



CITY OF CLEVELAND  
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## **City of Cleveland Provides Coronavirus & Other Important Updates - **Update #281****

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.

### **59 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases Reported in Cleveland**

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 59 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents on February 2. This brings the total to 23,744 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 219 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 6 year olds to their 90s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms. In addition, 33 cases have been transferred as it was determined the individuals were not from Cleveland.

As of February 2, there are 785,395 confirmed cases and 10,084 confirmed fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 26.4 million cases and 446,272 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.**

### **Other Important Reminders (Previous Announcements)**

#### **Two Administrative Resignations Announced**

The City of Cleveland has received the resignation of Health Commissioner Persis Sosiak. Her last

day will be Feb. 5, 2021 and her position will be posted after that date. ***An Acting and/or Interim Commissioner will be appointed.***

Currently, the Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has three epidemiologists, two of which are CDC Foundation Fellows. The City-employed epidemiologist was hired last month.

The following positions have been posted: (1) Chief Epidemiologist and (2) Epidemiologists

As part of a recently announced partnership, Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) will assist CDPH with building the capacity of our Epidemiology Unit. This partnership will provide CDPH with critical support elements that are needed to strengthen this unit - now and beyond our work relative to COVID-19. The CWRU team has a long history of collaboration with CDPH.

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 also 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.

In addition, the City has also received the resignation of Animal Care and Control Manager Colleen Siedlecki. The Department of Public Safety is thankful for Colleen's service to the City. Her last date will be Feb. 2, 2021.

**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 Feb. 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](#).

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

The 2021 City of Cleveland Black History Month celebration kicked 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](http://www.facebook.com/CityofCleveland).

## **Students Invited to Apply for Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship Program**

The Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 academic year. The deadline to submit your application is March 28, 2021. To learn more and to apply, [click here](#).

The Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship Program was created by the City of Cleveland in 2007 to provide scholarship funds to the following individuals:

1. City employees
2. Dependents of City employees
3. High school seniors graduating from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District
4. High school seniors in the Youth Development Program or involved with the City of Cleveland Department of Recreation

The program provides scholarships of \$1,000 per year for up to 4 years. Selected scholarship recipients must be a full-time (minimum 12 credit hours each term) student at a four-year, public or private, not-for-profit higher education institution.

Scholarships are renewable for up to three additional years from the first awarded academic year. To be eligible for renewal of the scholarship, students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and full-time status.

The City of Cleveland's Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship program is administered through [College Now Greater Cleveland](#). For questions about the scholarship applications, please contact College Now at 216-635-0324.

## **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.

## **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](http://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](#).

## **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:

#### ***Communication and Engagement Committee***

February 9, 2021 at 3 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting on your computer or mobile app.](#)

Or call in (audio only): [+1 216-815-0098,605888041#](tel:+12168150098605888041)

Phone Conference ID: 605 888 041#

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#### ***Charter Review Committee***

February 24, 2021 at 2 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting on your computer or mobile app.](#)

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

[Click here to join the meeting on your computer or mobile app.](#)

Or call in (audio only): [+1 216-815-0098,707589369#](tel:+12168150098707589369) United States, Cleveland

Phone Conference ID: 707 589 369#

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#### ***Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting***

March 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_eq22wuvaSMvTS0x1dmgQkw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eq22wuvaSMvTS0x1dmgQkw)

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

### **About the City of Cleveland**

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