

THE KNOW HOW TO GO NOW

This isn't a drill, folks. Philadelphia is getting back to business and back to fun – this time for real. Whether you're returning to the office for the first time in two years, adjusting to a new, flexible work schedule, or just ready to go back to Philadelphia for dinner or a show, we have information and resources to help you go back easily, safely, and confidently. Find out what you need to know, then get ready, get set, and GO!



GO YOUR OWN WAY

Walk, ride, or drive back to Philadelphia – you have clean, safe, and convenient options!

Both SEPTA and PATCO have added service to meet demand during peak hours, and enhanced cleaning is the new normal. Vehicles at both agencies are cleaned daily, with special attention paid to high-touch surfaces such as handles and safety rails. Ventilation standards on SEPTA and PATCO vehicles exceed CDC recommendations for indoor public spaces.

Here's more about what both agencies are doing to make people feel safe and confident on their systems:

SEPTA

Real time information via the SEPTA App lets you know when your bus, train, or trolley is arriving, and new innovative trip planning tools like the Estimated Seat Availability Dashboard lets you know when routes are busiest.

A Clean Ride

- SEPTA uses, and has always used, EPA-approved disinfecting products specifically designated for COVID-19.
- SEPTA is adding up to 200 new cleaners to provide the wo/manpower needed to step-up its cleaning efforts on vehicles, in stations, and on platforms.

Added Safety, Security & Service

- Enhanced lighting, additional cameras, and new signage at stations.
- Through SEPTA's SCOPE (Safety, Cleaning, Ownership, Partnerships and Engagement) initiative, Transit Police are assigned to stations and vehicles throughout the day and are working closely with social outreach specialists to connect those in need to substance use treatment, behavioral health services and other assistance. SEPTA is working with community leaders and City officials to coordinate efforts.

- Up to 88 SEPTA Outreach Specialists are being assigned to stations and vehicles along the Broad Street and Market Frankford Lines, as well as the concourses in Center City to:
 - Remind customers about the rules for riding,
 - Assist destination-less riders, and
 - Contact police when needed
- SEPTA's FREE <u>Transit Watch App</u> provides riders with incident-reporting features to discreetly share safety & security tips with SEPTA Transit Police in less than 20 seconds.

SEPTA Key is the key to convenience – a quick, seamless, and flexible way to pay no matter how, what, or when you ride.

- It can be used like a trusty Regional Rail or Transit pass by loading a daily, three-day, weekly, or monthly pass onto the card, or you can pay as you go with Travel Wallet. Coming soon mobile ticketing!
- SEPTA Key cards are available for purchase at any fare kiosk or sales office. There is a one-time fee of \$4.95 which will automatically be refunded as a Travel Wallet credit upon registering the card at SEPTAKey.org.
- Click <u>HERE</u> for more information on SEPTA Key
- For information on modes of travel, lines and stops, fares and more, check out SEPTA's <u>Guide to Ride</u>.

PATCO

COVID Safety

- Free masks are available in the lobby of every New Jersey station during weekday mornings, and hand sanitizer dispensers are available inside every PATCO station.
- Cleaning personnel are on duty 24/7 to perform extensive and targeted cleaning of every train car, as well as frequently touched surfaces on trains and in stations.
- The air in every PATCO train car changes once every 90 seconds, which is above recommended guidelines.
- As ridership levels continue to increase, PATCO will continue to evaluate the numbers and implement adaptive scheduling.

PATCO Information

- PATCO's FREEDOM Fare System uses state-of-the-art smart cards, paper tickets, automated ticket machines, entry/exit gates and parking gates-all linked together to provide flexible travel options. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information on FREEDOM fare options.
- PATCO utilizes social media extensively as well as text messaging travel alerts and advisories.
- For information on PATCO schedules, stations, accessibility and more, visit <u>www.ridepatco.org</u>.

PATCO Public Safety

- Passengers are encouraged to be alert to and report any suspicious behavior through PATCPO's free Look Up. Speak Up. app or by contacting PATCO police at 856-963-7996.
- PATCO has added additional Officers across the line to assist in all public safety matters throughout the morning & evening rush hours.
- PATCO has dedicated officers to ride OWL trains (12AM-4AM).
- All system cameras are reviewed daily to ensure proper operation, and repairs are made immediately.



INDEGO BIKE SHARE

In for the day and looking to get some exercise while you tour the town? Philadelphia is home to <u>Indego</u>, an easy-to-use bike share program that maintains hundreds of self-serve stations across the city.

- Just walk up to any Indego station and check out bikes for quick trips around the city 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- An interactive map of Indego stations makes it easy to find a bike nearby.



DRIVING/PARKING

Commuting into the City by car, or driving in for a day of fun and leisure? Not sure where to park? Visit the <u>Philadelphia Parking Authority parking</u> <u>locator</u> to find on-street, neighborhood, and lot parking. Looking for a deal? There's an app, well several, for that...

