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**NIGHT OF NOISE: WE'RE STILL CONNECTED
PRESENTED BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO**

CHICAGO, IL—Night of Noise: We're Still Connected, the annual variety show first hosted in 2016 by Illinois Safe Schools Alliance (the Alliance), will be hosted virtually this year on Sunday, April 25, 2021 from 6:00pm until 7:00pm by Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHIMC), which is now home to the Alliance.

Night of Noise marks the end of a Day of Silence, an annual day of action to spread awareness about the effects of bullying on LGBTQ+ students, and to honor those in the LGBTQ+ community whose voices often go unheard. One day every April, over 10,000 middle school, high school, and university students worldwide take a day-long vow of silence as a demonstration to protest the harmful effects of harassment on LGBTQ+ people in schools.

This Night of Noise celebration brings together many talented Chicago-based artists and performers to break the silence. This year's celebration welcomes back talented performers from previous years, including tap dancer extraordinaire, Bril Barrett, the vivacious performer of music and poetry, June, and About Face Theatre, along with new acts by fashion designer Sky Cubacub and performer Nate Shapiro.

"This past year has pushed us to reimagine what connectedness can look like," says PHIMC President and CEO Karen A. Reitan. "While physical distance may keep us apart for now, our passion for health equity and the safety, care, treatment, and support of LGBTQ+ youth connects us all. Night of Noise is a chance for us to come together, connect, raise funds for equity, and make some noise!"

Tickets can be purchased for \$50.00 for Zoom access on one device and \$100.00 for access on two devices. Sponsorship and Host Committee opportunities are also available. To buy tickets, donate, or learn more about this event, please visit phimc.org/night-of-noise.

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[Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago \(PHIMC\)](#) enhances the capacity of public health and healthcare systems to promote health equity and expand access to services. Through organizational development, systems transformation, fiscal management, and program implementation, PHIMC leads efforts to strengthen public health infrastructure in Illinois.

[Illinois Safe Schools Alliance](#) promotes the safety, support, and healthy development of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth, in Illinois schools and communities, through advocacy, education, youth organizing, and research. In 2019, Illinois Safe Schools Alliance made PHIMC its home.