



**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
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## **City of Cleveland Provides Coronavirus & Other Important Updates - **Update #290****

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.** [Click here to view the order.](#) Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational.

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

CDPH has been notified of 49 more confirmed coronavirus cases in city residents on February 12. This brings the total to 24,481 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 244 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 5 years old to their 80s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms.

As of February 12, there are 807,727 confirmed cases and 13,005 confirmed fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 27.46 million cases and 479,949 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.

### **City of Cleveland Wishes Residents a Happy Lunar New Year**

On behalf of the City of Cleveland, Mayor Frank G. Jackson wishes a Happy Lunar New Year to all those who celebrate. To watch Mayor Jackson's message, [click here.](#)

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

#### **West Side Market Open on Presidents Day**

On Monday, February 15, President's Day, the West Side Market (WSM) will be open during

its regular hours of operation, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The WSM will continue to follow pandemic protocols to ensure social distancing, mask-wearing and a safe building capacity.

### **City of Cleveland Selects David K. O’Neil as Consultant for West Side Market Operations Review**

[David K. O’Neil](#), an internationally known expert in the development of public markets and their local economies, has been selected as the consultant to review operations at the West Side Market (WSM).

A contract with O’Neil, who specializes in operations of public markets, was finalized on Feb. 4, 2021. The consultant is currently collaborating with the City of Cleveland.

In addition to previous work with West Side Market leaders, O’Neil has been a consultant for more than 200 historic and new market projects around the world in locations near and far, most recently including: Detroit, Charleston, S.C., Boston, Melbourne, Australia, Moscow and Florianopolis, Brazil. [Food Access Raises Everyone \(FARE\)](#), a local group, will assist O’Neil and serve as the equity partner that will engage area stakeholders throughout the process.

“I have a long relationship with the West Side Market going back to the 1980s. This has been a tough year for all markets, but Cleveland has the beginnings of some wonderful plans to help get through the difficulties and come out stronger and better for the future,” said O’Neil. “When we brought the International Public Market Conference to Cleveland in 2012, the Market was really the showcase of the event and market staff from all over the world were impressed with it.”

Here is some of the work underway or scheduled for the near future:

- A \$70,000 vendor booth prototype, which was begun in September 2020, will be unveiled next week. This prototype specifically addresses many of the issues vendors shared with the City of Cleveland over the years including electrical upgrades. Once the City gathers vendor feedback, it will seek to make improvements and roll out new vendor booths throughout the WSM. Approximately, \$2.6 million has been allocated for this project.
- The \$214,865 arcade door replacement contract is in place and work is scheduled to begin in February 2021.
- Bids are posted to conduct \$197,000 in electrical upgrades and the \$240,000 construction of a new meat preparation room for the market tenants.
- Work on the meat prep room in the WSM basement, totaling more than \$240,000, is also expected to begin later this year.
- The Mayor’s Office of Capital Projects is also preparing a bid for clock tower repairs totaling \$1.8 million.

In 2021, the City of Cleveland will invest more than \$5 million in the West Side Market. The City of Cleveland remains committed to the continuous improvement of the WSM for both customers and vendors in an ever-evolving economy and during this global pandemic.

In early April 2020, at the height of the coronavirus pandemic, the City of Cleveland deferred the April, May and June rental payments for West Side Market tenants. In an effort to help further mitigate our tenants, financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic the City forgave the tenant rental payment for April, May and June. Further, the innovation and flexibility by the tenants to offer phone/online orders with curbside pickup provided an added convenience to our customers. Throughout the pandemic, the City of Cleveland has taken on the \$25,000/month

expense of added security to ensure safe shopping while maintaining social distancing, mask wearing and capacity requirements in the WSM.

More updates on the progress at the WSM will be posted in our daily media updates, social media and the City blog.

### **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, February 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).

### **Virtual Public Information Meeting for West 65th Street Rehabilitation Project**

Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Council Members Kerry McCormack, Jasmin Santana and Jenny Spencer and City of Cleveland staff invite you to participate in the Virtual Public Information Meeting of the West 65th Street Rehabilitation Project. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and receive feedback on construction plans for the upcoming project.

Join the virtual meeting via Webex using the information below:

<https://cityclevelandoh.webex.com/cityclevelandoh/onstage/g.php?MTID=e61e2b75933244ec51801ba1778d6fc71>

Access Code: 180 010 8813

Join by phone: 1-415-655-0003

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

- Complete asphalt resurfacing, including full and partial depth pavement repairs where needed;
- Removal of underutilized paved surfaces in tree lawns to increase vegetated areas, improving corridor aesthetics, downstream water quality, and neighborhood walkability;
- Sidewalk, ADA-compliant curb ramps and drive aprons as necessary;
- Improved pedestrian crossings including installation of rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at select crosswalks;

- Traffic signal upgrades at Storer, Bridge, and Franklin intersections; and
- Signing and pavement marking upgrades, including bike lanes between Denison and West Clinton.

For more information, [click here](#).

### **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.

### **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:

#### ***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\\_eq22wuvaSMYTS0x1dmgQkw](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](http://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](http://www.clevelandohio.gov), Twitter at @cityofcleveland or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland](https://www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland).