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City of Cleveland Daily News Updates - #317

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 and Cleveland Department of Public Health to Begin Reporting Weekly COVID-19 Cases

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) is committed to reporting COVID-19-related information accurately to the community. Starting the week of April 5, CDPH will begin posting a COVID-19 weekly summary report that includes data pertaining to reported COVID cases and vaccine distribution. The new weekly comprehensive summary report will replace our daily COVID-19 case numbers report. The report will be released in the City of Cleveland's news updates and posted to the CDPH website.

As previously announced, case numbers will be reported Monday-Friday until the week of April 5.

City of Cleveland Issues Statement on Operation Legend Task Force

A Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging individuals for participating in a criminal gang and committing numerous other felony offenses that occurred between December 2019 and March 2021. Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Director of Public Safety Karrie D. Howard, and Police Chief Calvin D. Williams issued the following statement:

"The efforts of the Operation Legend Task Force continue to yield results. Cleveland Division of Police investigators, along with partnering agencies including the Federal Bureau of Investigation continue to work hard in order to take gangs out of our neighborhoods. We remain committed to working with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office to ensure that violent criminals are taken off our streets."

To view the full release from Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley's office, [click here](#).

Mayor Jackson Issues PSA Encouraging Clevelanders to Take the COVID-19 Vaccine

As we continue to distribute COVID-19 vaccines, the City of Cleveland urges residents to wear a mask, wash your hands, social distance and stay home if you can. These preventative measures coupled with the increasing availability of vaccines will help us slow the spread of COVID-19.

[Click here for the mayor's COVID-19 vaccine PSA.](#)

City of Cleveland Joins Celebration to Recognize March 25 as Michael Stanley Day

Mayor Frank G. Jackson has issued a mayoral proclamation recognizing March 25 as Michael Stanley Day in the city of Cleveland, honoring the longtime Cleveland rocker, radio, and TV personality who recently passed away.

“On behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I extend my condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Michael Stanley. In celebration of his impact to the world of music near and far, I am honored to declare March 25 as Michael Stanley Day. I invite all Clevelanders to join me in remembering Mr. Stanley and his immense accomplishments. He will be missed,” said Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson.

Joining the City of Cleveland in the citywide celebration is the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. To view the complete press release from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, [click here](#).

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 7,943 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 Jackson to Host Tele Town Hall on March 24

Mayor Frank G. Jackson will host a telephone townhall to update residents on public safety, COVID-19 vaccines and more on Wednesday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m.

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.

RTA and Civic Partners Provide Free Ride to Vaccination Centers

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is partnering with Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland to provide All Day passes good for a free ride on bus, rail and paratransit to the Wolstein Center and [vaccination sites](#) throughout the county. [Read the full release here.](#)

City Hall Parking Enforcement

There has been an increase in parking violators on the 'horseshoe' behind City Hall, thus preventing access by emergency vehicles and the availability for temporary parking for pick up and deliveries

to City Hall. Therefore, effective Monday, March 22, 2021 the City will begin parking enforcement and violators will be ticketed. City employees wishing to obtain parking in the Willard garage or free parking in the Cleveland Municipal lot may contact the Division of Parking Facilities at 664-2999.

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

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

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 until **March 31, 2021** 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 (March 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:

Cleveland Plan Progress Committee Refresh Retreat

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/99094175555?pwd=ZDNYTlcrRGxGWWM3SG5zU3lPUhZCUT09>

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Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 22 at 8:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 216-815-0098.571164429#](tel:+12168150098571164429) United States, Cleveland

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Cleveland Plan Progress Committee Refresh Retreat

Friday, April 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/93125169762?pwd=MWNKUE9jUTZNaGpxSXJEWUdTMGZuUT09>

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Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting

Monday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/96577426538?pwd=dU5GLzZqUWlsNSs5THBWV05KWFJRZz09>

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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

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