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HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHOWS ITS PRIDE – 2021

Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic to serve as a NYC Pride March “pop-up” site and will offer COVID-19 vaccinations during Pride Week

Select Sexual Health Clinics and NYC Sexual Health Clinic Hotline to expand hours of operation throughout June

June 21, 2021 – Pride month promotes the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer (LGBQ), and transgender, gender nonconforming and non-binary (TGNCNB) New Yorkers and the Health Department’s Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic will be at the center of the action. COVID-19 vaccinations will be provided at the Chelsea Clinic along with expanded services at Chelsea and other Clinics throughout Pride Week. Health Commissioner Dr. Dave Chokshi will march at the 2021 NYC Pride March, which will take place on June 27, 2021, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

“The Health Department is excited to celebrate Pride 2021,” said **Health Commissioner Dr. Dave A. Chokshi**. “Our staff are honored to stand with and serve LBGQ and TGNCNB New Yorkers to further promote a healthy, equitable and just city.”

The Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic will host a pop-up vaccination clinic during Pride Week (June 21 through the 25). The site will offer both Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccinations. The Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic will also offer additional services during NYC Pride weekend (June 26 to June 27, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and the NYC Sexual Health Clinic Hotline (347-396-7959) will extend hours for telemedicine services (June 24, 25, and 28 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.). Starting June 18, 2021, the Morrisania Sexual Health Clinic will resume Friday hours, offering services Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All of the Health Department’s [Sexual Health Clinics](#) and the NYC Sexual Health Clinic Hotline provide low- to no-cost services for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, for anyone 12 years or older, regardless of immigration status. Parental consent is not required. For more information on the Sexual Health Clinics, including services, locations, and hours of operation, visit nyc.gov/health/clinics.

NYC Pride has reimagined the typical Pride March float experience by utilizing outdoor seating areas of local businesses in Manhattan’s East Village, West Village, Chelsea, and Hell’s Kitchen neighborhoods during Manhattan’s Pride weekend, June 25 to June 27, 2021. These “pop-ups,” including the Health Department’s Chelsea Sexual Health Clinic, will be locatable via an interactive map.

The Health Department's beloved former Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Disease Control, Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, is one of the 2021 NYC Pride Grand Marshals. Dr. Daskalakis now leads HIV/AIDS Prevention for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information on the NYC Pride March and pop-up sites, visit nycpride.org.

As part of our effort to increase equitable access to quality health care, the Health Department has expanded the online directory of over 120 LGBTQ-knowledgeable health care facilities to include behavioral health care and reproductive care in addition to primary care, sexual health care and gender-affirming care to LGBG and TGNCNB New Yorkers. To find LGBTQ-knowledgeable providers and health care services, visit the [NYC Health Map](#) and select "LGBTQ Health Services." If any New Yorker believes they have been mistreated or denied care or services because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, or have witnessed health care discrimination, please contact the New York City Commission on Human Rights to file a complaint by calling 718-722-3131 or 311.

Free condoms and other safer sex products are available at distribution sites citywide. To find a site near you, visit the [NYC Health Map](#) and select "Free Safer Sex Products." New Yorkers can order safer sex products for home delivery through our Door 2 Door program by visiting nyc.gov/health and searching for "condoms." Free HIV self-tests are also available for delivery by visiting the [NYC Health Map](#) and selecting "Sexual Health Services" and then "HIV Testing."

The Health Department maintains online directories of providers currently offering sexual and reproductive health services in the [Bronx](#), [Brooklyn](#), [Manhattan](#), [Queens](#), and [Staten Island](#), and PlaySure Network providers offering [HIV and STI testing](#), [PrEP \(pre-exposure prophylaxis\)](#), [emergency PEP \(post-exposure prophylaxis\)](#), and [HIV care services](#) in clinics and [HIV-related navigation and supportive services](#) in community-based settings.

Get Vaccinated!

It has never been easier to get vaccinated against COVID-19 in New York City. People 12 years and older can now go to vaccination sites citywide without an appointment. To better meet New Yorkers where they live, work, go to school and play, New York City has deployed temporary, roaming vaccination sites across the city, including special pop-up sites for NYC Pride. Appointments are not required, but you can book an appointment at many of these sites in advance [online](#) or by calling **877-VAX-4NYC**.

A fully vaccinated person is much less likely to get sick or spread the virus that causes COVID-19. Any activity is safer when you are vaccinated, and in most settings, you will not need to wear a face covering or stay 6 feet away from others. For more in-depth information about the vaccine, including its ingredients and how it was developed and proven safe, visit our [Vaccine Facts](#) page.

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