



CITY OF CLEVELAND
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City of Cleveland Daily News Updates - #329

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 March 31, 2021 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through April 30, 2021.** [Click here to view the order.](#) Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational.

Cleveland Police Commander to Retire After More Than 30 Years of Service

Mayor Jackson, Director of Public Safety Karrie D. Howard and Police Chief Calvin D. Williams announce that Cleveland Police Acting Deputy Chief Deirdre Jones is retiring after serving with the Cleveland Division of Police for over 30 years. Commander Jones currently serves as the Acting Deputy Chief of Administrative Operations, overseeing the Bureau of Communications and Property Control and the Bureau of Support Services, including the Communications Control Section, Logistics, Property, Personnel, Records and the Training Section.

"I congratulate Acting Deputy Chief and Commander Deirdre Jones on her appointment as Chief of Police/Director of Security at the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA). Deputy Chief Jones has served the Division of Police in several key leadership roles," said Mayor Jackson. "Additionally, she was the first female to supervise the Division's Homicide Unit. Acting Deputy Chief Jones is also the first-ever LGBTQ Liaison to the Department of Public Safety, Divisions of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Service, promoting equity and inclusion within public safety. It is for these reasons and more that I ask the citizens to join me in congratulating Acting Deputy Chief Jones, whom I know will serve GCRTA well in her new role. I wish her well in her new position."

Jones was appointed to the rank of Commander of the Bureau of Support Services in 2016 and to Acting Deputy Chief of Administrative Operations in 2021. She was the first female to supervise the Division's Homicide Unit. Commander Jones is also the first-ever LGBTQ Liaison to the Department of Public Safety, Divisions of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Service, promoting equity and inclusion within public safety.

"I am proud to have worked alongside Commander Deirdre Jones, and am happy to know that she will continue to serve the citizens of the City of Cleveland in her new role," said Cleveland Director of Public Safety, Karrie D. Howard.

Jones will officially retire from the Cleveland Division of Police in the coming weeks. She will continue to serve the citizens of the City of Cleveland as the next Chief of Police of the GCRTA Police Department. An Acting Deputy Chief of Administration will be appointed until a new member of the Cleveland Division of Police Command Staff is selected.

“Commander Dierdre Jones has been a dedicated member of the Cleveland Division of Police, bringing many new and forward thinking ideas to the table during her career,” said Cleveland Police Chief Calvin D. Williams. “I look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role as Chief, and know she will do well.”

Two New Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to be Installed in Cleveland

In partnership with the Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency (NOACA), the City of Cleveland applied for and received grant funding for two electric vehicle charging stations through the Ohio EPA’s disbursement of the Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund. These publicly accessible stations will be located at the City of Cleveland’s new Ward 1 Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Center and at the Red Lot at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Both will be 240-V, Level 2 charging stations, which allow for 25 miles of range per hour of charging – or full charge in about 4-5 hours. Across Cuyahoga County, 22 charging stations received funding through the OEPA grant program and will be implemented over the next two years. Along with [a \\$3 million allocation toward regional EV charging stations from NOACA](#), [Sustainable Cleveland](#) is hopeful that residents, employees, and visitors to the City will continue to see accelerated development in robust EV infrastructure.

[Follow this link for a full list of OEPA grant recipients.](#)

City of Cleveland Releases CDPH COVID-19 Non-Compliance Report

CDPH continues to monitor COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. Since Jan. 1, 2021 through April 6, 2021, CDPH has received 38 COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. This year, CDPH has received 7 mass gathering non-compliance allegations, 16 mask non-compliance allegations and 5 social distancing non-compliance allegations in the City of Cleveland. To view and download CDPH’s COVID-19 non-compliance report, [click here](#).

Governor DeWine Announces Condensed Health Order and Other Important Updates

On Monday, April 5, Governor Mike DeWine that the Ohio Department of Health will issue a **simplified health order that streamlines previous orders into a single order**, which underscores the most important tenants of infection prevention. View the [Director's Order for Social Distancing, Facial Coverings, and Non-Congregating](#) and the [Director's Order Rescinding Various Orders](#) here.

The Governor also announced that he has asked Ohio's local health departments and vaccine providers that are offering the Pfizer vaccine to coordinate with local high schools to offer vaccinations to high school students who are 16 or older. Pfizer is the only vaccine that is currently approved for children as young as 16. This announcement follows last week's announcement that vaccination clinics will be offered at all higher education campuses in the coming weeks.

As part of the Ohio Department of Medicaid’s managed care overhaul, Governor DeWine also announced the “Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence (OhioRISE) program. The program will feature new, intensive, community-based services that will serve youth in their homes and communities, rather than in congregate settings that can be far away from a child’s home and support system. Over the next ten months, Aetna Better Health of Ohio will work with the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the Family and Children First Cabinet Council to launch OhioRISE to

serve all of Ohio's eligible children. To enroll in OhioRISE, children must be Medicaid eligible, have significant behavioral health needs, and require enhanced services. For more information, visit www.governor.ohio.gov.

Other Important Reminders

City of Cleveland Board of Control Issues Resolution for NFL Draft Vendors

As the City of Cleveland prepares to host the NFL Draft from April 29, 2021 – May 1, 2021 vendors should be advised of required regulations and Codified Ordinances within the City. [Click here to read the resolution.](#)

City of Cleveland Seeks Applicants for CMSD Board Appointment

Mayor Frank G. Jackson has announced that applications will be accepted from now until Monday, May 3, 2021 for appointment to four seats on the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) Board of Education. The four seats are for expiring terms ending Wednesday, June 30, 2021. New terms will begin July 1, 2021 and expire June 30, 2025.

To be considered, applicants must be residents of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Interested parties can mail their applications to the Nominating Panel at 601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 227, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, attention Dr. Monyka Price or drop off applications at City Hall. Applications must be turned in by close of business Monday, May 3, 2021.

To obtain an application please visit www.city.cleveland.oh.us, www.cpl.org and www.clevelandmetroschool.org or contact Dr. Price at (216) 420-8087 for more information. Applications can also be found at branches of the Cleveland Public Library and City of Cleveland Recreation Centers.

- [Click here to obtain an English language application](#)
- [Click here to obtain a Spanish language application](#)

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

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

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 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

Phone Conference ID: 571 164 429#

[Find a local number](#) | [Reset PIN](#)

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Cleveland Plan Progress Committee Refresh Retreat

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

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

Meeting ID: 931 2516 9762 Passcode: 637409

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+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/adbbpeaKcU>

Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting

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

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

Meeting ID: 965 7742 6538 Passcode: 333569

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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

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.