

# HalloweeM 45: The Vinyl Frontier

## COVID Protocols:

### MASKS ARE REQUIRED:

- Masks must cover your nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of your face without gaps. Masks can be either homemade or manufactured, and should be a solid piece of material without slits, exhalation valves, or punctures. No mesh or lace masks will be allowed.
  - Neck gaiters are acceptable if they follow the above guidelines
  - Bandanas are not acceptable
  - Face shields or goggles are not acceptable on their own but can be worn with a mask that follows the above guidelines
- Masks may only be removed while actively eating or drinking in hospitality (Ravinia C and D).
  - Masks must be worn while attending all speaker sessions
  - Masks must be worn while playing games in the game room (Ravinia A and B). A quick sip of a drink is acceptable while gaming: sitting at a table without masks in this area is not
  - Masks must be worn when getting food in hospitality, when getting drinks at Pretentious Drinking, and when getting food at Epicurean Experience

### Vaccinations:

- Stickers or stamps will be added to the badges of those who have been vaccinated and choose to disclose their vaccination status. A copy or photo of your vaccination card will be acceptable as long as the name and date of birth are clearly visible.
- VACCINES ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:
  - The Wonderful World of Whiskey (Thursday evening)
  - Curative Cocktails (Friday evening)
  - Pretentious Drinking (Saturday evening)
    - If you have a medical reason for not being vaccinated, please reach out to the WeeM Chair at [WeeM-Chair@chicago.us.mensa.org](mailto:WeeM-Chair@chicago.us.mensa.org) for a special exemption to attend PD only. This MUST be done prior to WeeM. No exemptions will be granted on site.

### Volunteering:

- Our [volunteer sign-up](#) is available now. We couldn't run WeeM without the help of all our great volunteers. With the extra COVID protocols this year, we'll need more help than ever. Thank you for signing up in advance.
- Due to extra COVID protocols in food service this year, there will be NO WALK-IN VOLUNTEERS IN HOSPITALITY. If you would like to help out in hospitality, please sign up for a shift in advance.
- If you're staying late, please consider helping us pack up and schlep our stuff to storage. It's been a long weekend and we're all tired. Many hands make light work. In order to help fill these traditionally hard-to-fill shifts, we'll be offering a special \$25 gift card drawing for these volunteers only.

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## Hospitality:

- In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, we've made some changes and switched to single-serve snacks in hospitality. Please limit what you take to what you can consume at that time. All food must be consumed in hospitality (Ravinia C and D), or in your hotel room, if you prefer. No food may be consumed in the public hallways or sitting areas, and no snacks will be allowed in games or speaker rooms this year.
- Some old favorites like the salad bar will not be available this year. If you have dietary restrictions, we will try to accommodate them, but the selection will be limited this year. Feel free to reach out to our hospitality chairs at [Susanwoodillcam@gmail.com](mailto:Susanwoodillcam@gmail.com).
- PLEASE NOTE: The Hospitality Serving Area will be a ONE WAY flow this year. Entry for all meals will be via the South Door ONLY (by the restrooms), where masked volunteers will plate your meals. Exit will be into the usual seating area. Drinks and snacks will be located in different areas to help minimize traffic and keep everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding!

## Hotel:

- October 7<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to reserve a room at the WeeM rate of \$119/night. Visit <http://chicago.us.mensa.org/weem/hotel.php> for more info.

## Vendors:

- Vendor tables are still available at WeeM. Deadline for sign up is October 20<sup>th</sup>. Visit <http://chicago.us.mensa.org/weem/2021/WeeM2021VendorFlyer.pdf> for more details.

## Merchandise:

- Get your exclusive WeeM Merchandise at [https://www.zazzle.com/store/weem\\_45/collections](https://www.zazzle.com/store/weem_45/collections). You can choose from several t-shirt and coffee mug styles by clicking through on the item you want and choosing a different style. When ordering a shirt in a color other than white, it's important to choose the Vivid Printing option for the best results.

## Book Sale:

- We will be having our book sale again this year! Bring any unwanted books so they can find a new, loving home. This year's proceeds will support the Bottom Line. Bottom Line provides services to high school juniors and seniors and then provides help to college students once they are there. Focused on first generation college students, they help high school students apply for colleges and financial aid and then make the choice of where to go to school. Once in school, they help the students in their DEAL model, Degree, Employability, Aid, and Life. They follow the students throughout their careers to make sure that they are making good choices in these areas. You can find out more at <https://www.bottomline.org/>.

## Events:

- We're happy that old favorites like Pretentious Drinking, Epicurean Experience, and Human Hungry Hungry Hippos will be available again this year. There will be extra precautions to keep everyone safe at these events. Thank you in advance for following them.