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## **City of Cleveland Provides General Updates on Coronavirus & Safety - **Update #178****

**CLEVELAND** – 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 August 20 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through September 30, 2020. [Click here to view the order.](#)

Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational.

### **20 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases Reported in Cleveland**

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 20 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents. This brings the total to 5,176 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 148 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from their teens to their 70s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms.

As of today, there are 127,106 confirmed cases and 4,064 fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 6.38 million confirmed cases and 191,567 fatalities in the U.S.

*Reminder: The City of Cleveland will disseminate Saturday and Sunday COVID-19 numbers on its Facebook and Twitter pages when they become available.*

The City of Cleveland COVID-19 Dashboard displays the most recent preliminary data from the Ohio Department of Health about COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, deaths and recoveries in Cleveland by selected demographics. [View the dashboard here.](#) For individuals' privacy, CDPH will not be releasing any additional demographic info related to COVID-19 cases aside from age range and gender.

### **Funeral Services for Fallen Officer James Skernivitz Announced**

On Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020, Detective James Skernivitz was shot and killed in the line of duty in the area of West 65th Street and Storer Avenue. Detective Skernivitz was assigned to the Gang Impact Unit and was recently sworn in as a Violent Crimes Task Force officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working on the national law enforcement initiative Operation Legend.

Calling hours for Detective James Skernivitz will be at A. Ripepi and Sons Funeral Home, 18149 Bagley Road in Middleburg Heights on Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. A

funeral service will be held on Friday, September 11, 2020 at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, 1 Center Court in Cleveland at 10 a.m. [View street closure information.](#) [Click here to view a street closure map.](#)

The funeral service at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse is private and open only to family, friends, colleagues and invited guests. Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse and the Gateway complex are uniquely equipped and prepared to safely and efficiently be the site of the funeral service. Mask mandates, along with additional, appropriate health and safety protocols will be enforced within the venue and around the immediate Gateway area. The service is a ticketed event and members of the public, as well as those without tickets can view [a livestream of the event via the Cleveland Division of Police Facebook page.](#)

### **Upcoming Cleveland Transformation Alliance Meetings**

The Cleveland Transformation Alliance Committee (CTA) will be hosting public meetings over the next 2 weeks. Meetings will be held via Zoom or Microsoft Teams. For more information on these meetings, please visit <http://www.myCLEschool.org>. The details for each meeting are as follows:

**Governance Committee:** Monday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m. (adjusted; was previously 11 a.m.)  
Meeting via Microsoft Teams  
Phone: +1 216-815-0098  
Conference ID: 610 362 995#

**Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting:** Monday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m.  
Meeting via [Zoom](#)  
Meeting ID: 976 4039 2726  
Passcode: 690222  
Join Via phone: +16465588656  
Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/aAmb93VCZ>

### **Public Comment Period for the East 75<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Now Open**

The public comment period for the East 75th street bridge replacement project is open now through October 6. The bridge is located between Woodland and Grand Avenues and is approximately 900 feet in length. It currently serves Orlando Bakery, Greater Cleveland RTA and the future Cleveland Police Headquarters Project, providing community access to Woodland and Kinsman Avenues as well as area recreational and cultural centers. [View information on the planned improvements and instructions on comment submission here.](#)

### **Labor Day Bulk Pick-Up and Waste Collection Schedule**

Bulk pick-up will be conducted on the second full week of September with a one-day delay. The City of Cleveland Department of Public Works WILL NOT collect trash or bulk pick-up on Monday, Sept. 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day. Waste collection and bulk pick-up for the remainder of that week will be delayed by one day, resuming on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020.

The waste collection schedule for the week of Sept. 7 will be as follows:

- Monday – Waste collection and bulk pick-up delayed until Tuesday.
- Tuesday – Waste collection and bulk pick-up delayed until Wednesday.
- Wednesday – Waste collection and bulk pick-up delayed until Thursday.
- Thursday – Waste collection and bulk pick-up delayed until Friday.
- Friday – Waste collection and bulk pick-up delayed until Saturday.

As a reminder, residents are permitted to up to three bulk items on tree lawns. More info on proper disposal:

- Residents may leave out for collection items such as appliances, tables, chairs, mattress box springs, couches and furniture.
- All mattresses, box springs and cloth furniture must be wrapped in plastic.
- In addition to the three items, residents may leave out up to four tires.
- The City does not accept construction material.
- Boxes and loose bags are not bulk items.
- Carpet must be cut and rolled into 3-foot long pieces and must not exceed 40 pounds.

The Division of Waste also reminds residents of the following waste regulations:

- Only waste in officially issued City carts will be accepted, and loose trash or bags outside City roll carts will not be accepted.
- The following will be not be accepted in or outside of roll carts: construction materials, hazardous waste, bricks, dirt, concrete, cinder blocks, auto parts, loose metal items, medical waste or fluorescent tubes. No wet paint should be placed in roll carts. All paint cans should be dry before they are placed in roll carts.
- Do not place hot charcoal ashes in roll carts.

For further information regarding waste collection, please call the Division of Waste Collection at (216) 664-3711 or visit [www.clevelandohio.gov](http://www.clevelandohio.gov).

