

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES FACT SHEET

- World Meeting of Families takes place September 22-25 with the Papal Visit taking place September 26-27.
- **Closures**
 - City government will operate on an “essential services only” status starting on Thursday, Sept. 24 through Monday, Sept. 28.
 - School District of Philadelphia will be closed Wednesday, September 23 through Friday, September 25. An announcement regarding schools on Monday, September 28, will be made in due course. Friday, October 9 will be a regular school day to make up for one of these days. The first day of Kindergarten will now be Thursday, September 17.
 - City Courts will be closed starting Wednesday, Sept. 23 and will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 29.
- There are **three perimeters** in effect:
 - **Secure Perimeter (red line)** – areas around Philadelphia Museum of Art, Benjamin Franklin Parkway, City Hall and Independence Hall. No vehicles. Pedestrians will pass through security check points.
 - **Secure Vehicle Perimeter (black line)** – broader area around much of Center City. No vehicles. All vehicles will be removed by 10pm on Thursday.
 - **Traffic box (green line)** – South Street to Spring Garden/Ridge/Girard, Delaware River to 38th Street in West Philadelphia. Vehicles can move around within this box (excluding areas within secure vehicle perimeter) but once they leave will not be able to return.
- **Authorized Vehicle Access Roads (yellow lines closed to regular traffic)**
- For information on **public transportation** please check websites of SEPTA (www.septa.org) and NJ Transit (www.njtransit.com).

Timeline (see day-by-day maps)

Thursday

- At 10:00 p.m. the Secure Perimeter (red line on map) around Ben Franklin Parkway and Secure Vehicle Perimeter (black line on map) will go into effect.

Friday

- At 6:00 am the Secure Perimeter (red line on map) from 12th Street west until 20th Street will be open to screened pedestrians only, no vehicles allowed in the Secure Vehicle Perimeter (black line on map).
- At 8:00 a.m. the Authorized Vehicle Access Roads (yellow line on map) will go into effect.
- At 6:00 p.m. the Traffic Box in Center City (green line on map) will go into effect.
- At 10:00 p.m. the Secure Perimeter (red line on map) around Independence Hall and Secure Vehicle Perimeter (black line on map) will go into effect. The Traffic Box in University City (green line on map) will also go into effect.

Saturday

- Taxis will be able to move in and out of the Traffic Box until 2 a.m. on Saturday morning, Sept. 26.
- At 6:00 a.m. the Secure Perimeters (red lines on map) for the Benjamin Franklin Parkway from 20th street west to the Art Museum, and the Independence Hall area, will open to ticketed and screened pedestrians.

Sunday

- There will be no screening for pedestrians at Independence Hall, but the perimeters will remain in place for the duration of the event, meaning no vehicles in the Secure Perimeter and Secure Vehicle Perimeter through Sunday night. The Secure Perimeter from the Art Museum to 12th Street will remain in place for the Papal Mass.

Monday

- Starting at 3 am, we will have taxi stands in the Traffic Box to service people needing to get to the Airport for early flights. The locations of these stands will be posted in the days to come on the city website along with other information.