

Safe & Sound (safety bag distro pop-up) & Karaoke Access Guide

Part of Parallel Play's COVID-safer Dilly Dally event series

[See Event Accessibility Checklist](#)

Date and Time:

Sunday, October 25th 2025, 1-3 pm

Location:

Center on Halsted (COH) 2nd Floor Youth Space
3656 N Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60613 (Lakeview)

Event Details:

- [Center on Halsted](#): Center on Halsted advances community and secures the health and well-being of the LGBTQ people of Chicagoland and throughout the Midwest.
- [Parallel Play](#) is an organization focused on fostering community among COVID-cautious people in Chicago by creating safe, accessible, and creative spaces that center the liberation of COVID-cautious disabled, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+ people through mutual aid, supply drives, collaborative arts partnerships, resources, and networks of community care. Parallel Play hosts Dilly Dally: a mask-required mixer series for COVID-cautious queers (and allies). We are for abolition and a free Palestine.

COVID Precautions & Notes for Center on Halsted:

- ***This is a mask-required event.*** Guests who are able to wear a well-fitted respirator (N95, KN95, KF94, or equivalent) should do so at all times. Free high-quality masks will be available at check-in.
- Note that Center on Halsted is open to the public and that **guests must go through the lobby area** containing unmasked folks to reach the self-contained Youth Space where the pop-up takes place with a mask

requirement. The Youth Space can fit up to 100 people, though we typically max out at 50 attendees.

- **Air purification & ventilation:** Multiple HEPA air purifiers for large spaces will be provided by Parallel Play and a CO2 monitor is on-site for data on ventilation. Four windows are typically partially open and the reading usually stays under 900 in this space.
- **Testing & masking prior to event:** Due to the public nature of Center on Halsted's facilities and the variety of folks who may attend a resource distribution, there is no guarantee of any specific levels of precautions or pre-event tests among attendees.
- If guests test positive for COVID-19 or another known illness in the week following the pop-up, we kindly ask to notify us via email (parallelplaychi@gmail.com) or Instagram DM so we may anonymously share that info with our community
- **If you are feeling unwell in any way or have recently been exposed to COVID-19 or contagious illness, please stay home! We may be able to get rapid tests and masks to folks who are unable to attend due to illness upon request.** We also have a virtual [Discord](#) space that live streams performances, is open 24/7, and hosts virtual events!

Schedule:

- 12:30-1 pm check-in and set-up help
- 1-3 drop in style activities: safety bag distribution (while supplies last), masked karaoke, and a mask-chain making station throughout the event

Physical Space and Mobility:

- **Venue:** Center on Halsted is ADA compliant with elevators to the 2nd floor
- **Entrance/Building:** Enter through public lobby
- **Outside:** Halsted is a busy main street in the Lakeview neighborhood
- **Attendee Amount:** Expected 25-50 guests
- **Seating:** There is ample seating for each person in this space: large couches, beanbag chairs, and round tables with sturdy plastic chairs (many options without arm rests to accommodate a variety of bodies)
- **Virtual tour:** Coming soon!
- **Flooring:** Low-pile carpet and vinyl flooring

- **Sound:** Amplified karaoke will take place throughout; free earplugs are available
- **Music/Visual:** Guests will choose their own songs on Youtube
- **Lighting:** Overhead mostly fluorescent lighting
- **Bathrooms:** Two large gender-neutral bathrooms with 10+ stalls each across the hall from the space. Note these are open to the public.
- **Scent:** Due to the public nature of Center on Halsted's facilities and the variety of folks who may attend a resource distribution, there may be folks in attendance wearing scents
- **Please reach out to us at parallelplaychi@gmail.com with any access needs or questions.**

Sensory Break Spaces:

- There are 2-3 offices that are accessed through the Youth Space that are available as a decompression area

Language:

- Karaoke and event support will primarily take place in English, though other languages may be used. Parallel Play is happy to arrange American Sign Language interpretation services, but will not have an interpreter unless it is a confirmed access need for an attendee. Please reach out to us (parallelplaychi@gmail.com) to arrange ASL prior to event
- We will have written, visible signs of our mask policy, and signs to find locations (bathroom/sensory space).
- Please let us know if attendees need any written communication tools
- If the above options don't meet access needs, let us know how we can best meet them.

Food & Drink:

- There may be a few snacks for attendees in the kitchen area near the open windows. Guests will be permitted to temporarily remove their respirators in a designated kitchen space outside to quickly eat a snack or consume water. When eating, we encourage (mask down - food - mask up - chew) if able. ***While your mask is briefly removed, we ask our community to please distance themselves as much as possible from others and participate in reciprocal masking when in close proximity, especially to those wearing a respirator.***

- There is a water-bottle filling station and cups available

Parking and Public Transit:

- Center on Halsted can be reached via the Addison, Broadway, Clark, and Halsted bus routes. It is also located .4 miles from the ADA compliant Addison Redline stop (~8 min walk according to Google Maps)
- Paid street parking is available on Addison, Broadway, Clark, and Halsted (Note that Cubs home games may affect street parking availability)
- If needed, there is limited garage parking for disabled guests. Please contact us for more details
- Paid, metered street parking can be found on Halsted, Broadway, and Addison streets. Guests who are being dropped off can instruct their driver to bring them to the entrance on Halsted, which is wheelchair accessible. Onsite accessible parking spaces for disabled guests may be available to reserve by emailing or DMing Parallel Play prior to the event (parallelplaychi@proton.me).
- Additional Parking Option: The Whole Foods parking garage attached to Center on Halsted can be accessed from Waveland. With a purchase, customers are permitted to park in the Whole Foods garage for up to two hours.

Safety:

- If there's a conflict at the event, please contact **Jinx Romero**, or a volunteer in a pink volunteer lanyard.
- If there's an access issue or request at the event, please contact **Anna Kain**, or a volunteer in a pink volunteer lanyard, or email parallelplaychi@gmail.com.

Age:

The event is 18+ (or 18 under with a guardian).

Substance Use:

- This is an alcohol and smoke free event. Attendees are free to do what they want beforehand, but please be mindful of others when in the space.

Post-event Case Reporting for Contract Tracing:

<https://afterparty19.info/e/3109087345260712977>



If you have any questions, concerns, or requests regarding access needs, please reach out to us at parallelplaychi@gmail.com

This is an active document.

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