Festival (Union Park, Fri–Mon) and the African Festival of

the Arts (Washington Park, Sat-Mon) were added; the CPD alert table was rebuilt from the Department's own feed; WARN headcounts for INEOS Styrolution (64, not 49) and D&H Distributing (62, not 60) were corrected to the state filing, and Capital One's September 4 date is the end of a rolling layoff rather than a 58-person event; the Chicago Labor Day Parade steps off at noon, not 11:00; Taste of Melrose Park opens at 17:00 Friday; and the Loop closure note now reflects the standing State/Lake permits. Two items that could not be sourced were removed.

01 Weekend risk dashboard

8 DOMAINS

Ratings score how much a domain constrains movement, not how dangerous it is.

DOMAIN	RATING	WHY
Street closures	HIGH	Two full corridor closures. DuSable Lake Shore Drive (Sunday) and Division Street (Saturday-Sunday) are closed to vehicles, not narrowed. Washington and Warren boulevards at Union Park are closed Friday through Monday for ARC. ¹²
Overall travel	MODERATE	Twelve festivals and parades, three stadium-scale events and a holiday return build, all in predictable windows.
Air travel	MODERATE	Peak outbound volume Friday on both fields, with morning storm risk in the terminal area. No program in effect at publication. ¹³
Ground transport	MODERATE	State/Lake elevated station has been closed since January 5, 2026 for reconstruction, with reopening planned for 2029. Washington/Wabash and Clark/Lake substitute. ²⁰
Gatherings · metro	MODERATE	Two multi-day ticketed festivals in city parks (Union Park, Washington Park). Federal immigration enforcement, reported as continuing across the region through the summer, remains the largest source of unscheduled street assembly; no permit database records it. ²¹
CPD alerts	MODERATE	17 pattern alerts across 18 districts in the 30 days before publication. Ten robbery-classified, the largest single category. ¹¹
Weather	LOW	Friday's heat had a defined end. Saturday through Monday is dry and mild. ¹
Demonstrations · downtown	LOW	No permitted demonstration listed for the Loop or Near North across the weekend.

CLEARED · EXTREME HEAT WARNING EXPIRED 19:00 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

The National Weather Service issued an Extreme Heat Warning for Cook County at 01:08 Thursday, September 3, for heat index values of 100 to 105, the third consecutive day over 100. It expired at 19:00 Thursday.¹ A warning is a step above an advisory: warnings are issued when conditions are expected to be dangerous to the general population, advisories when conditions are significant but less severe. The tier decides which municipal cooling and emergency measures switch on, so it carries more operating information than the temperature by itself.

A separate Heat Advisory was issued for the whole region for Friday, September 4 (heat index 100 to locally 110, until 22:00). It was cancelled for Chicago and northern Cook County at 11:48 Friday after thunderstorm outflow brought cooler onshore flow, and stayed in effect for southern Cook and the collar counties through Friday evening. No heat product is in effect Saturday through Monday.¹

02 Weekend forecast

FRIDAY – MONDAY

Reading the capacity figures. Every figure below is a **venue maximum**, the largest number of people the venue is licensed to hold. It is not a ticket count, an attendance forecast or a prediction. A venue at half capacity produces roughly half the pedestrian and vehicle load. The figures are useful because they set the ceiling on how many people can arrive and leave through a fixed set of roads in a fixed window.²

Friday, September 4

HIGH

93°

Heaviest window of the weekend, 17:00 to 22:30, Museum Campus.

OBSERVED HIGH, O'HARE
HEAT ADVISORY (CANCELLED 11:48)

- **Soldier Field, 20:00:** Ye Live in Chicago, second of two nights. Venue capacity about 61,500.²
- **Huntington Bank Pavilion, Northerly Island, 19:00:** BABYMETAL World Tour. Venue capacity about 30,000.²
- **Rate Field, 18:40:** White Sox vs. Minnesota Twins. Venue capacity about 40,600.²
- **Millennium Park, 11:30–21:00:** Chicago Jazz Festival, day two of four (opened Thursday, runs through Sunday). Free.³
- **Union Park, 1501 W. Randolph St.:** ARC Music Festival opens, four days through Monday. Ticketed, 18+. W. Washington Blvd. and W. Warren Blvd. at the park are fully closed Friday through Monday.^{12, 22}
- **Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., 16:30–22:30:** Taste of Polonia opens, through Monday. N. Lipps Ave. (4800–4850) closed through Monday.^{4, 12}
- **Melrose Park, 17:00–23:00:** Taste of Melrose Park opens, through Sunday.⁵
- **Maywood Veterans Park, 17:00–22:00:** Maywood Fest opens, through Sunday.⁶
- **Downtown Naperville, 17:00–22:00:** Naperville Jaycees Last Fling opens, through Monday.⁷

What it means. Soldier Field and Northerly Island sit under a mile apart and share the Museum Campus access roads. Combined venue capacity is about 91,500 people, and both release inside the same hour. Downtown movement runs clean before 15:00 and after 23:00.

