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## **City of Cleveland Daily News Updates - #310**

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.

### **Registration Now Open for Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Center (NRRC) Spring 2021 Programs; More NRRC Programs will Return this Summer**

Registration is now open for CLE's NRRC Spring 2021 programs. In an effort to offer high-quality, interactive programming during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division of Recreation has designed a new model for the delivery of program offerings that include virtual programming and limited in-person 10-week programs and activities available in NRRCs. The number of in-person programming will be limited to allow for social distancing and to ensure adherence to mass gathering guidelines prescribed by the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health. Please be certain to carefully review the New Health and Safety Measures for NRRC Guests section of the guide. [Click here to view the Spring 2021 Program Guide.](#) Registration is available in person or online at [www.clevelandohio.gov/NRRCactivities](http://www.clevelandohio.gov/NRRCactivities).

Additionally, the City of Cleveland plans to open several recreation programs for the summer, including city pools, parks, camps, basketball courts and team sports. The City will provide additional details on the summer programs in the coming weeks.

Class sizes for all NRRC programs are limited and early registration is advised. All programs are free.

[Click here to view today's announcement.](#)

### **City of Cleveland Statement on Appeals Court Decision on the Termination of Timothy Loehmann**

The City of Cleveland has issued the following statement on the decision reached by the 8th District Court of Appeals in Cuyahoga County regarding the termination of Timothy Loehmann's employment as a Cleveland Police officer:

*“The City of Cleveland is pleased that the court upheld its decision to terminate the employment of former Cleveland Police patrol officer Timothy Loehmann. The City has consistently maintained throughout this process that Loehmann’s termination was justified.*”

### **Cleveland Division of Fire to ‘Sound the Alarm’ March 13; Emergency Sirens Citywide will Remind Residents to Change Smoke Alarm Battery**

On Saturday, March 13, at 6:05 p.m. emergency sirens will sound for one minute in unison to urge residents to change their smoke alarm batteries when they adjust their clocks for daylight saving time this weekend.

“Working smoke alarms save lives,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “As you change your clocks this Saturday I encourage everyone to also change the batteries in your smoke alarms. It might just save the lives of your loved ones.”

The “Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery” campaign is a national home fire safety program sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and endorsed locally by the Cleveland Division of Fire and the American Red Cross.

Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities related to residential fires by providing an early warning signal and allowing critical extra seconds to escape, according to the NFPA. Although smoke alarms are in a large percentage of Cleveland homes, nearly one-third do not work because of worn or missing batteries.

In addition to urging residents to change smoke alarm batteries, the Cleveland Division of Fire’s Public Education Office recommends that every resident take a few minutes to review fire-safety measures. This includes checking the smoke alarms, establishing an emergency escape route, (identify two ways out of each room), and designating a common meeting place once outside of the home.

Cleveland Fire Stations will have a limited supply of batteries available to residents on a first come, first served basis. Residents may call 216-361-5535 to request smoke alarms if they do not already have them on every floor of the house and every room where people sleep.

Residents visiting Fire Stations are required to wear a mask covering their mouth and nose (available upon request.) Temperature checks and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

### **City of Cleveland Releases Statement Regarding the American Rescue Plan Act**

We are aware that the American Rescue Plan Act signed by President Biden this afternoon includes direct funding for local governments. Like cities across the nation, Cleveland has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and we are confident this funding will help us continue to deliver the vital services and programs our residents and businesses need during this difficult time. It is too early to determine specific details, but we await information on the uses of the funds and confirmation of the amounts.

### **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 6,830 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.](#)

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

### **Mayor Frank G. Jackson Announces Return of the Exterior Paint Program**

The City of Cleveland invites residents to take advantage of its 2021 Exterior Paint Program. Applications must be received by April 30, 2021.

The Exterior Paint Program provides paint and materials to homeowners who wish to paint the exterior of their homes. Labor is not included. The goal for 2021 is 500 homes with a total allocation of \$500,000 for the program.

“The goal of this program is to help residents protect their home investments, improve housing stock in our neighborhoods and create a better, more equitable quality of life,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson.

Homeowners, as well as tenants, who meet income guidelines, are welcome to apply for the program. Funds cover the cost of up to \$1,500 for owner occupants or up to \$750 for tenants in paint and materials, though restrictions do apply. Inspections of the property must also be conducted. Applications must be received by April 30, 2021 and the painting must be completed by October 31, 2021.

The Department of Community Development’s Division of Neighborhood Services administers services on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested Cleveland residents can obtain applications by calling (216) 664-2045.

### **Exterior Paint Program Income Guidelines**

<b>FAMILY SIZE</b>	<b>INCOME LEVEL</b>	<b>FAMILY SIZE</b>	<b>INCOME LEVEL</b>
1	\$51,600	5	\$79,600
2	\$59,000	6	\$85,500
3	\$66,350	7	\$91,400
4	\$73,700	8	\$97,300

### **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.

### **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</i>
Deadline to Submit CMSD Documentation Request	March 19, 2021
Building Tours <i>March 19)</i>	March 22, 23 and 24, 2021 ( <i>RSVP by</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:

### ***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 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss personnel matters specific to an employee's annual evaluation.

### **State of Ohio Vaccine Management System**

Ohio's new [Vaccine Management Solution \(VMS\)](https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/) is a streamlined tool to help Ohioans determine vaccine eligibility, find providers, and receive updates and reminders at <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>

### **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).