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City of Cleveland Provides Coronavirus & Other Important Updates - **Update #261**

The City of Cleveland continues to take numerous precautions across multiple departments and divisions amid increasing cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). Below are some important updates. Mayor Frank G. Jackson signed an order on December 22 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through Jan. 31, 2021. Mayor Jackson's order was amended to include a Stay At Home Advisory. [Click here to view the order.](#) Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational. [Click here to view Mayor Jackson's recent telephone town hall](#) on Dec. 30 to discuss the pandemic, vaccines and other prevention efforts.

175 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases and One Fatality Reported in Cleveland

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 175 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents on Jan. 6 and one fatality. This brings the total to 20,037 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 185 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 10 years old to their 90s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms.

As of Jan. 6, there are 662,217 confirmed cases and 8,443 confirmed fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 21.21 million cases and 359,784 deaths in the U.S.

Reminder: The City of Cleveland will disseminate Saturday and Sunday COVID-19 numbers on its Facebook and Twitter pages when they become available.

The City of Cleveland COVID-19 Dashboard displays the most recent preliminary data from the Ohio Department of Health about COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, deaths and recoveries in Cleveland by selected demographics. [View the dashboard here.](#) **For individuals' privacy, CDPH will not be releasing any additional demographic info related to COVID-19 cases aside from age range and gender.**

Vaccine Distribution Data: *The City of Cleveland has received multiple requests to share an update on its COVID-19 vaccination distribution. The City will begin to regularly report vaccination data as part of its evening updates in the coming days.*

Robert Davis Resigns as Public Utilities Director

The City of Cleveland today announces the resignation of Robert L. Davis as Director of the City of Cleveland Department of Public Utilities. Davis will step down from his role on Jan. 15. As utilities director, Davis is responsible for management and oversight of more than 1,700 employees, a budget of more than \$570 million, and all operations within the Divisions of Cleveland Public Power, Cleveland Water, Cleveland Water Pollution Control, and Utilities Fiscal Control, as well as the City-wide Office of Radio Communications and Cleveland's public access channel, TV20.

"I want to thank Robert for his service to the City of Cleveland," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. "His work has helped advance our efforts to provide reliable and affordable utility services to residents and business."

During his tenure, Davis led many initiatives contributing to the success and growth of the department. The Cleveland Division of Water has made significant improvements including the installation of automatic meter readings, transitioning from quarterly to monthly billing, apprenticeship programs and improving affordability and equity. Cleveland Public Power is currently instituting Mayor Jackson's Safe Smart CLE program to replace 61,000 existing streetlights with new, energy-efficient LED technology. Additionally, the department implemented new billing systems and accomplished a goal of 20 percent renewable energy. Water Pollution Control is currently undergoing a multi-year study to identify \$50 million of infrastructure replacement, expanding its apprenticeship program and more.

"I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have provided essential and critical utility services to our customers at an affordable cost," said Davis. "I was able to do help do this while focusing on good quality customer service to make the city of Cleveland a great place to live work and raise a family," said Davis. "The City of Cleveland is truly a great city."

City of Cleveland to Hold Press Briefing Tuesday, January 12

On Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m., Mayor Jackson will hold a virtual press briefing to discuss the COVID-19 vaccine and related updates.

The press conference will be livestreamed on the [City of Cleveland Facebook page](#) and media may ask their questions into the comments section. Please include the name of your outlet when you post the question. We will also take questions from members of the public as time allows.

If media would prefer to send in their questions via email, they are welcome to send them to covid19media@clevelandohio.gov no later than one hour prior to the press conference start time.