Saturday, September 5

MODERATE

77°

Load spreads across the city and suburbs rather than stacking downtown.

PARTLY SUNNY
NWS, SEPT 5 13:20

- **Division St., Western to California, Saturday and Sunday:** Fiesta Boricua. Full corridor closure through Humboldt Park under the city permit; festival hours noon to 20:00. Side streets at Washtenaw, Campbell and Artesian (1100–1200 N.) also closed.^{8, 12}
- **Southeast Side, noon:** Chicago Labor Day Parade steps off at E. 112th St. and S. Avenue F and moves north on S. Ewing Ave. to 106th St. Eddie Fest follows at Steelworkers Park, 87th St. and DuSable Lake Shore Dr., noon to 17:00. E. 87th St. (3331–3859) closed for the festival.^{9, 12}
- **Navy Pier, 13:00–22:00:** Great American Lobster Fest. Navy Pier's final summer fireworks show of the season at 22:00.¹⁰
- **Washington Park Sunken Garden, 55th St. and Cottage Grove Ave., 10:00–22:00:** African Festival of the Arts opens, through Monday. Ticketed.²³
- **United Center, 20:00:** Omar Courtz. **Listed as cancelled** on ticket platforms as of September 5.²
Rate Field, 18:10: White Sox vs. Twins.²
- **Millennium Park, 11:00–21:00:** Jazz Festival, day three.³
- **Frankfort and Schaumburg:** Frankfort Fall Festival (10:00–18:00) and Schaumburg Septemberfest open, both through Monday.^{14, 15} Taste of Polonia, Taste of Melrose Park, Maywood Fest, Last Fling and ARC all continue.

Sunday, September 6 HIGH

75°

SUNNY

DuSable Lake Shore Drive closed from 06:00. The city's main north-south road is gone for most of the morning.

NWS, SEPT 5 13:20

- **DuSable Lake Shore Drive, from 06:00:** Bike the Drive. Closed to vehicles, 57th St. to Bryn Mawr Ave. The organizer plans rolling closures of the course from 10:45 and car traffic resuming 11:30–12:00; the Loop Alliance advisory lists the closure as 06:00–14:00. S. Columbus Dr. in Grant Park is closed all day for the festival.^{3, 16, 12}
- **Wrigley Field, 18:00 and 20:00:** Big Ten/SEC Volleyball Challenge doubleheader, the first volleyball played at the park.² **Huntington Bank Pavilion, 18:30:** O.A.R. with Gavin DeGraw and KT Tunstall.²
- **Rate Field, 17:20:** White Sox vs. Twins, series finale.²
- **Frankfort, 13:00:** Fall Festival parade.¹⁴ **Schaumburg, 22:00:** Septemberfest drone show.¹⁵
- **Navy Pier, 13:00–20:00:** Lobster Fest, day two.¹⁰ Jazz Festival final day. Fiesta Boricua, Taste of Polonia, Taste of Melrose Park (final day), Maywood Fest (final day), Last Fling, ARC and the African Festival of the Arts all continue.

Monday, September 7 · Labor Day LOW

76°

MOSTLY SUNNY

Lightest day in the city. The load is suburban and on the inbound expressways.

NWS, SEPT 5 13:20

- Federal facilities and courts are closed. No ticketed event is scheduled at Soldier Field, Wrigley Field, Rate Field, the United Center or Huntington Bank Pavilion; the Cubs are away in Milwaukee and the White Sox are idle.²
- **Naperville, 10:00:** Last Fling Labor Day Parade, Mill St. and Jefferson Ave. to Naperville Central High School, through about noon.⁷ **Schaumburg, 10:00:** Septemberfest parade, Summit Dr. from Wise Rd. to Beech Dr., about two hours.¹⁵
- **Union Park:** ARC final day.²² **Washington Park:** African Festival of the Arts final day, 10:00–22:00.²³ Taste of Polonia runs to 21:30.⁴ **Frankfort Fall Festival** 10:00–16:00.¹⁴
- **S. Washtenaw Ave., 2600–2727, 09:00–23:00:** full closure for a permitted family music festival (Little Village).¹²
- Holiday return traffic builds from early afternoon into the evening on the Kennedy and Eisenhower inbound, the Skyway, and I-94 from Michigan. The two suburban parade starts concentrate arterial traffic in the same window as that build.

