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Mayor Frank G. Jackson announced the City of Cleveland will lift its Proclamation of Civil Emergency, set to expire May 31. The proclamation mandates citywide health and safety measures designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Cleveland's announcement follows the Centers for Disease Control's newest public health recommendations on masks and Governor Mike DeWine's recent announcement that most health orders will rescind June 2. All employees will be required to be onsite for work no later than Monday, June 14. City Hall will be open to the public on Tuesday, July 6 with new enhanced security requirements.

Cleveland Department of Public Health Releases (CDPH) COVID-19 Case Summary

CDPH has been notified of 337 new coronavirus cases in city residents for May 16 – May 22. This brings the total to 32,882 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 482 fatalities. [Click here to view the entire COVID-19 case summary.](#)

Four Cleveland Police Officers Terminated, One Suspended

Director of Public Safety, Karrie D. Howard announces that four Cleveland Police Officers have been terminated from employment and one officer received a significant unpaid suspension, all for separate incidents. The terminations and suspension are effective today, May 28, 2021.

Patrol Officer Katrina Ruma was accused of multiple General Police Order violations including Uniform and Clothing Regulations, Sick Leave, Wearable Camera System as well as the Departmental Notice regarding Recording Devices and violations of the Manual of Rules for the Conduct and Discipline of Employees of the Cleveland Division of Police. An internal investigation was conducted and forwarded to the Chief of Police for review. The matter was then forwarded to the Director of Public Safety, a disciplinary hearing was held and Patrol Officer Katrina Ruma was terminated from employment. Ruma, 52, was hired in 1998. She was last assigned to the Fourth District. [Read her termination letter here.](#)

Patrol Officer Samuel Ortiz was accused of multiple General Police Order violations including Duty to Avoid the Appearance of Impropriety, Prisoner Medical and Mental health Needs and violations of the Manual of Rules for the Conduct and Discipline of Employees of the Cleveland Division of Police. An internal investigation was conducted and forwarded to the Chief of Police for review. The matter was then forwarded to the Director of Public Safety, a disciplinary hearing was held and Patrol Officer Samuel Ortiz was terminated from employment. Ortiz, 50, was hired in 2007. He was last assigned to the Second District. [Read his termination letter here.](#)

Patrol Officer Michael Guion was convicted of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol or drugs, and accused of multiple General Police Order Violations including the City of Cleveland Mission Statement and Ethics Policy, the Cleveland Division of Police Mission Statement, Standards of Conduct and Courtesy, Enforcement of Domestic Violence Statutes, Patrol Section Duty Hours and Reporting on and off Duty and violations of the Manual of Rules for the Conduct and Discipline of Employees of the Cleveland Division of Police. An internal investigation was conducted and forwarded to the Chief of Police for review. The matter was then forwarded to the Director of Public Safety, a disciplinary hearing was held and Patrol Officer Michael Guion was terminated from employment. Guion, 41, was hired in 2013. He was last assigned to the Fifth District. [Read his termination letter here.](#)

Patrol Officer Chanae Donitzen was accused of multiple General Police Order violations including the City of Cleveland Mission Statement and Ethics Policy, Standards of Conduct and Courtesy and violations of the Manual of Rules for the Conduct and Discipline of Employees of the Cleveland Division of Police. An internal investigation was conducted and forwarded to the Chief of Police for review. The matter was then forwarded to the Director of Public Safety, a disciplinary hearing was held and Patrol Officer Chanae Donitzen was terminated from employment. Donitzen, 29, was hired in 2019. She was last assigned to the Second District. [Read her termination letter here.](#)

Detective Salvatore Santillo was accused of multiple General Police Order violations including Frisk Searches, Investigative Stops, De-escalation, Use of Force and violations of the Manual of Rules for the Conduct and Discipline of Employees of the Cleveland Division of Police. An internal investigation was conducted and forwarded to the Chief of Police for review. The matter was then forwarded to the Director of Public Safety, a disciplinary hearing was held and Patrol Officer Salvatore Santillo was suspended without pay for twenty (20) days. Santillo, 29, was hired in 2014. He is currently assigned to the Fourth District. [Read his suspension letter here.](#)

City of Cleveland Reminds Residents of City Office Holiday Closures and DELAY in Waste Collection

In observance of Memorial Day, City of Cleveland offices – including City Hall and public utilities – will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021. The Willard Garage attached to City Hall will be closed as well.

The City of Cleveland Department of Public Works will not collect waste Monday, May 31. There will be a one day delay in the waste collection schedule. Below is the pick-up schedule for waste during the week of May 31:

- No waste collection Monday
- Monday's trash collected Tuesday
- Tuesday's trash collected Wednesday
- Wednesday's trash collected Thursday
- Thursday trash collected Friday
- Friday's trash collected Saturday

[Click here to view the 2021 Waste Collection Schedule.](#) Contact the Cleveland Division of Waste Collection at (216) 664-3711 with questions.

Other Important Reminders

City of Cleveland Distributes COVID-19 Vaccines

Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) will be distributing COVID-19 vaccines to students, parents and community members ages 16 and up. Walk-ins are welcome or [click here to register](#) or call the CDPH at (216) 664-2222, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

View the distribution information below:

- Tuesday, May 25 at Promise Academy, 1701 E.13th St. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 26 at Glenville High School, 650 E. 113th St. from Noon to 6 p.m.

The mass vaccination site at Cleveland State University's Wolstein Center is also available for scheduling. To schedule an appointment at the Wolstein Center or at another vaccination site near you, visit <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov>.

City of Cleveland to Hold Cleveland Police Hiring Event, May 29

The City of Cleveland Division of Police is currently accepting applications for Police Officers, and will be holding a Hiring Event throughout May. This event will include an orientation where recruiters will discuss the application process, testing, the Personal History Statement (PHS), physical agility test, and key factors for success. View the dates, times and locations below:

- Saturday, May 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cleveland Police 5th District, 881 East 152nd St

For more information, visit www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cleveland. To view the full flyer, [click here](#).

Virtual Public Information Presentation: Lorain Avenue Rehabilitation and Bicycle Facilities

Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Ward 3 Councilman Kerry McCormack, Ward 15 Councilwoman Jenny Spencer, the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects and the Division of Engineering and Construction invite you to participate in a Virtual Public Information Presentation regarding the Lorain Avenue Rehabilitation and Bicycle Facilities. This presentation will include conceptual plans and preliminary construction cost estimates for bicycle facilities along Lorain Avenue, from West 65th St. to West 20th St. To participate, visit www.LivingLorainCycling.com from May 24, 2021 to June 18, 2021.

Public input is wanted to finalize the type of bicycle facilities to be included in the road rehabilitation project. These are the choices:

1. Sidewalk-level cycle-track from W. 44th to W. 20th
2. Sidewalk-level multi-purpose trail
3. Street-level dedicated bike lanes
4. Combination or hybrid options

The rehabilitation project will also include pavement repair or replacement; new asphalt surface course; new walks and curb ramps to make pedestrian walkways compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); multi-modal transportation enhancements; drainage and utility replacements and improvements; new signage and pavement markings; and traffic signal upgrades.

Construction cost estimates vary depending on the type of bicycle facility. The construction schedule also varies depending on the selected bicycle facility since additional construction funding will be needed for some of the options.

To see the full flyer for this presentation, [click here](#).

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

June 14th at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/98910223903?pwd=cEk2SjI5YllabGJPSEYyS2xESEVUUT09>

Meeting ID: 989 1022 3903

Passcode: 850200

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ar8lXuDyE>

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 www.clevelandohio.gov, or follow @CityofCleveland on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).