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City of Cleveland Provides Coronavirus & Other Important Updates - **Update #271**

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.

145 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases and Two Fatalities Reported in Cleveland

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 145 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents on Jan. 20. This brings the total to 22,495 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 208 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. Additionally, two cases was transferred as it was determined they were not Cleveland residents.

As of January 20, there are 740,926 confirmed cases and 9,313 confirmed fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 24.38 million cases and 404,898 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 release additional demographic info related to COVID-19 cases aside from age range and gender.**

Mayor Frank G. Jackson Congratulates New Administration on Inauguration

"On behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I want to congratulate President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and Vice President Kamala D. Harris on their Inauguration and I look forward to working with them for a brighter future."

City of Cleveland Statement on Jan. 6 Events at U.S. Capitol

At this time, no members of the Department of Public Safety have been identified as participating in events on January 6, 2020 at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. In the event that a member is identified as a participant, an internal investigation will be conducted and any wrongdoing will be swiftly dealt with.

Case Western Reserve, Cleveland Department Of Public Health Form Partnership To Battle COVID-19, Other Infectious Diseases

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Case Western Reserve University, through its Master of Public Health Program (MPH) at the School of Medicine, have forged a partnership in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new partnership will help ensure high-quality COVID-19 epidemiology in the City of Cleveland and develop public health strategies to decrease the harm caused by the pandemic—expanding on the volunteer professional service provided by the MPH program during the earliest stages of the COVID-19 pandemic since last March.

“The City of Cleveland values its partnership with Case Western Reserve University,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “Epidemiology is vital to CDPH’s operations and service to Clevelanders.”

The CWRU team has a long history of collaboration with CDPH. The new partnership will increase the level of collaboration by bringing additional, experienced public health and epidemiology experts on board to support the CDPH COVID Response team.

The partnership is led by Daniel Tisch, director of the Master of Public Health Program, and Scott Frank, director of Public Health Initiatives, both at the Case Western Reserve School of Medicine. The team includes Professor Peter Zimmerman, Assistant Professor Sarah Markt, Associate Professor Jacqueline Curtis, Professor Andrew Curtis and Associate Professor Mendel Singer, as well as staff and students.

Tisch will lead a team of Case Western Reserve epidemiologists to help the CDPH epidemiology team manage, analyze and display the incredible volume of data necessary to optimize the COVID response.

Frank will lead another part of the university team to help the public health system use the data to address outbreak response, vaccine distribution and community concerns.

“We trust and value the expertise of our partners at the Cleveland Department of Public Health as they confront the public-health crisis of our generation,” Tisch said. “This is an opportunity to support them in this critical work for the welfare and recovery of our community as we emerge from this pandemic together.”

Case Western Reserve’s MPH program established a COVID-19 working group of several faculty members early in the outbreak to advise on public-health concerns on campus and across Greater Cleveland. The team’s members have backgrounds in infectious disease, epidemiology medicine and public health nationally and internationally.

The partnership leverages 20 years of collaborations between CDPH and the MPH Program, including focused COVID-19 volunteer activity and consulting since the first days of the pandemic

in Cleveland. Tisch and some of his students have been supporting CDPH by tracking cases of COVID-19 from confirmed patients to people who may be carrying the virus without knowing it.

The project will also incorporate dedicated student learning and service opportunities for the MPH program and affiliated degree programs in the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences at the School of Medicine.

“Overall, this partnership will bring vital resources to cope with this virus that has effected every life in Cleveland and around the world,” Frank said. “The overwhelming scale of the pandemic requires maximizing resources to assure the best possible response.”

Cleveland Police Officer Terminated

Director of Public Safety Karrie D. Howard announces that a Cleveland Police Officer has been terminated following an internal investigation. Patrol Officer Howard Hart, 31, was terminated from employment on January 19, 2021 as a result of the investigation.

An internal investigation was conducted by the Cleveland Division of Police, Internal Affairs Unit. Findings of the investigation were forward to the Chief of Police for review and then submitted to the Office of the Director of Public Safety for final discipline. Director Howard determined that the officer committed violations including inaccurate reporting of a use of force incident, along with violations of policies and procedures related to training, attendance and AWOL.

Patrol Officer Howard Hart was hired in 2015. He was most recently assigned to the Third District on Basic Patrol and has been off duty on an extended illness. [Read the termination letter here.](#)

Any additional information will be posted via GOV QA.

The City of Cleveland Releases CDPH COVID-19 Non-Compliance Report

CDPH continues to monitor COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. Since March 20, 2020 through Jan. 20, 2021, CDPH has received 3,918 COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. To date, CDPH has received 1,195 mass gathering non-compliance allegations, 1,835 mask non-compliance allegations and 766 social distancing non-compliance allegations in the City of Cleveland. To view and download CDPH's COVID-19 non-compliance report, [click here.](#)

Other Important Reminders (Previous Announcements)

City Of Cleveland Establishes Call Center to Answer General Vaccine Distribution Questions

The City of Cleveland has established a call center that is currently available to answer general questions pertaining to the City's vaccine distribution efforts and assist eligible individuals in scheduling an appointment to receive the vaccine.

- Call Center Number: (216) 664-2222
- Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

As a reminder, only individuals who meet the Ohio Department of Health's criteria are eligible to receive the vaccine at this time. Due to limited supply, it will take time for eligible individuals to receive the vaccine. We ask for your patience. As we receive additional supply, we will be opening

up additional vaccination sites and scheduling appointments for eligible individuals to receive the vaccine.

Sustainable Cleveland January Meeting Postponed to January 27

The Sustainable Cleveland January Meeting: The Circular Economy in Cleveland has been postponed to Wednesday, January 27th at 4:30 pm. Co-hosted with Cleveland Neighborhood Progress (CNP), this meeting will focus on the launch of [Circular Cleveland](#) an initiative that will build on collaborations to create circular economy strategies in Cleveland, including ways that you can get involved.

Late last year, CNP was awarded a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to launch Circular Cleveland in partnership with the City of Cleveland and Neighborhood Connections.

During our January meeting, we will introduce the concept of a circular economy and provide details about the two phases of the grant to be implemented over the next two years. We will also provide national and international examples of the circular economy as well as examples in Cleveland of the circular economy already in practice.

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](#).

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 info 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 one-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:

CTA Board Meeting

Monday, Jan. 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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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/98504829697>

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

<https://zoom.us/j/98504829697?pwd=Q1BscFpZQlMvQ2NkZ13SVVrSmtxdz09>

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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.