Two corridors are closed to vehicles for scheduled events, not narrowed, and neither has a substitute of similar capacity. That is what puts this domain at High. The event closures are shaded. Everything below them is construction and transit work that reduces options without removing a route. All rows come from Chicago Department of Transportation permit records.¹²

LOCATION	WINDOW	DETAIL
DuSable Lake Shore Dr. 57th St. to Bryn Mawr Ave.	Sun from 06:00	Bike the Drive. Closed to vehicles. Organizer: car traffic resumes 11:30–12:00. Loop Alliance advisory: 06:00–14:00.
Division St. Western to California (2400–2758 W.)	Sat–Sun	Fiesta Boricua. Full corridor closure through Humboldt Park. Festival hours noon–20:00.
W. Washington Blvd. and W. Warren Blvd. at Union Park (1500 W.)	Fri–Mon	ARC Music Festival. Full closure of both boulevards at the park.
S. Columbus Dr. Grant Park (1–1200 S.)	Sun	Bike the Drive festival at Butler Field.
E. 87th St. 3331–3859 E.	Sat	Eddie Fest at Steelworkers Park, after the Labor Day Parade.
N. Lipps Ave. 4800–4850 N.	Through Sept 7	Taste of Polonia at the Copernicus Center. Full closure.
S. Washtenaw Ave. 2600–2727 S.	Mon 09:00–23:00	Permitted family music festival, Little Village. Full closure.
S. La Salle St. 200–250 S.	Sun	Car show. One-day full closure inside the Loop.
W. Taylor St. Seeley to Hoyne (2032–2052 W.)	Through Sept 22	Full closure for structural steel crane picks at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. Roosevelt and Harrison are the east-west options through the Illinois Medical District.

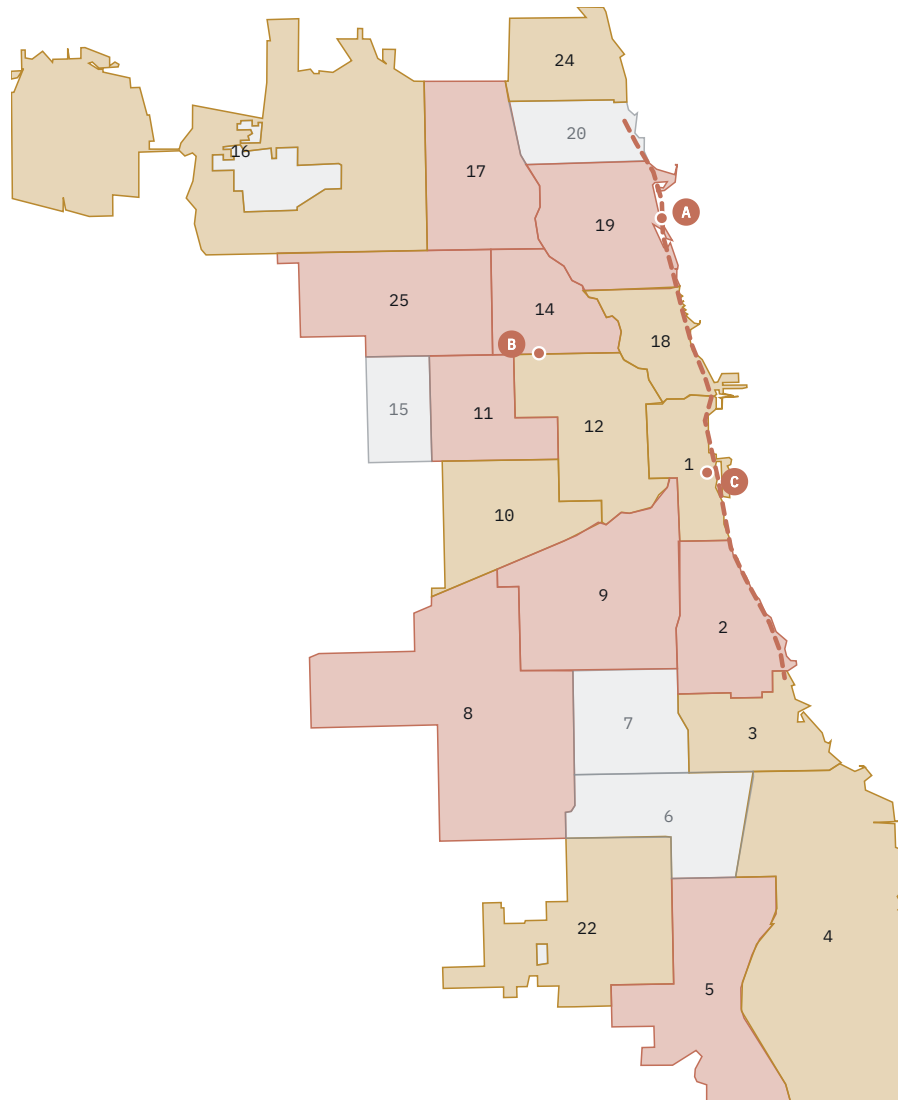
LOCATION	WINDOW	DETAIL
W. Division St. Spaulding to Kedzie (3200–3399 W.)	Through Sept 25	Full closure for sewer main replacement, immediately west of the Fiesta Boricua corridor. Division is also closed 3200–3301 W. through Oct 31.
W. Lawrence Ave. (2200 block) and N. Damen Ave. (4900 block)	Through Dec 31	Sewer main repair, full closures. Lincoln Square.
N. Sheridan Rd. 6619–6720 N.	Through Sept 30	Accessible pedestrian signal installation. Rogers Park.
Lake St., Dearborn to Wabash; southbound State St., Wacker to Randolph	Through Dec 31	Standing closures for the State/Lake station reconstruction. Lake St. is limited to local traffic between Dearborn and Wabash.
State/Lake elevated station	Closed since Jan 5, 2026	Demolition and reconstruction, reopening planned for 2029. Washington/Wabash and Clark/Lake are the accessible alternatives. ²⁰

