



CELEBRATE PRIDE SAFELY

Keeping our community safe at all Pride Events is of primary importance to us. As we prepare for the return of PrideFest, NYC's largest LGBTQIA+ street festival, we acknowledge that safety for our attendees is different for everyone. In an effort to manage expectations, we've put together information about what the festival experience will look like as it relates to Covid-19, police presence, accessibility and wellness.

SAFETY OVERVIEW FOR FESTIVAL ATTENDEES

- ❖ Respect everyone's personal space and wear a mask while on the festival blocks (vaccinated or not).
- ❖ Everyone is welcome at PrideFest! Bring a friend along and be sure to take care of yourself and those around you.
- ❖ PrideFest is a wheelchair accessible event. An ASL interpreter located at the Info Booth will be at the event all day.
- ❖ Please Note: This is not a police free zone. Our event is permitted by the City of New York and requires support from NYPD to officially close city streets. NYPD will be positioned on perimeter blocks and private security will be roving throughout the festival footprint.
- ❖ If you encounter violence or harassment at the event, reach out to The Anti-Violence Project at 212-714-1141.

COVID 19 - HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

NYC Pride is following all lawfully required COVID-19 health and safety protocols including NY State Department of Health guidelines. We will continue to update and revise our protocols to reflect the most current safety standards - so make sure to reference this page often before our event.

CAPACITIES & SOCIAL DISTANCING

- PrideFest is a free, open to the public event. In order to monitor capacity at the festival, attendees entering on 4th Avenue or from the side streets will be counted in by volunteers.
- Social distancing will be required and enforced at all exhibitor tents.
- The FoodFest Bistro seating arrangement ensures guests will be seated at least six feet from guests who are not members of the same party/household/family.

STAFF, VOLUNTEER & EXHIBITOR HEALTH SCREENING

- There will be a robust staff, volunteer and exhibitor check-in protocol, including Covid-19 screening and temperature checks.
- Contact tracing for staff, volunteers and exhibitors will be implemented.
- Proper use of masks and, when applicable, face shields and gloves will be required.
- Volunteers receive PPE kits upon arrival.

ONSITE PROTOCOLS

- As restrictions and guidelines are rapidly changing, we will err on the side of caution regarding as it relates to Covid-19 safety procedures. Signage throughout the festival reminding attendees to wear their mask and social distance.
- Sanitizing and disinfecting of high touch surfaces, contact points and guest areas will be ongoing during operational hours.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout event venues. Hand sanitizer will contain a minimum of 60% alcohol content as recommended by the CDC.



FESTIVAL ATTENDEE REQUIREMENT

- All guests (ages 2 and up) will be strongly encouraged to wear a face covering, except when actively eating or drinking, which is only permitted in the FoodFest Bistro. Free masks are available for anyone in need.
- Guests are expected to comply with all laws, rules and regulations, as well as any NYC Pride and/or venue safety guidelines (not limited to the above), and to act responsibly and sensibly at all times.

FESTIVAL ATTENDEE HEALTH ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- By entering the Festival blocks, you are confirming that you and all persons in your party:
 - Currently do not have COVID-19 or have not been in close contact ([as defined by the CDC](#)) with someone who has COVID-19 within the last 14 days
 - Are not experiencing any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 ([identified by the CDC](#)), including:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Are not under any self-quarantine orders
- Guests who cannot confirm all of the above criteria must not enter the festival blocks.
- By entering the festival blocks, you acknowledge that you understand and will abide by all health-and-safety requirements.

COVID-19 WARNING

- We have taken enhanced health and safety measures for all of our festival attendees, but the risk of COVID-19 transmission cannot be eliminated regardless of the safety protocols implemented by Heritage of Pride, Inc and/or NYC Pride (individually and collectively referred to herein as "Organizer")
- By attending NYC Pride events, you, as a festival attendee, understand the inherent risks and dangers involved and agree to accept and assume any and all risks of illness, injury, death, or damage to your person related to or as a result of COVID-19 and waive and release any and all claims, now known or hereafter known, against Organizer and its officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, successors, assigns, and sponsors.

POLICE PRESENCE

NYC Pride seeks to create safer spaces for the LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC communities at a time when violence against marginalized groups, specifically BIPOC and trans communities, has continued to escalate. The sense of safety that law enforcement is meant to provide can instead be threatening, and at times dangerous, to those in our community who are most often targeted with excessive force and/or without reason.

Effective immediately, NYC Pride will prohibit corrections and law enforcement exhibitors from participating in NYC Pride events until 2025. The steps being taken by the organization challenge law enforcement to acknowledge their harm and to correct course moving forward, in hopes of making an impactful change.

Please note: PrideFest is not a police free zone. NYPD will respond to any and all 911 calls. NYPD will provide first response and security only when absolutely necessary as mandated by city officials. Private security will be stationed throughout the festival footprint.



ACCESSIBILITY AND WELLNESS

NYC Pride is committed to accessibility and strives to ensure its services are accessible to the broadest circle of people including those with disabilities. At PrideFest, we do this by providing the following services:

Sensory Reduction Spaces

The wellness tent is located on E. 12th Street between 4th Avenue and Broadway. It is positioned away from crowds and loud sounds to allow attendees to “take a break” in a safe space with less sensory impact. The space will include seating, earbuds, water, fans, soothing sounds and imagery, essential oil diffusers and turf. Volunteers in this space will prioritize the elderly, people with autism, PTSD, sensory processing disorder and others who feel their mental health is at risk during the event.

Accessible Viewing Areas

All wheelchairs, strollers and mobility devices are welcome! As a street festival, there are no steps to access PrideFest. The closest Accessible Station is 14 St-Union Square on the L, N, Q, R, W only -- the 4, 5, 6 are not accessible. The FoodFest Bisto will prioritize persons with disabilities and the elderly for seating. and There are no major stages at PrideFest, only a DJ Booth located at 4th Avenue at E. 11th Street.

ASL Interpreter

An ASL interpreter will be available at the Information Booth at 12th Street & 4th Ave from 11am - 6pm.

Designated Entry & Exit Points

PrideFest is a street festival that occupies city blocks. All streets are open to the public as there are no designated entry or exit points. We suggest entering the festival from:

- 4th Avenue at 13th Street
- 4th Avenue at at 9th Street
- Broadway at E 13 Street
- Broadway at E. 12th Street (Volunteer Check - In Entrance)
- Broadway at E 10th Street

First Responder Locations and First Aid Kits

Ambulatory services are located on E. 10th Street between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue. Emergency Medical Services are also located in the EMS tent on E.12th Street between 4th Avenue and Broadway. The closest fire station is located on East 13th Street between 4th Avenue and 3rd Avenue. First Aid kits are available at Volunteer Check-In, Talent Booth, Info Both, and the FoodFest Bistro.