

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Free HIV, STI and Overdose Prevention Kits Available at Callen-Lorde Community Health Center for Pride Month

NYC Nightlife icon Susanne Bartsch joins Dr. Demetre Daskalakis in a Callen-Lorde Community Health Center video promoting free Party and Prevention Kits that contain a range of prophylactic pharmaceuticals, self-STI testing, NARCAN and Fentanyl test strips.

NEW YORK (June 3, 2026)— Callen-Lorde Community Health Center and Dr. Demetre Daskalakis have teamed up with NYC nightlife icon Susanne Bartsch to announce [via Instagram video](#) that free Party and Prevention Kits are available at Callen-Lorde's Chelsea location, 356 W 18th St, starting on Friday, June 5.

“Pride is about joy, community—and taking care of each other. The Party and Prevention kit from Callen-Lorde is exactly what that looks like in action: easy HIV testing thanks to OraSure, HIV PrEP-on-Demand to stay protected on your terms, DoxyPEP to reduce the risk of some bacterial STIs, overdose prevention tools that save lives, and a huge list of other sexual health supplies,” said **Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, Chief Medical Officer at Callen-Lorde Community Health Center**. “However you celebrate, make prevention part of your plan—because loving our community means showing up authentically for our health, too.”

Kits contain:

- OraQuick HIV Self-Test (500 test kits were donated by [OraSure](#))
- HIV Prevention: PrEP on Demand (tenofovir/emtricitabine)
- STI Prevention: DoxyPEP (200 mg doxycycline)
- Overdose Prevention: Narcan/Naloxone, Fentanyl and Xylazine test strips
- Pregnancy Prevention: Plan B (by request)
- Plus: condoms, dental dams, lube, sunscreen and lipbalm

“During Pride season, we need to prioritize pleasure and joy but also protection and prevention,” said **NYC nightlife icon Susanne Bartsch**. “Callen-Lorde knows how to care for our community. This Party and Prevention kit will keep us all safe. As you can see from our video announcing the kits Callen-Lorde meets people where they are... all night long.”

How to get the kits:

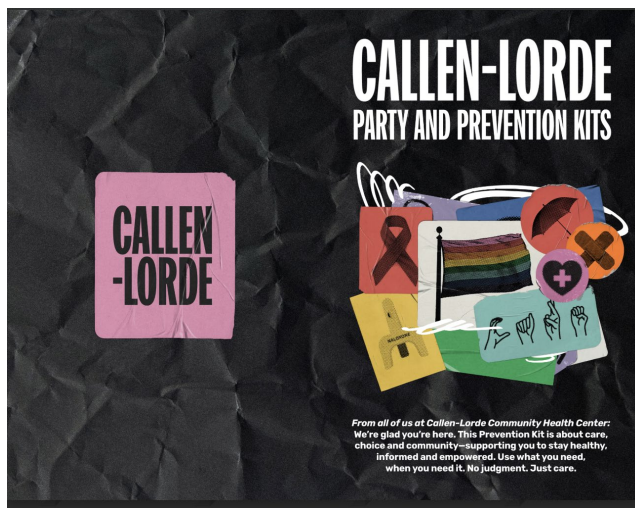
Party and Prevention Kits are available at Callen-Lorde's Chelsea clinic starting Friday, June 5 while supplies last. One kit per person.

Pick up time is Noon-3:00 on
June 5 and 6, June 12 and 13, June 26

Callen-Lorde Chelsea
356 West 18th Street
New York, NY 10011
Phone: (212) 271-7200

Kits will also be available on June 23 from 3:00-6:30pm in Union Square Park as part of NYC's National HIV Testing Day event.

"Expanding access to HIV testing is a vital part of the global effort to end the HIV epidemic," **said Carrie Eglinton Manner, President and CEO of OraSure.** "We are pleased to collaborate with Callen-Lorde to advance public health, reduce stigma, and ensure more people have access to HIV testing."