Permit records show filings, not street conditions, and they lag emergency work that appears without one. 856 full-closure permits were active somewhere in the city over the holiday weekend, most of them single-block block parties, water service work and private drain repairs; the table lists the ones that remove a through route or sit on an event corridor.¹²

04 Districts and neighborhoods

WHERE THE ALERTS ARE

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 30 days before this brief; the table underneath pairs the same shading with the official CPD name and the neighborhoods the district is generally associated with.^{11, 18}



READING THE MAP

- Multiple pattern alerts (2 or more)
- One pattern alert
- No pattern alert published

MARKED ON THE MAP

- A **DuSable Lake Shore Drive:** closed to vehicles Sunday from 06:00, 57th St. to Bryn Mawr Ave., the full dashed length.
- B **Division St.:** closed Saturday and Sunday, Western to California, through Humboldt Park.
- C **Museum Campus:** about 91,500 people of venue capacity between two venues, releasing inside one hour, Friday night.

District boundaries from the City of Chicago data portal (current police districts).¹² Shading counts published CPD notices, not offenses, not crime rates and not anything about the people who live there. A gray district is one

where CPD published no pattern notice in the period, and a shaded district is not a place to avoid.

DISTRICT	CPD NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS GENERALLY ASSOCIATED WITH IT	ALERTS
1st	Central	The Loop, South Loop, Printers Row, Dearborn Park, Grant Park and the Museum Campus	1
2nd	Wentworth	Bronzeville, Grand Boulevard, Washington Park, Fuller Park	2
3rd	Grand Crossing	South Shore, Greater Grand Crossing, Woodlawn, Jackson Park	1
4th	South Chicago	South Chicago, the East Side, Hegewisch, South Deering, Jeffery Manor	1
5th	Calumet	Roseland, Pullman, West Pullman, Riverdale	2
8th	Chicago Lawn	Chicago Lawn, Marquette Park, West Lawn, Ashburn, Garfield Ridge, Clearing	3
9th	Deering	Bridgeport, Canaryville, Back of the Yards, McKinley Park, Armour Square	2
10th	Ogden	Little Village (South Lawndale), the south end of North Lawndale, Heart of Chicago	1
11th	Harrison	East and West Garfield Park, and the south end of Humboldt Park	2
12th	Near West	West Loop, Fulton Market, Greektown, Little Italy, University Village, Pilsen and the Illinois Medical District	1
14th	Shakespeare	Logan Square, Wicker Park, Bucktown and the north end of Humboldt Park	3
16th	Jefferson Park	Jefferson Park, Norwood Park, Edison Park, Portage Park, Forest Glen, O'Hare	1
17th	Albany Park	Albany Park, Irving Park, Mayfair, North Park, part of Avondale	3
18th	Near North	River North, the Gold Coast, Streeterville, Old Town and the Magnificent Mile	1
19th	Town Hall	Lakeview, Wrigleyville, Northalsted, Roscoe Village, North Center, part of Lincoln Park	2
22nd	Morgan Park	Morgan Park, Beverly, Mount Greenwood, Washington Heights	1
24th	Rogers Park	Rogers Park, West Ridge, part of Edgewater	1

