

## Broad Street Brief: Philadelphia Institutes Indoor Mask Mandate and Vaccine Policy for Employees; City Opens Request for Proposals for Anti-Violence Initiatives

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#### Philadelphia Institutes Indoor Mask Mandate and Vaccine Policy for Employees

As the Delta variant continues to spread, governments and businesses across the country are considering changing their COVID-19 protocols. Yesterday, the city of Philadelphia [announced](#) that an indoor mask mandate will go into effect at midnight tonight for businesses and institutions that do not require vaccinations for all employees and customers. Indoor dining remains open, but masks must be worn by everyone on the premises while not seated and eating or drinking. In addition, masks will be required for non-seated outdoor events with more than 1,000 attendees.

The city also [announced](#) that beginning September 1, all city employees will be required to either be fully vaccinated or wear two masks while working on-site. This follows the announcement from earlier this week that City Council would [mandate](#) its staff to be vaccinated before its first meeting of the fall legislative session.

#### City Opens Request for Proposals for Anti-Violence Initiatives

Community groups can now [submit](#) proposals to receive a portion of the \$22 million dedicated to anti-violence initiatives. In addition, the Department of Human Services [announced](#) that it will be accepting proposals to establish three Community Evening Resource Centers.

#### Next Phase of Street Cleaning Begins

Mayor Kenney announced last week that Phase II of the Mechanical Cleaning Pilot Program will commence in sections of North Central Philadelphia, South Philadelphia, Southwest Philadelphia, and Strawberry Mansion. The program will be expanded to 10 more neighborhoods later this year. Mayor Kenney has committed to investing \$62 million in street cleaning over five years.

#### Federal Update: \$3.5 Trillion Budget Resolution Approved by Senate

As President Biden's infrastructure package proceeds through the legislative process, the Senate voted along party lines to [approve](#) a budget resolution that outlined Democrats' plan to invest in family, health, and environmental programs. However, it will be a challenge for both House and Senate Democratic leadership to keep their caucuses united behind a plan. Moderates are concerned about the size and cost of the proposal, while progressives in the party are pushing for large-scale investments in programs. Please contact a member of the Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies team for more information about the infrastructure package and the proposed budget.



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