Pipeline Infrastructure Improvements Update

On Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Dominion Energy Ohio's gas pipeline infrastructure replacement project will begin on the following streets:

- West 50th Street – From Detroit Avenue to Franklin Boulevard
- West 52nd Street – From Detroit Avenue to Franklin Boulevard
- West 54th Street – From Detroit Avenue to Franklin Boulevard
- West 55th Place – From Detroit Avenue to 5417 West 55th Place
- West 57th Street – From Detroit Avenue to Franklin Boulevard

The improvements include replacing the old steel mainline with a new plastic mainline in the sidewalk area. A work zone will be established which will allow two-way traffic with traffic control personnel present to help direct traffic flow. Access to adjacent driveways will be maintained throughout construction. All work zones will be removed at the end of each work day. The work on the project will take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This project is scheduled for completion by March 2021 and restoration completed by April 2021. Should the weather not allow for permanent restoration to the sidewalk, a temporary 2" thick concrete sidewalk will be installed for pedestrian traffic. A concrete cap will be placed on all road crossings until permanent concrete restorations can be completed in the spring.

Should there be any questions, please contact Matt Lenke - Hill International at 330-353-7111.

***Editor's Note:** Road construction invariably presents hazards to the public. All travelers are urged to use caution in construction zones. Public safety and the safety of workers is a top priority.*

Other Important Reminders (Previous Announcements)

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Now Offering COVID-19 Testing

A new Covid-19 testing site is now open Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) that provides travelers, visitors, and airport staff with their results, delivered to their phone, in as little as 15 minutes. TACKL Health specializes in rapid mobilization for large-scale testing in locations nationwide. Guests can receive both polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and rapid antigen tests. The new testing site is located on the ticketing level, near the information desk, and is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

TACKL Health licensed healthcare professionals administer the tests in four private sanitized rooms. Those wishing to get tested can schedule an appointment in advance by scanning a QR code, going to www.tacklhealth.com/cle. Walk-ins are also welcome. Since the testing site is on the public side of the airport, anyone can walk up to get tested. The cost for the rapid antigen test is \$95, \$135 for the PCR test, or \$175 for both. PCR test results arrive via email or a text message in 24 to 48 hours and rapid antigen test results take 15 minutes.

Testing is voluntary and not required by Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. For more information, view our FAQ sheet [here](#).

2021 City of Cleveland Division of Waste Bulk Pick-Up Schedule Now Available

The 2021 City of Cleveland Division of Waste Bulk Pick-Up Calendar is available for [download here](#).

In addition to bulk pick-up dates, the calendar includes information about proper waste set out. Here are some tips to make sure your waste collection is compliant with city set out guidelines:

- Rule of three: Remember that the limit for bulk pick-up is three items.
- Residents may leave out for collection items such as appliances, tables, chairs, mattress box springs, couches and furniture.
- All mattresses, box springs and cloth furniture must be wrapped in plastic.

- In addition to the three items, residents may leave out up to four tires.
- The City does not accept construction material.
- Boxes and loose bags are not bulk items.
- Carpet must be cut and rolled into 3-foot long pieces and must not exceed 40 pounds.

The Division of Waste also reminds residents of the following waste regulations:

- Only waste in officially issued City carts will be accepted, and loose trash or bags outside City roll carts will not be accepted.
- The following will be not be accepted in or outside of roll carts: construction materials, hazardous waste, bricks, dirt, concrete, cinder blocks, auto parts, loose metal items, medical waste or fluorescent tubes. No wet paint should be placed in roll carts. All paint cans should be dry before they are placed in roll carts.
- Do not place hot charcoal ashes in roll carts.

For further information regarding waste collection, please call the Division of Waste Collection at (216) 664-3711 or visit <http://www.clevelandohio.gov>.

Public Works and Port Control Hiring Snow Removal Vehicle Operators

The City of Cleveland Department of Public Works is hiring [Snow Removal Vehicle Operators](#).

This position is seasonal and will be used only during the snow removal season. Required qualifications include:

- High School Diploma or GED;
- Valid Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) Type B with Air Brake Endorsement; and
- Good driving record.

The City of Cleveland Department of Port Control is also hiring [Snow Removal Vehicle Operators](#).