DISTRICT	CPD NAME	NEIGHBORHOODS GENERALLY ASSOCIATED WITH IT	ALERTS
25th	Grand Central	Belmont Cragin, Hermosa, Montclare, Dunning, part of Portage Park	2

District names come from the Chicago Police Department.¹⁸ The neighborhood column reflects common local usage and is offered for orientation. District boundaries follow police beats and do not line up exactly with neighborhood or community area lines, so a location near a boundary may sit in a different district than the neighborhood name suggests. The count is of published CPD notices, not offenses, not crime rates and not anything about the people who live there. A district that is absent is one where CPD published no pattern notice in the period, not a district without offenses, and a listed district is not a place to avoid.

05 CPD pattern alerts

17 IN 30 DAYS · 10 ROBBERY

Seventeen community and business pattern alerts were published between August 4 and 06:00 on September 4. Ten are robbery-classified, the largest single category. Seven cover more than one district, which describes a series moving across an area rather than a problem fixed to one place. Alert volume measures how often the Department publishes a notice, not how much crime occurred; see How to read a CPD alert.

POSTED	DISTRICT	TYPE	OFFENSE	REFERENCE
Sept 2, 21:15	16th · 17th	Community	Strong-Arm Robberies & Burglaries from Motor Vehicle	P26-5-014
Sept 1, 22:58	9th · 14th · 17th · 19th	Business	Commercial Burglaries	26-CWP-024
Sept 1, 01:03	8th · 9th	Business	Armed Robberies (update)	P26-1-069 A
Aug 29, 21:50	19th	Community	Motor Vehicle Thefts / Scooters	P26-3-028
Aug 28, 14:10	18th	Community	Burglaries	P26-3-025
Aug 26, 00:37	12th	Community	Burglaries & Criminal Damage to Vehicles	P26-3-027
Aug 25, 23:09	2nd · 3rd	Business	Burglaries	P26-1-071
Aug 24, 21:34	14th · 17th · 25th	Community	Armed Robberies with a Knife (update)	P26-5-012A
Aug 22, 20:07	2nd	Community	Armed Robberies	P26-1-070

POSTED	DISTRICT	TYPE	OFFENSE	REFERENCE
Aug 21, 19:11	24th	Community	Armed Robberies	P26-3-26
Aug 18, 20:44	11th	Community	Armed Robberies	P26-4-020
Aug 18, 17:48	25th	Business	Commercial Burglaries	P26-5-013
Aug 14, 16:54	8th · 10th · 14th	Community	Armed Robberies (seeking to identify, update)	26-CWP-023 A
Aug 10, 19:36	11th	Community	Burglaries from Motor Vehicle & Robbery	P26-4-017
Aug 8, 13:27	1st	Community	Robberies (update)	P26-3-024 A
Aug 7, 16:52	5th	Community	Burglaries	P26-2-014
Aug 4, 18:12	4th · 5th · 8th · 22nd	Business	Robberies & Burglaries (update)	26-CWP-020 A

Shaded offense cells are the ten robbery-classified alerts. Timestamps are as published in CPD's news feed. Full alerts, including incident dates, block-level locations and descriptions, are published as PDFs at chicagopolice.org.¹¹ Alerts stay listed until CPD removes them, so a listed alert does not mean an incident is ongoing. **Posted after publication:** Business Alert, 16th and 25th Districts, Commercial Burglaries (P26-5-015), Friday, September 4, 15:48.

Single-incident alerts in the same period

CPD also published ten single-incident alerts (JK-numbered, usually seeking to identify a person) between August 4 and September 4: strong-arm robbery, criminal damage to city property, aggravated battery (three) and aggravated discharge of a firearm on the public transportation system; criminal sexual abuse (Special Investigations Unit, 12th District); hit-and-run investigations in the 11th and 18th Districts; and an aggravated battery with a handgun in the 8th District.¹¹ Single-incident alerts describe one event and are not counted in the pattern totals above.

