

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES FACT SHEETS

World Meeting of Families takes place September 22-25 with the Papal Visit taking place September 26-27.

- City government will operate on a “reduced services” 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.
 - **Francis Festival Grounds/Traffic Box (green line)** – South Street to Spring Garden/Ridge/Girard, Delaware River to 38th Street in West Philadelphia. Vehicles can move around within these boxes (excluding areas within secure vehicle perimeter) but once they leave will not be able to return. The following vehicles will move in and out of the Festival Grounds:
 - SEPTA CCT, paratransit taxis, Uber WAV (Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles)
 - Taxis and limos/Uber Black with medallions from 6pm Friday- 2am Saturday, and then 3am on Monday onwardColumbus Blvd from South Street to Spring Garden will not be open to private traffic. All other Traffic Box boundary streets will be open to vehicles. Bridges between University City and Center City within the Traffic Box will not be open to vehicles.
- **Authorized Vehicle Access Roads (yellow lines)** - These streets are closed to regular traffic and parked cars. Cars will be able to cross over these streets at intersections.
- **State Highway closures** – Beginning Friday, September 25th at 10 p.m. PennDOT will close the following roads:
 - I-76 eastbound from I-476 to I-95
 - I-76 westbound from I-95 to U.S. Route 1 (Roosevelt Extension)
 - I-676 in both directions from I-76 to I-95
- **I-95** will NOT be closed. However, selected exit ramps onto 676 and Callowhill will be closed due to street closures within the city and other security needs.

- **U.S. Route 1/City Avenue** – On Saturday, September 25th, from 10AM to 10PM and Sunday, September 27th, from 7AM to 4PM, City Ave will be closed to traffic from I-76 to Lancaster Avenue (the Lower Merion side will be open periodically from I-76 to Belmont). See City Avenue Special Services District website for more detailed information (www.cityave.org)
- **Bridges** – The Ben Franklin Bridge will close to all vehicles, beginning at or around 10PM on Friday, Sept. 25th to accommodate pedestrian traffic. Re-opening the bridge for normal operation is anticipated on Monday, Sept. 28th at or around 12 Noon. See DRPA website for updates (www.drpa.org/PapalVisit)
- For information on **public transportation** please check websites for updates:
 - SEPTA (www.septa.org)
 - NJ Transit (www.njtransit.com)
 - PATCO (www.ridepatco.org)
- For more information about the event itself and how the pope's visit will impact **Philadelphia residents**, view the Papal Playbook at the World Meeting of Families website sign up for email updates. (www.worldmeeting2015.org/papal-visit-playbook-homepage)

Timeline

Day by day maps, corresponding the information below, are available on the City's website (<http://www.phila.gov/InformationCenters/pope/Documents/dailymaps.pdf>)

Sunday-Thursday

- No parking on streets within the Secure Perimeter (**red line**) and Secure Vehicle Perimeter (black line) will go into effect during these days. No parking signs will be posted a week in advance indicating parking restrictions. Residents who regularly park in these areas are highly encouraged to pre-purchase parking spaces at designated garages which will include a placard which will allow them to stay parked on the street until they park in the garage on Thursday between 6 and 8PM.

Thursday

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

Friday

- At 6:00AM the Secure Perimeter (**red line**) from 12th Street west until 20th Street will be open to screened pedestrians only, no vehicles allowed in the Secure Vehicle Perimeter (black line).
- At 8:00AM the Authorized Vehicle Access Roads (**yellow line**) will go into effect.
- At 6:00PM the Francis Festival Grounds in Center City (**green line**) will go into effect.
- At 10:00PM the Secure Perimeter (**red line**) around Independence Hall and Secure Vehicle Perimeter (black line) will go into effect. The Francis Festival Grounds in University City (**green line**) will also go into effect.
- Taxis and limos/Uber Black with medallions will be able to move in and out of the Francis Festival Grounds until 2 a.m. on Saturday morning, Sept. 26.

Saturday

- At 6:00AM the Secure Perimeters (**red line**) for the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, from 20th street west to the Art Museum, and the Independence Hall area will open to ticketed pedestrians entering through magnetometer screening.

Sunday

- At Independence Hall, the surrounding Secure Perimeter (**red line**) will stay in place but the magnetometer screening will be removed. The Secure Vehicle Perimeter (black line), prohibiting vehicles, will remain in place for the duration of the event and through Sunday night.
- Around the Parkway, from the Art Museum to 12th Street, the Secure Perimeter (**red line**) with magnetometer screening for pedestrians will remain in place for the Papal Mass.

Monday

- Starting at 3 am, Taxis and limos/Uber Black with medallions will be able to service people needing to get to the Airport for early flights.