

Pittsburgh G-20

Pittsburgh is hosting the G-20 Summit on September 24 and 25. This card will help provide information about the G-20 Summit and how it may affect you.

What is the G-20?

The Group of Twenty (G-20) includes high-ranking officials from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America (President Obama), and the European Union. They come together to talk about issues related to the global economy.

How could the G-20 Summit affect me?

The Summit will be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. There will be limited access to some downtown areas, especially around the Convention Center and the large downtown hotels.

Extra security measures will be taken to ensure the safety of the G-20 Summit officials. These security measures may include increased police presence and road closures throughout the downtown area, especially around the Convention Center. Other areas in Allegheny County may also be affected when G-20 officials travel from the airport to downtown.

Transportation – Buses and the “T” (subway), especially those which go through downtown, may be rerouted during the Summit. Some downtown bus stops may be changed during the G-20 Summit. Some roads and highways may be closed for a short time. Information will be posted at www.pittsburghg20.org.

Some businesses may not have regular schedules on September 24 and 25. Notice of business closures will follow as they become available.

What should I do to prepare?

PLAN AHEAD if you need to be in the downtown or airport areas on September 24 or 25.

Talk to your provider(s) about any plans they are making for the Summit. If you have an appointment downtown on Sept. 24 or 25, you may want to verify that it will be held as scheduled.

If you would feel more comfortable rescheduling your appointment to another day, change it now.

Talk to your employer about any preparations that are being made for the Summit.

What if I have to travel downtown?

Carry identification at all times – a **photo I.D. is best.**

If you are travelling to the downtown area, it's a good idea to take water, a snack, a book or music to listen to, and extra money in case you are delayed in your travels. If you are driving, have a full tank of gas in case there is heavy traffic or an unexpected detour.

If you take medications with you when travelling, carry them in the **original prescription bottle** (to prove that the medication is prescribed to you).

What can I do if I feel anxious or concerned about the activities taking place during the Summit?

- Talk to a friend, family member, or spiritual advisor about your concerns
- Talk to your provider and/or service coordinator
- Call the Warmline at 1-866-661-WARM (9276)
- Call re:solve Crisis Network at 1-888-7-YOUCAN (1-888-796-8226)

Because of the need for security for the visiting officials, there may be certain areas of the downtown area where you may be requested by a police officer to show identification.

If you are in your car or on the street and a police officer requests to see your identification:

Stay cool and calm and remain in your car or where you are, unless told to do otherwise by the police officer(s). Show photo I.D. if asked for it, answer any questions, and follow any directions, especially if you are told to change your route or destination.

Avoid crowds and confrontations. Try to find a way around them or leave the area.

What should I do if I have an emergency during the Summit?

Call the appropriate emergency numbers as you would in any emergency — 911 **OR** the re:solve Crisis Network 1-888-7-YOUCAN (1-888-796-8226).