06 Air travel and gatherings

O'HARE · MIDWAY

The FAA National Airspace System check at publication showed no ground stop, ground delay program or airport closure at O'Hare or Midway, and no active en route events

anywhere in the country.¹³ Two things lined up on Friday morning: the National Weather Service allowed for isolated showers and storms near a lake-enhanced outflow boundary early in the morning, ending by mid to late morning, and the Friday of Labor Day weekend is one of the heaviest outbound days of the late summer at both fields.¹

Storms in the terminal area are the most common trigger for a ground delay program at O'Hare, and a delay spreads furthest when it lands on the first departure bank of a peak day. The Air Traffic Control System Command Center operations plan is the useful forward indicator rather than current status: it lists expected constraints hours ahead, including possible O'Hare and Midway reroutes, and publishes times in Zulu. A reroute is a different condition from a delay and often comes first. Saturday through Monday show no scheduled aviation constraint and no weather trigger. The Tuesday morning return bank builds immediately after this window closes.

No permitted demonstration is listed for the Loop or Near North across the weekend; scheduled public activity is festival and parade. Federal immigration enforcement has continued across the metropolitan area through the summer, with community organizations and elected officials reporting renewed activity in July, and it remains the largest source of unscheduled street assembly in the region.²¹ Gatherings of that kind have formed within hours of an enforcement action becoming publicly known, often near the site or near the federal buildings on Dearborn Street. No permit database records them, because no permit is filed.

NOTE ON UNPERMITTED ASSEMBLY

Where this brief notes that an event or gathering is unpermitted, that is a statement about **data availability** and nothing else: no permit was filed, so the activity does not appear in the City's closure records and cannot be planned around in advance. It is not a statement that the activity is unlawful, and it is not a judgment about the people taking part.

Peaceful assembly and protest are protected activity. TB Defense reports scheduled and unscheduled gatherings alike solely because both affect how long it takes to move through a street, and takes no position on the subject, organizers or participants of any gathering. Nothing here should be used to identify, avoid or draw inferences about any group, community or individual.

07 Upcoming holidays and dates

DATE	OBSERVANCE	WHAT IT MEANS FOR MOVEMENT
Mon, Sept 7	Labor Day	Federal holiday. Federal facilities and courts closed. Return traffic builds from early afternoon.
Fri, Sept 11	Patriot Day 25th anniversary	Ceremonies at federal buildings, firehouses and first responder memorials, usually in the morning. Anniversary years draw bigger crowds and more press.
Fri, Sept 11 sunset – Sun, Sept 13 nightfall	Rosh Hashanah	The highest synagogue attendance of the year so far, with congregations moving on all three days. It begins at sunset, not in the morning. This year the first evening falls on the 25th anniversary above. ²⁴
Mon, Sept 14 – Sat, Sept 19	IMTS	International Manufacturing Technology Show at McCormick Place. Six days at convention scale, squeezing hotel, airport and south lakefront capacity at once. ²⁵
Tue, Sept 15 – Wed, Sept 16	Mexican Independence Day	A widely observed citywide celebration. Vehicle processions typically move on Michigan Avenue, Columbus Drive and through the Loop across the preceding weekend and both holiday evenings. Because the processions are not permitted events, they do not appear in closure data, so the brief flags the window rather than any route.

08 Workforce disruption

WARN FILINGS

Illinois employers above the WARN threshold file advance notice of closures and mass layoffs with the state. Those filings carry something almost nothing else in this brief carries: a

date set roughly sixty days ahead, known to both the employer and the workforce. Five scheduled separation events fall inside this window, at five sites in three counties (Will, DuPage and Lake). None is in the City of Chicago. See How to read a WARN filing.

DATE	EMPLOYER	LOCATION	PEOPLE	NOTICE TYPE	SECTOR AND STATED CAUSE
Fri, Sept 4	CJ Logistics America	University Park Will County	59	Plant closing	General warehousing and storage. 89 in total through Oct 30. Cause not provided.
Fri, Sept 4	Capital One	Riverwoods Lake County	276*	Mass layoff	Finance and insurance. Financial, restructure. *Sept 4 is the stated end of a rolling layoff of at least 276 that began Aug 6; a further 431 begin Oct 6.
Fri, Sept 4 or within 14 days	INEOS Styrolution America	Channahon Will County	64	Plant closing	Plastics material and resin manufacturing. 94 in total through Dec 31. Faltering company, financial, restructuring.
Sat, Sept 5	LGSTX Services	Aurora DuPage County	115	Layoff	Transportation and warehousing. Lost contract. Supplemental to a 2025 notice; 100 more separated July 26.
Sun, Sept 6 or within 14 days	D&H Distributing	Bolingbrook Will County	62	Plant closing	Electronic parts and equipment wholesale. 68 in total through April 2027. Relocation.

Employer, location, headcount, notice type and stated cause as filed with the State of Illinois and published in the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's monthly WARN reports.¹⁹ Dates marked "or within 14 days" are how the employer filed them. Causes are the employer's own characterization. Nothing in a WARN filing describes conduct, and nothing here suggests any named employer or affected workforce presents a risk.