- <u>meterUp.org</u> Feed the meter from your smartphone no quarters necessary - and never stare at another kiosk again
- your destination, compare pricing, reserve your space, and pay in advance

GO SAFELY

As employers continue welcoming their employees back to Center City, Ready.Set.Philly! 2.GO, the City of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Police Department and other major business organizations are collaborating to ensure a safe, secure return-to-office for residents and commuters—many of whom have not been back to Center City in two years.

The Philadelphia Police Department is coordinating with public and private partners to maintain a visible security presence for residents and commuters. Existing police resources will continue to be deployed throughout the City and in high-traffic commuter and transit areas.

The strategy includes:

- Increasing visibility, including an increased presence of marked cars, bikes and foot patrols
- Fostering a trusted and personal connection between foot-beat patrol officers with business owners
- Reconfiguring Center City District patrol areas with smaller grids for personal connection and coverage
- Collaborating with the City's Community Life Improvement Program, the Office of Homeless Services and Center City District to focus on quality-of-life issues, focusing on the area bounded by Locust Street to Ludlow & 20th to Broad Street. The Police Traffic Unit will work to improve traffic flow through these areas

These public and private resources will create a visible security presence at critical times and in critical locations, as determined in partnership with local businesses. This enhanced security effort does not re-deploy resources from other areas, but reworks existing resources already allocated to Center City. This collaborative partnership also includes SEPTA, the Delaware River Port Authority, the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office, University City District Police, Drexel University Police, University of Pennsylvania Police, Jefferson Health Security, Independence Blue Cross, Comcast, Allied Barton and Center City District.

GO HAVE FUN

After two years of working from home, get your work-life balance back. GO back to eat & drink, shop and discover what's happening at Philadelphia's museums, performing arts theaters, art galleries and parks.

BE A LOCAL TOURIST

Ready for a hometown adventure? Want a lunch break escape? Visit Philadelphia is encouraging locals to "Pack Light, Plan Big" April through September with <u>a complete</u> <u>guide</u> to events, attractions, restaurants, stage performances, festivals, exhibitions, installations and more –updated regularly with insider tips and special deals. Follow @visitphilly for the latest news and updates on where to go and what to do in Philadelphia. Here's just a sampling!



- The GRAMMY-Award winning Philadelphia Orchestra brings Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone to <u>the Mann</u>
- <u>Live music</u> from Phish to Philly Pops and everything in between.

Theater

- Broadway touring productions of To Kill A Mockingbird and Dear Evan Hansen at the <u>Kimmel Cultural Campus</u>
- <u>Philadelphia's theater scene</u> is broad and way bigger than you might think. This summer, more than 30 different productions will grace stages up and down the Avenue of the Arts and beyond.



Arts & Exhibitions

- Tickets are disappearing fast to the world-premiere Harry Potter Wizarding World touring exhibition at The Franklin Institute now through September 8, 2022. <u>Click here for tickets</u>.
- More than a dozen museums and galleries featuring Black artists
- The new mind-bending Museum of Illusions Philadelphia in Old City

Events

• FDR Park will be In Full Bloom June 11-19 for the <u>Philadelphia Horticulture</u> <u>Society annual International Flower Show</u>. <u>Buy your tickets now</u> and stop to smell the flowers later.

- Penn's Landing is the place to be for FREE <u>Under the Stars Movie</u> <u>Screenings</u>
- Fringe Arts Festival in September

CENTER CITY DISTRICT

<u>Center City District</u> offers fun things to do every week. <u>Bookmark the calendar</u> and follow_@centercitydistrict on Instagram & Facebook and @ccdphila on Twitter for the latest event updates and park happenings.

- The return of <u>Center City SIPS!</u> Beginning June 1, participating locations within the Center City District will offer \$6 cocktails, \$5 wine and \$4 beer every Wednesday 4:30 7:00 pm through August 31.
- <u>Events and Programs at Sister Cities Park, Dilworth Park, Cret Park and John F.</u> <u>Collins Park</u>

• Center City Fit presented by Rothman Orthopaedics

Dilworth Park, Mondays & Tuesdays, April 18-October 11 | 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Free outdoor fitness classes for participants of all skill levels. Monday evenings will be dedicated to Zumba, and Tuesdays in April will focus on Boot Camp before transitioning to Cardio Boxing in May.

• Live at Sister Cities

Sister Cities Park, Thursdays, June 2-August 25 | 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Pack a blanket, pick a spot to unwind and relax on the lawn as local singer-songwriters perform amid the bustle of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

• Live @ Lunch presented by PNC

Dilworth Park Wednesdays & Thursdays | June 1-July 28 | Noon-1 p.m.

Take a break from the office at lunchtime to watch talented local musicians showcased at free outdoor concerts. For a schedule of performers, visit <u>DilworthPark.org</u>.

UNIVERSITY CITY DISTRICT

From Open Mic Nights and concerts at World Cafe Live, to craft shows, to a Jane Austen Promenade, to food trucks and performances at The Porch at 30th Street Station, you never know what entertainment awaits in <u>University City District</u> each week. <u>Bookmark the calendar</u> and follow @universitycity for news and updates.