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City of Cleveland Daily News Updates - Update #297

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.

City of Cleveland Update on Daily COVID-19 Case Reporting

The City of Cleveland will now distribute daily COVID-19 case numbers via social media each evening. Members of the media and the general public are encouraged to follow the City on Facebook and Twitter where daily case numbers will be publicized upon receipt. The daily round-up of news updates from the city will be shared at the end of the business day.

Ohio Homeland Security Warns of Scammers Claiming to be OHS

Ohio residents have reported receiving phone calls from scammers claiming to be from Ohio Homeland Security (OHS) and informing the call recipients that their identity had been stolen. Caller ID on these calls indicates the calls originated from the OHS main line (614) 387-6171, but they did not; the Ohio Homeland Security main line was spoofed. [See the full press release from the Ohio Homeland Security office here.](#)

Other Important Reminders (Previous Announcements)

Mayor Frank G. Jackson Shares Winter Safety Tips for Seniors

On February 18, Mayor Jackson sent out a voice call to senior residents regarding winter weather safety. As winter weather conditions continue we encourage residents to use extra caution when traveling and to check on senior neighbors. [Click here to listen to the audio.](#)

Cleveland City Council Finance Committee Holds 2021 Budget Hearings

Mayor Frank G. Jackson addressed Cleveland City Council on February 16, kicking off the 2021 budget hearings. The hearings will continue through **Thursday, February 25 at 9 a.m.** Council will convene with City departmental leadership to hear more about the 2021 budget and have the opportunity to ask questions. To view the Mayor's 2021 Budget Estimate, [click here.](#)

[Click here to view the Mayor's Letter of Transmittal and the 2021 Budget Hearing Schedule.](#)

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.

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:

CTA Special Board Meeting

Feb. 23, 2021 at 5 p.m. via Zoom

The subject of this meeting is to consider a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pVtmfi8LQf6rR9nOEwC4tw

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

Charter Review Committee

Feb. 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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CTA Executive Meeting

Feb. 26, 2021 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C7wveMryR4KC6qKn-Glo6A

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

CTA Executive Meeting

Feb. 26, 2021 4 p.m. via Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C7wveMryR4KC6qKn-Glo6A

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

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

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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

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.