THE THIRTY-DAY PICTURE

Two dates carry most of the scheduled separations through early October.

September 30 is a four-employer day: 241 at SCR Medical Transportation in Chicago, 167 at Gerresheimer in Chicago Heights (172 in total), 68 at Techmer PM in Elk Grove Village and 29 at Eurofins in Geneva, about 505 people on one calendar date across four sites. **October 3** brings 644 more at Essendant, split between Lincolnshire (510) and Carol Stream (134). Neither date is a coincidence: employers cluster separations at month end and quarter end because payroll, benefits and severance all run on those cycles.¹⁹

WHERE IT CONCENTRATES

The filings in this window and the two clusters that follow are a distribution-center and back-office story, not a factory one: warehousing in University Park, Aurora and Bolingbrook, wholesale in Lincolnshire and Carol Stream, a bank operations campus in Riverwoods. They map to the I-55 and I-88 warehouse corridors and the north suburban office band rather than to the central business district. Two of the events listed involve a union (SCR Medical Transportation and Gerresheimer), per the filings.¹⁹

09 Notable security events

Two Chicago movable bridges failed to close in the heat on Wednesday, September 2, within seven hours of each other

The DuSable Lake Shore Drive bridge over the Chicago River was raised at about 10:00 for a scheduled lift for the tour boat *Spirit of Chicago*. The Chicago Department of Transportation said it then hit a heat-related issue that stopped it closing fully, leaving a gap of about a foot. It reopened at about 14:30, more than four hours later, after the Chicago Fire Department sprayed water on the structure to cool it. Traffic backed up in both directions for the duration.^{14a, 15a} The Torrence Avenue bridge over the Calumet River on the Far South Side stuck at about 16:30 the same day and reopened shortly after 17:30, which CDOT attributed to thermal expansion.²⁶ Chicago was under a Heat Advisory that day, reached 90 degrees by early afternoon, and recorded an official high of 96 at O'Hare, the hottest day of the month so far.¹

Relevance to this weekend. Forecast highs of 75 to 77 for Saturday through Monday sit well below the range in which both failures happened. The mechanism is worth knowing anyway: a bascule leaf that lifted at one temperature can be too large to seat at a higher one, the failure comes on the way *down*, and at the Lake Shore Drive river crossing there is no nearby road of similar capacity, so one structure removes the route instead of slowing it.

A 32-year-old bank vice president was fatally stabbed in Times Square on Monday, August 31

The attack happened at about 16:30 at West 42nd Street and Seventh Avenue in New York. A 68-year-old man was also wounded and is reported in stable condition. New York Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch described the attack as random and unprovoked. Officers tried a Taser, then fired when the assailant kept advancing with knives. The assailant was killed at the scene.¹⁷

Protective intelligence separates two kinds of exposure. A **directed threat** means an identifiable person has developed an interest in a specific individual; it usually builds a visible pathway of research, communication, approach behavior and escalating contact. **Ambient risk** means the exposure comes from being in a place, not from being a target, and it builds none of that pathway because there is no relationship to escalate through. Corporate protective programs are generally built around the directed-threat model, because that is the version a program can act on before anything happens. When there is no pathway, those tools have nothing to work with, and the variables that remain are the ones that govern any pedestrian: where, when, how crowded, and how close the nearest response is. Fatal undirected attacks on corporate executives in public are rare in absolute terms, and one incident sets no trend.

¹⁰ Asked and answered

Is DuSable Lake Shore Drive closed this weekend?

Yes. DuSable Lake Shore Drive closes to vehicles from 57th Street to Bryn Mawr Avenue on Sunday, September 6, starting at 06:00 for Bike the Drive. The organizer says car traffic resumes between 11:30 and 12:00 after a rolling reopening; the Chicago Loop Alliance advisory lists the closure as 06:00 to 14:00. Plan on the longer window. South Columbus Drive in Grant Park is also closed Sunday for the post-ride festival.

What is the worst window for movement in downtown Chicago this weekend?

Friday, September 4, between 17:00 and 22:30. Ye plays Soldier Field at 20:00 (venue capacity about 61,500) and BABYMETAL plays Huntington Bank Pavilion at 19:00 (about 30,000). The two venues sit under a mile apart, share the Museum Campus access roads, and release inside the same hour. The White Sox host the Twins at Rate Field at 18:40 the same evening. Downtown movement runs clean before 15:00 and after 23:00.

Are Chicago federal buildings and courts open on Labor Day 2026?

