

Access Information for November, 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Clinics in Reading, PA

Foot traffic:

All individuals will enter the building from the Penn street side. Building is handicapped accessible. There is limited interior waiting area. Efforts are being made to keep lines at a reasonable length, however, please dress weather appropriate in case the lines stretch outside.

Vehicle Traffic:

Access:

Congestion is possible in downtown areas on Friday night and Saturday morning due to other downtown events. Please plan ample travel time.

Saturday morning from approximately 8:00 AM till 12:30 PM, Penn Street will be closed through all of Reading due to a parade. Additionally, the 2nd Street and 5th Street crossings on Penn will be closed. Other street crossings at Penn will be periodically open and closed during this time to permit parade divisions to pass. **NOTE – Accessing the City from the Penn Street exit of 222/422 could be difficult during this time.**

Parking:

The multi-level garage in the 600 block between Franklin and Cherry Streets is the recommended parking facility to access the vaccine clinic. It is across the street (Cherry Street) from the Department of Health offices. Parking availability will vary throughout the days the clinic is open. The Reading Parking Authority is supporting this event by making parking available as follows:

Friday between 2 PM and 5 PM – no special parking availability due to normal business day parking needs.

Friday between 5 PM and 8 PM – advise the parking attendant you are going to the vaccine clinic and you will be charged only \$1.00 to park.

Saturday and Sunday - All day – The garage will be open, and there will be no charge for parking to go to the vaccine clinic.

Public Transportation:

BARTA will operate normal routes serving the area on Friday and Saturday. Most routes include transportation to the downtown bus terminal that is only ½ block from the clinic. NOTE THAT BARTA DOES NOT RUN ON SUNDAY. If you require public transportation, please plan to visit the clinic on Friday or Saturday.

Individuals who are already registered for BARTA Paratransit services may schedule paratransit to access the clinic through the normal scheduling process within normal paratransit operating hours.