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City of Cleveland Provides Coronavirus & Other Important Updates - **Update #272**

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.

108 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases Reported in Cleveland

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 108 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents on Jan. 21. This brings the total to 22,600 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 208 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 1 year old to their 90s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms. Additionally, three cases were transferred as it was determined they were not Cleveland residents.

As of January 21, there are 746,398 confirmed cases and 9,402 confirmed fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 24.57 million cases and 408,877 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 Jackson Appoints Martin Keane as New Director of Public Utilities

Martin Keane was sworn in today by Mayor Frank G. Jackson as the Director of Public Utilities. Keane previously served as the Assistant Director of Public Utilities.

“Martin Keane comes to this position with valuable experience, having previously served as Assistant Director of Public Utilities as well as a longtime councilperson and chairman of the Utilities Committee,” said Mayor Jackson.

As the Department of Public Utilities – which includes Cleveland Water, Cleveland Public Power and Cleveland Water Pollution Control – moves forward, Keane will manage the operations and oversight of more than 1,700 employees and a \$570 million budget.

Keane was first elected to City Council in 2007 to represent the Kamm’s Corners, West Park and Puritas neighborhoods. He was chair of the Utilities Committee and Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee. In addition, he was a member of the Finance, Development Planning & Sustainability, Operations and Rules committees. Prior to City Council, Keane worked as a probation officer and most recently as Assistant County Prosecutor of Cuyahoga County.

Keane was raised in Ward 17 where his father served on City Council in the 1970s. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School, attended The Ohio State University and earned a law degree at Cleveland Marshall College of Law. He and his wife have four children.

Pipeline Infrastructure Improvements Update

On Monday January 25, 2021, Dominion Energy Ohio’s gas pipeline infrastructure replacement project will begin on the following streets:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Drive – From Kinsman Road to East 114th Street
- Parkedge Drive – From Martin Luther King Jr Drive to 10901 Parkedge Drive

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. 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)

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/u/adLsWr0PY>

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=Q1BscFpZQlMvQ2Nka2l3SVVrSmtxdz09>

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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.