HIV TESTING: ORAQUICK® RAPID HIV TEST

This oral swab test lets you check your HIV status without a clinic visit or meeting with a nurse, tester or medical provider.

- Follow the OraQuick package instructions. They're in the box with the kit.
- Results are ready in about 20 minutes.
- A **negative** test does **not** detect very recent HIV exposure (within the past few weeks). If you've had a recent exposure, come see us at our clinic for additional testing.
- If your result is **unclear**, confirmatory testing with a provider is needed. Call us at (212) 271-7200, and we'll help book an appointment.
- If your result is **reactive (positive)**—we can help. Please contact our Trage team directly at (212) 271-7229 for timely support and connection to care.
- If you are living with HIV, share this self-test with a friend!

For all other questions, follow-up needs or to learn more about our services, please call our main line at (212) 271-7200. We're here for you no matter what your result is.

All OraQuick kits were generously donated by OraSure.

OVERDOSE PREVENTION: NALOXONE

Naloxone is safe, easy to use and lifesaving. It can completely reverse an opioid overdose.

- Use if someone is unresponsive, not breathing or overdosing after substance use.
- Spray the medicine into **one nostril** and **call 911**.
- Wait with the person until help arrives.**

Carrying naloxone is an act of community care. Scan the QR code to learn more, including how to use it.

HIV PREVENTION: PEP ON-DEMAND (2-1-1) OR (2-1-1-1)

This pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) option uses tenofovir/emtricitabine to reduce the risk of HIV from sex. While this method is highly effective, it is **not** recommended for people with kidney disease. Additionally, if you are living with HIV, do **not** take PrEP.

- Take two pills 2-24 hours **before** sex.
- For people who had anal sex:** Continue taking one pill per day for 2 days after sex.
- For people who had front hole or vaginal sex:** Continue taking one pill per day for 3 days after sex.
- There are many other options for PrEP. If you want to continue to take PrEP, contact us at (212) 271-7200.

OVERDOSE PREVENTION: FENTANYL AND XYLAZINE TEST STRIPS

These test strips help detect the presence of fentanyl and xylazine in mixtures before use. Both substances can lead to an overdose.

- Use the strips according to the instructions included on the test package.
- A positive result means the tested substance (fentanyl or xylazine) is present—consider not using it.

PREGNANCY PREVENTION: PLAN B (BY REQUEST)

Ask us for Plan B as a morning-after strategy to prevent pregnancy. Instructions are included with the medication.

OTHER PREVENTION: CONDOMS, DENTAL DAMS AND LUBRICANT

Using condoms/dental dams and lube together reduces irritation and HIV and STI acquisition. Use water or silicone-based lube (not oil-based) with condoms or dental dams.

OTHER PREVENTION: SUNSCREEN, LIP BALM AND HAND SANITIZER

Because protection is holistic—and you deserve comfort and care, inside and out.

STI PREVENTION: DORYPEP

Doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (DoryPEP) can lower the chance of some bacterial STIs (such as chlamydia and gonorrhea).

- Take **200 mg doxycycline** as soon as possible, within **72 hours after sex**.
- Do **not** take more than 200 mg in 24 hours.
- Take with water and avoid lying down for 30 minutes.
- To help prevent nausea, take with food but avoid dairy within 2 hours of the dose.
- Doxycycline can make you more sensitive to sun exposure: wear sunscreen (included in this kit) and a hat to protect you from sunburns and rashes.
- If you are **pregnant**, consult your pre-natal care provider before taking doxycycline.

Come back to Callen-Lorde to be tested for STIs and to access more doxyPEP.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

This kit doesn't replace medical care—but it can open the door to it. For testing, prescriptions, counseling or just to talk things through, Callen-Lorde has your back. Stay safe. Stay supported. Stay you.

Find us at (212) 271-7200 or callen-lorde.org/register.

[Click here to download the user guide.](#)

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