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Staying PROUD During COVID-19

This quarter's CivicPRIDE newsletter themes at first glance seem all over the map—census, pandemic, safe spaces, oh my! As I reflect on these topics, and particularly, the last few weeks we have experienced across the globe, I keep coming up with the same message: every one of us, let me say it again, every one of us, matters. From staying home to protect our loved ones and colleagues, to ensuring that we are counted by the federal government, all of us, regardless of identity, are more connected and valuable to each other than ever before. My heart goes out to all of you working to serve and support your communities in unprecedented ways. Thank you for your work, and thank you for being a part of the CivicPRIDE family.

Stay safe,
Pam Davis, CivicPRIDE Board Chair

LGBTQIA+ Noteworthy News:

1. **Freedom For All Americans** - An organization that tracks LGBTQIA+ related legislation, on the state level, nationwide. The group offers their [Legislative Tracker tool](#) to follow these efforts.
2. **South Carolina** - law banning LGBTQ Sex Education ruled [unconstitutional](#).

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localities to prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodation, credit, and education.

4. **Covid-19 in the trans and non-binary community** - [recommendations](#) on chest binding
5. **Chicago, Illinois** - Mayor Lori Lightfoot [approves study](#) to determine whether LGBTQIA+ owned businesses should get city contracting set-asides similar to those for minority- and women-owned businesses.



Creating Safe Spaces for LGBTQIA+ Employees

Sara Hancock shares suggestions for creating more support for LGBTQIA+ in the workplace. [Read more.](#)



Census 2020: Preparing the Count and the Coming Undercount of the LGBTQIA+ Community

Justyn Miller provides insight into the importance of the Census and representation of the LGBTQIA+ community. [Read more.](#)

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