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## **City of Cleveland Daily News Updates - #302**

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 Feb. 24, 2021 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through March 31, 2021.** [Click here to view the order.](#) Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational.

### **Suspect Arrested for Multiple West Side Carjackings, Assaults, Kidnapping**

On February 26, 2021, a 15 year old male wanted for multiple violent west side robberies, assaults and kidnappings was taken into custody by members of the Cleveland Division of Police. On February 17, 2021, a woman left her vehicle running in a driveway on West 31<sup>st</sup> Street with her children, ages 3 and 6 inside of the car while she walked a short distance up the driveway, the suspect entered her car and drove off. He then threw the kids from the vehicle onto the street and drove away. On February 21, 2021, a woman was at the Caribe Bake Shop on Fulton Road, the suspect took her keys, assaulted her and drove off in her car. On February 22, 2021, a man was warming up his car on West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. The suspect approached him, taking his vehicle, the victim tried to grab onto the car and the suspect dragged him, causing multiple injuries. On February 25, 2021, the suspect robbed a woman at Sackett and Scranton at gunpoint, taking her vehicle.

Second District Detectives investigated and connected these incidents. The suspect crashed the vehicle he had taken on February 25, 2021 on I-90 at DMC. A K9 officer located the suspect along with officers from the First and Second Districts. The juvenile is a suspect in multiple additional incidents.

### **Cleveland Division of Police Financial Crimes Unit Update**

The Cleveland Division of Police Financial Crimes Unit is currently investigating a theft ring involving interstate commerce. Along with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, investigators have executed multiple search warrants in Cleveland, East Cleveland and Parma. This investigation is in the early stages and no additional information is available for release at this time.

## **City of Cleveland & CMSD Release RFQ for Redevelopment of 19 Vacant CMSD Sites**

The City of Cleveland and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) have today jointly issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select real estate development project teams for the redevelopment of 12 vacant school buildings and seven sites of vacant land owned by CMSD.

“These vacant school buildings and vacant land parcels provide opportunities for economic development in neighborhoods across the City of Cleveland,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “The City of Cleveland looks forward to collaborating with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District on repurposing these assets to foster redevelopment and equity in our neighborhoods.”

The intent of the RFQ process is to identify qualified real estate development project teams interested in each site. Teams are invited to submit site-specific redevelopment proposals for consideration by the City and CMSD. Interested developers will be able to participate in an information session and tours of the building to learn more about the sites. The RFQ and selection process will be facilitated by the City of Cleveland.

“When we developed a plan for the future of our programs and facilities in 2019, the Board of Education asked that we also look at the future of our vacant buildings and property. We are excited to be partnering with the City of Cleveland in redeveloping unused properties and turning them into neighborhood assets,” said CMSD CEO Eric Gordon.

The RFQ calls for redevelopment plans to be guided by principles of racial equity and inclusion with respect to neighborhoods and/or include neighborhood wealth-building initiatives.

[Click here](#) to view the RFQ.

### **RFQ TIMELINE:**

City & CMSD Release RFQ	March 1, 2021
Informational Session w/Developers (12)	March 16 and 17, 2021 ( <i>RSVP by March 12</i> )
Deadline to Submit CMSD Documentation Request	March 19, 2021
Building Tours	March 22, 23 and 24, 2021 ( <i>RSVP by March 19</i> )
Questions Due	April 12, 2021 ( <i>Answers by April 16</i> )
RFQ Responses Due	April 30, 2021
Respondents Notified of Preliminary Selection	May 31, 2021

Following preliminary selections, project teams will work through due diligence and predevelopment before any properties are sold and transferred from CMSD to the selected development entities

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

### **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.

## **Small Business Administration (SBA) – Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans Update**

SBA has announced an additional tranche of PPP funding to assist small businesses. PPP loans are available to help keep businesses open during the COVID-19 Pandemic. PPP Loans may be eligible for forgiveness if certain conditions are met:

- Employee and compensation levels are maintained
- Loan proceeds are spent on payroll costs and other expenses
- At least 60% of proceeds are spent on payroll costs

President Biden has announced several changes to the program to make it more accessible:

- **Beginning February 24 and through March 10**, only businesses with fewer than 20 employees are eligible to apply in order to ensure that the smallest businesses have access to this program.
- Rules for sole proprietors, self-employed individuals and independent contractors have been modified to increase access for certain felony convictions.
- Elimination of student loan debt delinquency as a disqualifier to PPP loans
- Non-citizen small business owners may use Individual Tax Identification Numbers to apply for PPP.

Information about the program, including matching small businesses with area lenders, can be found at <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>

## **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:

### ***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](tel:+12168150098), [707589369#](tel:+1216815707589369) 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**

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