No. Monday, September 7 is a federal holiday. Federal facilities and courts are closed, and no ticketed event is scheduled at Soldier Field, Wrigley Field, Rate Field, the United Center or Huntington Bank Pavilion that day.

Which Chicago streets are closed for festivals this weekend?

Division Street from Western to California is fully closed Saturday and Sunday for Fiesta Boricua (festival hours noon to 20:00, with side streets at Washtenaw, Campbell and Artesian also closed). Washington and Warren boulevards at Union Park are closed Friday through Monday for ARC Music Festival. North Lipps Avenue is closed through Monday for Taste of Polonia. East 87th Street at Steelworkers Park is closed Saturday for Eddie Fest. South Washtenaw Avenue, 2600 to 2727, is closed Monday for a permitted music festival.

Will storms delay flights at O'Hare or Midway this weekend?

At publication the FAA showed no ground stop, ground delay program or airport closure at either field. The National Weather Service allowed for isolated storms early Friday morning ending by mid to late morning, then a dry, mild Saturday through Monday. Friday of Labor Day weekend is one of the heaviest outbound days of the late summer at both airports, so even routine volume delays are possible.

How many Chicago Police Department alerts are open?

Seventeen pattern alerts (P- and CWP-numbered community and business alerts) were published by CPD in the 30 days before this brief, across 18 police districts. Ten are robbery-classified and seven span more than one district. Ten further single-incident alerts were published in the same period. Alert volume measures how often the Department publishes a notice, not how much crime occurred.

What is the Chicago weather forecast for Labor Day weekend 2026?

Friday, September 4 stayed hot: O'Hare reached 93°F and a Heat Advisory was in effect for Cook County until it was cancelled for Chicago late Friday morning. The National Weather

Service forecast for the rest of the weekend, issued Saturday, September 5, is dry with highs of 77 Saturday, 75 Sunday and 76 on Labor Day Monday. The Extreme Heat Warning expired Thursday evening and no heat product is in effect for the weekend.

11 Ratings and color coding

HOW TO READ THE SHADING

Three colors carry every rating in this brief, in the dashboard, in the day cards and in the closure table. Each one 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. You can plan around it because you know when it starts and when it stops.

HIGH

A route or a capacity is **removed** rather than reduced, and there is no equivalent substitute. A closed corridor, a station out of service.

WHERE ELSE THE COLORS APPEAR

Shaded table rows in the closure table mark the corridors that are closed for events rather than narrowed for work. **Shaded offense cells** in the alert table mark the robbery-classified alerts, so the largest category can be counted at a glance. On the **district map** and in the district table, the amber and terracotta fills mean something narrower: how many CPD pattern notices named that district in the period. It is not a severity rating and it does not describe crime levels.

DISCLAIMER ON THE RATINGS

The ratings are **TB Defense's own editorial judgment**, assigned by an analyst reading the week's open sources. They are not an official designation, not issued or endorsed by any agency, and not derived from a validated statistical model. A different analyst could reasonably rate a domain one tier differently.

They describe **scheduled and reported conditions as of publication** and go stale. Conditions change without notice, and a rating is not a forecast of what will happen. A Low rating is not an assurance of safety and a High rating is not a prediction of harm; it means an option has been removed from the map.

Ratings apply to **movement across the region**, never to a neighborhood, a community or a group of people. Nothing in this brief should be used to rank places, to profile anyone, or as a basis for any decision about individuals.

12 Sourcing and method

DATA POINT	SOURCE	NOTE
National Weather Service	Weather, hazard products	Point forecast, Area Forecast Discussion, watch/warning products and preliminary climate data. Revised by the issuing office without notice.
Federal Aviation Administration	Air travel	Airspace status and the command center operations plan. Status is a snapshot at the time checked.
City of Chicago open data	Street closures	CDOT permit filings. Filings are not street conditions and lag emergency work.
Chicago Police Department public feed	Pattern alerts, district names	Published community and business alerts only. Preliminary information in open investigations.
Ticketing and venue listings	Events, venue capacity	Start times change without notice and listings disagree. Capacity is a venue maximum, not attendance.
Organizer and municipal notices	Festivals, parades	Village, chamber and organizer publications. Hours are as the organizer published them.
State labor filings	Workforce disruption	Statutory WARN notices in the monthly DCEO reports. Employer-reported, revised in both directions; dates are plans at filing.

DATA POINT	SOURCE	NOTE
Established news reporting	Notable events	At least two independent outlets for any incident. Developing stories are corrected upstream.

13 End notes

ALL SOURCES OPEN AND PUBLIC

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