

# Preparing for the Papal Visit

*September 22nd to September 27th*

Philadelphia will welcome Pope Francis and visitors from around the world for the World Meeting of Families. As we share our beautiful city as host to this exciting international meeting, the city will operate as though it were a “**snow weekend**,” with limited access, closures and travel restrictions. To get ready, please consider the following recommendations.

- ✓ Have a sufficient supply of your medications. Refill medications by *Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>*
- ✓ Have food essentials, including perishable and non-perishable items, to last through *Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>*.
- ✓ If you receive home-delivered meals, make sure your provider is aware of and has planned for the travel restrictions.
- ✓ Have an adequate supply of toiletries, detergent, and other items.
- ✓ If you have a pet, stock up on pet food, medications, and supplies.
- ✓ Have sufficient funds on hand for a nearby store, if you need some last-minute items.
- ✓ Make sure your emergency numbers are accessible, just in case!
- ✓ Create a buddy system with neighbors and friends, and plan on checking in with someone over the weekend.
- ✓ If you own a car, make sure you have enough fuel in your vehicle.

Determine if you live in one of the secure “traffic boxes” by visiting <http://phila.gov/informationcenters/pope>. The traffic boxes will stretch across much of Center City, Fairmount and University City and most restrictions take effect on **Friday, September 25**. There will be no SEPTA bus or trolley service within the traffic boxes, but bicycle and pedestrian traffic is permitted.



Residents who live in the traffic boxes are allowed to drive their personal vehicles within the perimeters of the boxes, but once they exit, re-entry is not permitted. Authorized vehicle access roads are being designated by the city and are for emergency vehicles only. *We encourage you to contact your local representatives if you have any questions.*

**Together, we can be prepared for this once-in-a-lifetime event!**

