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City of Cleveland Daily News Updates - #374

The City of Cleveland today made the following announcements:

Mayor Frank G. Jackson Appoints Michael Curry as Interim Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity

On Wednesday, June 9 Mayor Frank G. Jackson swore in Michael Curry as the interim director of the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO). Curry was previously appointed as the assistant director of OEO in 2017, where he was responsible for managing daily operations. He began serving the City in January 2007 as an assistant contract compliance officer for the Department of Public Utilities.

In 2008, Curry helped craft the Cleveland Area Business Code, Chapter 187 of the Codified Ordinances, updating the previous Minority and Female Business Enterprise Code and providing support and benefits for local business enterprises working with the City of Cleveland. He also serves as the City's liaison with the Cleveland Clinic Supplier Diversity Committee.

Curry received his Juris Doctor from Northwestern University School of Law. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Political Science from John Carroll University.

[Click here to view his headshot.](#)

City of Cleveland Pools Open June 12 with Limited Capacity

The City of Cleveland today announced City pools will open Saturday, June 12. Pools will have a limited capacity due to COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Outdoor pools will open when temperatures reach 85 degrees and spray basins will open when the temperatures reach 80 degrees. [Click here for a list of indoor and outdoor pool locations.](#)

Tips for staying safe in the heat this summer:

- Stay hydrated! Drink plenty of water and avoid caffeine.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothes during hot weather.
- Cover your head with a hat and use sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun's rays.
- Keep cool in the shade. If you don't have air conditioning, visit cool areas like a family resource and recreation center or library on high heat days.
- Always check on friends and neighbors, especially those who are seniors or have young children. [Click here to download the Department of Aging's summer heat booklet](#) for more senior tips.

- Keep an eye on pets! Make sure pets have access to plenty of shade and have plenty of water. Be careful when walking pets on asphalt, as sensitive pet paws can be burned on hot surfaces.
- Never leave children or pets alone in vehicles.
- [Recognize the Signs of Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke](#)

For those seeking additional recreational opportunities, registration is also now open for the City of Cleveland Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Center (NRRC) Summer 2021 programs. [Click here to view the Summer 2021 Program Guide](#). Registration is available in person or online at www.clevelandohio.gov/NRRCactivities.

City Hall Branch of Cleveland Public Library Open to Public July 6

Beginning July 6, the City Hall Branch of Cleveland Public Library will be open for walk-in patrons. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Social distancing practices will be in place with spaced seating for 12 people including the three public computer terminals. The library will offer door service for various needs prior to the public opening on July 6.

Visitors to City Hall and other city buildings beginning **Tuesday, July 6** will experience new or expanded health and safety protocols. All visitors will be badged upon entry, which includes providing information on their destination within the building. Facial coverings are mandatory and all visitors may be subject to temperature screening or self-assessments. Visitors will also see signage throughout the building with health information. Social distancing will be required.

Additional health and safety protocols for all City Hall visitors:

- All visitors must have specific business or an appointment to enter City Hall
- All visitors will be screened for the purpose of their visit and provide identification badges (i.e., citizen name, photo, destination department, and be color coded)
- Security will monitor City Hall/Department/Vital Statistics population/occupancy.
- Security will track capacity and roam City Hall and make random security calls and visits
- Bags will be checked for contraband and weapons prior to entering City Hall
- All visitors found roaming City Hall will be directed to the correct department or asked to leave
- All visitors will be required to wear masks while in all areas of City Hall

For more information on visits to City Hall after July 6, read the city's recent announcement lifting [the proclamation of civil emergency](#).

City of Cleveland Issues Statement on Division of EMS Brown-Outs

On Wednesday, June 9th, during the second half of the day shift from 1300 to 1900 hours the Division of EMS experienced Brown-Outs of a total of 6 units due to staffing issues. The Division continued to run 19 units for the shift and responded to all calls for service in an expeditious manner. Prior to 1300 the Division only had one unit Browned-out.

Brown-Outs happen periodically and to address them, the Division of EMS engages in dynamic stationing and deployment. Dynamic stationing/deployment is the strategic and effective moving of units throughout the City to ensure fulfillment of services. This dynamic stationing and deployment ensures the safety of the citizens of Cleveland. In addition, the Division has procedures in place for triaging emergency calls that are used on a daily basis to ensure the highest priority calls receive immediate response and avoid response delays. Increased staffing will assist in the reduction of brown-outs.

In addition, the Division is working to fill the staffing shortages in an effort to return to full staffing levels. A cadet class of eight Paramedics will be completing the classroom training next week and begin their field ride times. It is expected that this class of Paramedics will be staffing the ambulances before the end of June. The current members of the Division of EMS continue to deliver the highest level of care as they work through this staffing issue.

Other Important Reminders

Parking Restrictions Announced During Home Baseball Games

As Progressive Field has announced that fan capacity will return to normal levels, the Cleveland Division of Police has instituted a parking ban in the area of Rocket Mortgage Field House and Progressive Field which will be in effect during home baseball games. Motorists are encouraged to check meters and signage prior to parking for games or events.

The parking ban extends from:

- Prospect Avenue at Ontario Street to E. 9th Street
- West Huron from Ontario Street to Prospect Avenue
- E. 4th Street from Prospect Avenue to West Huron
- High from E. 2nd to E. 4th Street
- E. 2nd Street from High to Prospect
- E. 9th Street Euclid Avenue to Bolivar Avenue
- Bolivar Avenue from E. 9th Street to E 6th Street

To view a map of the no-parking zones, [click here](#).

City of Cleveland Announces Participation in Nationwide “Month of Action”

Mayor Frank G. Jackson today announced that the City of Cleveland will be participating in the United States Conference of Mayor’s “Month of Action” Vaccine Challenge. The U.S. Conference of Mayors is launching its month-long challenge to get Americans vaccinated on June 4, with a goal of having 70% of Americans vaccinated by the 4th of July.

This effort is led by the United States Conference of Mayors in conjunction with President Joe Biden, the White House, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Though more than 290 million shots have been administered in cities nationwide since December 2020, only 49% percent of adults have received one shot or been fully vaccinated.

To view the full press release from the U.S. Conference of Mayors, [click here](#).

For more information on the “Mayors Challenge” including a list of participating mayors, see [here](#). To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, head to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or call the National COVID-19 Vaccination Assistance Hotline at 1-800-232-0233.

City of Cleveland Encourages Residents to Practice COVID-19 Safety Measures

Mayor Frank G. Jackson lifted the city’s Proclamation of Civil Emergency upon its expiration May 31. In light of this, Mayor Jackson and the City of Cleveland strongly recommend and encourage residents to continue adhering to health guidelines:

- Get vaccinated. The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) offers vaccination clinics each week at various locations. To schedule an appointment or get information on CDPH vaccination events or other local vaccine providers, call the City of Cleveland's COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at (216) 664-2222

If you have not been vaccinated, continue to follow CDC guidelines:

- Continue to wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth in public settings and anywhere you will be around other people who do not reside in your household.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others who do not reside in your household.
- Avoid crowds.
- Avoid indoor areas that are poorly ventilated.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

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.

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 14 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](#).