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City of Cleveland Provides Coronavirus & Other Important Updates - **Update #279**

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 Jan. 26 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through Feb. 28, 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.

140 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases and Reported in Cleveland

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 140 more confirmed cases of coronavirus and in city residents on Jan. 29. This brings the total to 23,515 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 218 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 January 29, there are 775,353 confirmed cases and 9,861 confirmed fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 25.8 million cases and 435,089 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.**

The City of Cleveland Commemorates Black History Month with Series of Virtual Events

The 2021 City of Cleveland Black History Month celebration kicks off on Monday, Feb. 1 with a virtual opening ceremony.

This year's theme, "Strengthening Black Families Through the Quest for Equity and Equality," celebrates the contributions and achievements made by residents and leaders in the Black community with a series of virtual events. All of these virtual events are free and open to the public.

"Each year, our Black History Month celebration serves to recognize Cleveland's long-standing history of Black leadership and honor Black individuals who contribute to our city's legacy of cultural diversity and equality," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. "We continue this tradition by celebrating the men and women of the Black community who strive to make Cleveland a great place to live, work, play and do businesses, for our residents and their families."

Some of the events, though virtual, offer Facebook Live viewers the opportunity to interact with panelists by asking questions in the comments. [Click here to view a calendar of events](#). Please note that some events will be livestreamed to Facebook and some will be available to the public via WebEx, though registration is required via Eventbrite. To participate in Facebook events, visit the City of Cleveland Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CityofCleveland.

Mayor Jackson Statement on Mandel Foundation Donation to Say Yes Cleveland

Mayor Jackson today issued a statement on the Mandel Foundation's \$500,000 donation to Say Yes Cleveland:

"This generous donation from the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation will help countless students in the City of Cleveland striving to attain success in higher education," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. "On behalf of all Clevelanders, I thank the Foundation for this important investment in our children."

City of Cleveland, Director of Public Safety issues significant discipline to 3 Cleveland Police Officers.

- Patrol Officer John Smith was suspended without pay for 25 days. [Read details of his suspension here.](#)
- Patrol Officer Joshua McCoy was suspended without pay for 17 days. [Read details of his suspension here.](#)
- Patrol Officer Ta'Lor Payne was suspended without pay for 20 days. [Read details of her suspension here.](#)

City of Cleveland Update on Hopkins Airport

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) like other airports worldwide has had a dramatic drop in air service and travelers due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Concerns over health and safety as well as quarantines, coupled with many businesses cancelling travel and leisure travelers staying home, have impacted flights.

We are currently averaging 4,840 in the past seven days, compared with the 314 passengers we reported on April 20, 2020. [Click here to view regularly updated numbers on airport travel on the Hopkins website.](#)

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. to 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.

Virtual Public Information Presentation for East 105th Street Rehabilitation Project

Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Council Members Kevin Conwell and Anthony Hairston and City of Cleveland staff invite you to participate in the Virtual Public Information Presentation of the East 105th Street Rehabilitation Project.

The presentation will be made Thursday, February 4, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the upcoming East 105th Street Rehabilitation Project, including maintenance of traffic provisions.

This presentation can be accessed via Webex using the information below:

<https://cityclevelandoh.webex.com/cityclevelandoh/j.php?MTID=mecb80fde372675c219ca62bdcd409a7a>

Meeting ID: 180 588 3787

Passcode: 8a2zEJ87y5E

Join by phone: 1-415-655-0003

Construction is scheduled to begin February 8, 2021 and will be completed in February 2022. The proposed improvements include:

- Replace the existing 8" water main with a new 12" water main. Provide full and partial depth pavement repairs where needed and new asphalt resurfacing. Repair, curb, sidewalk, curb ramps and drive aprons as necessary.
- Replace the sewer from Helena Avenue to Remington Avenue.
- Replace three traffic signals with Rapid Flashing Beacons.
- Provide new pavement markings and signage which will include bicycle lanes.

To view the full briefing for this project, [click here](#).

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:

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>

Passcode: 527683

Join by phone:

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799

Webinar ID: 985 0482 9697 Passcode: 527683

Communication and Engagement Committee

February 9, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 216-815-0098](tel:+12168150098), [605888041#](tel:+1605888041) United States, Cleveland

Phone Conference ID: 605 888 041#

[Find a local number](#) | [Reset PIN](#)

Charter Review Committee

February 24, 2021 at 2 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 216-815-0098,916557569#](tel:+12168150098916557569) United States, Cleveland

Phone Conference ID: 916 557 569#

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Finance Committee

March 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 216-815-0098,707589369#](tel:+12168150098707589369) United States, Cleveland

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Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting

March 15, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

Topic: CTA Board Meeting

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eq22wuvaSMYTS0x1dmgQkw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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.