This position is seasonal and will be used only during the snow removal season. Airport and departmental requirements include:

- Must successfully complete a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) 10 year fingerprint-based Criminal History Records Check and employment background check and Security Threat Assessment.
- Must be able to pass a pre-employment physical and drug test; and
- Must successfully complete all applicable regulatory airfield Ground Vehicle Operator and Winter Operations training/assessments and maintain corresponding airfield driving privileges.

For more information and to view more available City of Cleveland positions, [click here](#).

City Now Accepting Applications for Cleveland Small Business Grant

Emergency Working Capital Program – Specially Impacted Businesses

The Emergency Working Capital program is designed to assist businesses whose operations are specifically impacted by COVID and have had to take exceptional measures to maintain operations throughout the pandemic. Businesses may receive a \$10,000 loan for working capital and operations costs and a \$10,000 grant to offset costs of PPE and other safety measures. Applicants must complete the Emergency Capital Working Fund [Loan Application](#) and the 1-page [supplemental questionnaire](#). Applications for this program should be submitted electronically to economicdevelopment@clevelandohio.gov.

Calls Regarding COVID-19 Complaints

With the passage by Cleveland City Council of an ordinance authorizing penalties for non-compliance with Mayor Jackson's mask mandate, enforcement is now in effect.

There are two numbers Clevelanders should call regarding non-compliance:

- **Business complaints:** CDPH hotline at (216) 857-7165
- **Individual or private residence complaints:** Cleveland Police non-emergency line at (216) 621-1234

Cleveland City Council recently approved the mandatory use of masks in public spaces as well as certain penalties for individuals and businesses that do not comply. On July 3, Mayor Jackson signed an amended order mandating the use of masks in public in the City of Cleveland to slow the spread of the highly contagious coronavirus. This includes mandatory use in bars, restaurants, shared office settings, rideshares and other shared spaces.

Citations may be issued with fines for the following:

- Any business or person violating the mask or safe-seating order (which maintains social distancing of at least six feet between patrons) is subject to civil penalties in accordance with Ordinance No. 556-2020, specifically chapters 602 and 236.
- Any business in the City of Cleveland with an employee who becomes ill with the coronavirus is required to immediately disinfect and sanitize the premises. Following a warning, they may be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for the first offense and a civil penalty of \$3,000 for each subsequent violation.

Upcoming Cleveland Transformation Alliance Meetings

The Cleveland Transformation Alliance Committee (CTA) is currently hosting public meetings via Zoom or Microsoft Teams. For more information on these meetings, please visit <http://www.myCLEschool.org>. See details for upcoming meetings below:

Cleveland Plan Progress Committee

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/98637418704?pwd=TzJ4cit6Q2I2d3phWVlzcKYOalE3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 986 3741 8704 Passcode: 493433

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/adadVlKcoH>

CTA Board Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/95274808308?pwd=UFRQL3QzZk51VjN5Y1BTNWozdnRqUT09>

Meeting ID: 952 7480 8308 Passcode: 028052

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CodeRED

Sign up for CodeRED alerts to receive calls and emails with important info regarding the coronavirus. To sign up online, visit <https://bit.ly/CLECodeRED>, get mobile alerts by downloading the CodeRED app via the Apple or Google Play stores. Seniors who need assistance signing up are welcome to call the Department of Aging at (216) 664-4383 for periodic phone call messaging.

Previous COVID-19 Updates from the City of Cleveland

[Click here to view previous updates.](#)

For more information about COVID-19, visit the following:

- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
- <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>
- <http://www.clevelandhealth.org/>

About the City of Cleveland

The City of Cleveland is committed to improving the quality of life for its residents by strengthening neighborhoods, delivering superior services, embracing diversity and making Cleveland a desirable, safe city in which to live, work, play, and do business. For more information on the City of Cleveland, visit online at www.clevelandohio.gov, Twitter at @cityofcleveland or Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland.