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City of Cleveland Daily News Updates - #305

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.

City of Cleveland Announces Departmental Restructuring

With the departure of the former Chief of Public Affairs, the City of Cleveland has realigned some of its departments. Formerly under the umbrella of Public Affairs, the following departments have been realigned:

- The Department of Aging now reports to the Chief of Prevention, Intervention & Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults, Tracy Martin Thompson
- The Office of Equal Opportunity and Department of Workforce Development are now under the umbrella of Regional Development, led by Chief Edward Rybka
- The department of Human Resources and the Civil Service are now stand alone departments reporting to Mayor Frank G. Jackson's Chief of Staff

[Click here](#) to view the most recently updated City of Cleveland organizational chart.

City of Cleveland Statement on the IAFF Vote to Censure Chief of Fire Angelo Calvillo

The City of Cleveland is aware that the International Association of Fire Fighters recently voted to censure Cleveland Fire Chief Angelo Calvillo. The City of Cleveland, Division of Fire remains committed to providing the highest level of service to the citizens of the city. Chief Calvillo continues to lead the members of the Division of Fire in a professional and distinguished manner. The City is confident in Fire Chief Calvillo's capabilities and his commitment to the safety of the citizens of Cleveland.

Cleveland Police Officer Resigns

On March 4, 2021, Patrol Officer Noel Hernandez submitted his resignation of employment to the City of Cleveland amid multiple allegations of ethics violations and violations of the Cleveland Division of Police Manual of Rules. Hernandez was suspected of providing law enforcement investigative information to individuals suspected of drug activity and of participating in conduct and behavior not acceptable of a police officer. Hernandez resigned before facing a March 5th Disciplinary Hearing before Safety Director Karrie Howard.

An internal investigation was conducted by the Cleveland Division of Police Internal Affairs Unit. After the improper conduct was discovered, Hernandez was placed on restricted duty with no contact with the public. The facts of the case were submitted to the City of Cleveland Prosecutor for review and it was determined that there was not sufficient evidence to proceed with criminal charges.

Noel Hernandez, 34, was hired by the Division of Police in March of 2014. He was last assigned to the Second District on Basic Patrol.

Any additional information on this matter will be posted to the Trending Topics tab on the Cleveland Public Records Center.

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Passenger Travel Data

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 6,676 passengers in the past seven days, compared with the 314 passengers we reported in April 2020. [Click here to view regularly updated numbers on airport travel on the Hopkins website.](#)

West 65th Street Rehabilitation Project Traffic Advisory for Wards 3, 14, and 15

On Monday March 15, 2021, weather permitting, the City will begin construction of the West 65th Street Rehabilitation Project from Denison Avenue to Herman Avenue (~1.9 miles). The project will include installation of a new water main and connections, repair and resurfacing of existing roadway pavement, replacement of damaged curbs, drive aprons, and sidewalks where needed, ADA-compliant curb ramps, upgrades to traffic signals, new pavement markings, and bicycle facilities.

Traffic on West 65th Street during Phase 1 of the project will be maintained as follows:

- From Denison Avenue to Clark Avenue, one lane of traffic will be maintained in the southbound direction. Northbound West 65th Street traffic will be detoured north on West 73rd Street, and then east on Clark Avenue to West 65th Street.
- From Clark Avenue to Detroit Avenue, one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction.
- From Detroit Avenue to Herman Avenue, one lane of traffic will be maintained in the northbound direction. Southbound West 65th Street traffic will be detoured east on Breakwater Avenue then south on West 58th Street and then west on Detroit Avenue to West 65th Street.

The work will take place during the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. This portion of the project should be finished by September 2021. The entire project is scheduled for completion in March 2022.

Questions? Contact the City of Cleveland's Construction Inspector, Cecil Benson at (216) 857-7648.

Editor's Note: Road construction invariably presents hazards to the public. All travelers are urged to use caution in construction zones. Public safety and the safety of workers is a top priority.

Other Important Reminders (Previous Announcements)

Mayor Jackson to Host Tele Town Hall March 10; Facebook Press Conference March 11

Mayor Jackson will host two upcoming events to update residents on public safety, COVID-19 vaccines and more. The mayor will host a telephone townhall for residents on Wednesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. and a Facebook Live press conference on March 11 at noon.

Residents may register for the free town hall event at <https://vekeo.com/mayorfrankjackson/>. The night of the event, registered participants will receive a phone call and will only need to answer the call to enter the telephone town hall. Those who are unable to participate by phone but would like to listen during or after the event, can tune in on the [City of Cleveland's Facebook](#) page where the call will be livestreamed.

The March 11 press conference will be livestreamed on the city's [Facebook](#) page.

[Governor Dewine Announces Guidance to Vaccine Providers on Phase 1c and Phase 2](#)

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.

City of Cleveland Distributes COVID-19 Vaccines for Cleveland Residents and Workers

Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) will be distributing COVID-19 vaccines to residents ages 60 and up, pregnant women, those with specific medical conditions and workers in certain occupations. Please note that vaccines are limited. [Click here to register](#) or call the CDPH at (216) 664-2222, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

View the distribution dates below:

Friday, March 5

East Tech High School
2439 E. 55th St.
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 6

Zelma George Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Center
3155 MLK Dr.
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

[Haga clic aquí para información en Español.](#)

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 & 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 (19)	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

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:+1216707589369) United States, Cleveland

Phone Conference ID: 707 589 369#

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Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting and Executive Session

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

Register in advance for this webinar:

NEW LINK: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctdOyvqTIqGtRpYvkjEdH85uUE7hKmCoH8>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Anyone who had already registered through the old link has been contacted and moved to the new format.

The Transformation Alliance will hold an Executive Session at its March 15th meeting to discuss personnel matters specific to an employee's annual evaluation.

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.