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North Shore Alliance of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Youth (NAGLY) Announces Closure Until Further Notice

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 threat, The NAGLY Center has suspended all in-person activities until further notice. We will, however, be holding many – if not all – our scheduled meetings virtually. Please check [our website](#), [our calendar](#), and social media (NorthShoreAGLY) for a schedule and to see instructions on how to join our meetings via Zoom.

It is vitally important we do not lose connection with each other during these times of isolation. NAGLY staff and volunteers are here to offer advice, support, comfort, and perspective. For youth ages 14-23, we have added a special **Rapid Response Chat** function, available [on our website](#), from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Everyone can send a message through the “Contact Us” section of our website and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

NAGLY is also postponing/cancelling all previously scheduled fundraising and social events. We will monitor the situation as time passes and will reschedule events as it becomes prudent. Clearly, we are taking a financial loss. Please consider donating to [NAGLY's COVID-19 Relied Fund](#). Your funds will pay for unplanned expenses such as online meeting software costs, The NAGLY Center full cleaning expenses, and loss of revenue from canceled fundraisers. Finally, know that we will get through this. NAGLY will be posting ideas and activities on the website and social media to keep you engaged, optimistic, and amused. Our collective energies are powerful.

Stay safe and healthy!



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Founded in 1992, NAGLY's mission is to honor, respect, educate, and empower LGBTQ+ youth. It does this through regular support meetings, leadership trainings, and social and cultural events, as well as defending and enhancing the civil and human rights of this community. Weekly programming topics range from safe sex, healthy relationships, bullying and coming out, to lighter matters such as poetry slams, heritage night, world spirituality, open mic nights, game nights, movie nights, dance nights and more. www.nagly.org