

Esperanza Community Vaccination Center Soft Opening Day in Philadelphia, PA

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Media Advisory

FEMA and the City of Philadelphia will host a press event to give an update on operations at the federally supported Esperanza Community Vaccination Center on Friday, April 9, 2021.

- Members of the media, local elected officials and civic members are invited to a press event, which will include remarks from: Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney, City Council President Darrell L. Clarke, 7th District Councilmember Maria Quiñones Sánchez, Philadelphia Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley, Esperanza President & CEO Reverend Luis Cortés, Jr., Brigadier General Edwards Little - Pennsylvania National Guard and Dual Status Commander of the Pennsylvania Vaccination Mission, and Acting FEMA Region 3 Administrator Janice Barlow
- **When: Friday, April 9, 2021 at 10:00 – 10:30 am**
- **Where: Esperanza, 4261 N 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140**
- Please park on the street and enter at the N 3rd Street and W Hunting Park Ave gated entrance. There will be no parking available in the Esperanza Parking Lot. Site security staff will escort media to and through the Media Entrance, at 3rd Street and Hunting Park and to the school facility adjoining the Esperanza Community Vaccination Site's clinical operations area. Due ongoing clinical operations, media access to the vaccination area will be limited, but FEMA will share b-roll and still photos upon request.
- COVID-19 Precautions: In accordance with local health and safety guidelines, members of the media should wear masks, observe social distancing, and bring



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distancing equipment (e.g., boom poles). Please pool resources where possible.

- **Media wishing to attend must RSVP to Thom Wise at Thomas.Wise@fema.dhs.gov, no later than 6pm on Thursday April 8, 2021 in order to be added to the site access roster.**

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For media inquiries, please contact FEMA Region 3 Office of External Affairs femar3newsdesk@fema.dhs.gov??

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