### **Save the Date for Mayor Jackson's Virtual State of the City Address**

Please join Mayor Frank G. Jackson for his 2020 State of the City on Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. In adherence to safe social distancing guidelines, this year's event will be held virtually via social media and phone call. The mayor is expected to touch on an array of topics ranging from the effects of the pandemic to public safety to various City projects and initiatives as well as his vision to continue to move Cleveland forward.

Watch the Livestream on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages, as well as on TV20. You may also sign up to receive a phone call and hear live audio from the event at [www.clevelandohio.gov/stateofthecity](http://www.clevelandohio.gov/stateofthecity). Follow [#CLESOTC20](https://twitter.com/CLESOTC20) on our social channels for updates before and during the event.

### **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.

### **City of Cleveland Seeks Applicant for Civilian Police Review Board**

The City of Cleveland is looking for a qualified applicant to fill a vacant seat on the Civilian Police Review Board. The selected applicant would be appointed to complete a four-year-term that runs through **Aug. 8, 2024**.

Requirements: Persons applying to fill a vacancy on the CPRB cannot be employed currently as a law enforcement officer and cannot be a current or former employee of the Cleveland Division of Police. Also, such persons cannot be currently employed by the City of Cleveland or any public agency having a connection with the City of Cleveland including county agencies and community development corporations. The candidate for this vacant position must be a Cleveland resident.

To apply, please submit a resume with work history and a cover letter to Tracy Anderson, Government & International Affairs Manager, Boards & Legislative Liaison, at [TAnderson@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:TAnderson@city.cleveland.oh.us) by **Sept. 14, 2020**.

### **City of Cleveland Utility Services Update**

The City of Cleveland, Department of Public Utilities, in accordance with Mayor Frank Jackson's Declaration of Civil Emergency has continued with the policy suspending termination of service for non-payment. However, this policy is continually being monitored with great concern and awareness of the financial difficulties and other vulnerabilities many of our customers are facing due to the pandemic.

At an appropriate point in time, Cleveland Water's and Cleveland Public Power's suspension of service disconnections for non-payment will be ending and our regular process for collections and disconnection of delinquent accounts will resume.

If your account is currently past due, we want to ensure you are aware that disconnections will be resuming and offer our assistance.

#### **Cleveland Water**

We offer multiple ways to make fee-free payments:

- Online at [my.clevelandwater.com](http://my.clevelandwater.com)
- By calling 216-446-6834 or 216-664-3130
- Using the dropbox located at 1201 Lakeside Ave.

If you have any questions about your account status, please contact CWD Customer Service at 216-664-3130, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

#### **Cleveland Public Power**

We offer multiple ways to make fee-free payments:

- Online at [cpp.org](http://cpp.org)
- By calling 216-664-4600 or 216-420-8000

- Using the dropbox located at 1201 Lakeside Ave.

If you have any questions about your account status, please contact CPP Customer Service at 216-664-4600, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### **Department of Public Utilities Customer Reconnection Updates**

While business is operating as normal, the Public Utilities Building is closed to the public. Cleveland Water and Cleveland Public Power have temporarily stopped disconnection of residential services for non-payment. Cleveland Water customers should call (216) 664-3130 and Cleveland Public Power customers should call (216) 664-4600 for service restoration.

Cleveland Water Pollution Control (WPC) Customer Service lobby remains open to the public to purchase permits and review maps. The WPC office at 12302 Kirby Ave. is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Report emergencies 24/7 by calling (216) 664-2513. To date:

- CPP has reconnected 136 total customers
- CWD has reconnected 2,042 total customers

Cleveland Water customers can make payments and manage their account at [myclevelandwater.com](http://myclevelandwater.com) or by calling (216) 664-3130. Questions can be submitted via the inquiry form at [clevelandwater.com/ask-a-question](http://clevelandwater.com/ask-a-question). CPP customers can make payments and manage their account at [cpp.org](http://cpp.org). Inquiries and questions can be submitted via [www.cpp.org/Contact](http://www.cpp.org/Contact). Cleveland Water and CPP customers may also use the dropbox located at 1201 Lakeside Ave. Please include name and account number along with payment. Multiple accounts must be on separate checks.

## **Other Important Reminders**

### **Mayor Jackson Announces Restart CLE**

Mayor Jackson has unveiled his strategic plan for the recovery of Cleveland's economy amid the coronavirus pandemic. As the city began this recovery planning process, it engaged experts from Cleveland State University and local medical institutions and made a deliberate choice to build from a health and medical perspective in order to protect those at risk from the coronavirus and then incorporate economic and social support to help the people and businesses who need assistance.

[View Mayor Jackson's full plan here.](#)

[View Mayor Jackson's Facebook Live announcement here.](#)

### **List: Cleveland COVID-19 Testing Sites**

Testing for those with COVID-19 symptoms or who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 is available at the local federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs) below:

#### *Neighborhood Family Practice*

- W. 117 Community Health Center – 11709 Lorain Ave.
- By appointment only
- Tests are available regardless of one's ability to pay
- Call (216) 281-0872 for information or to schedule an appointment
- Results are back in one to three days

#### *Care Alliance*

- Central Clinic - 2916 Central Ave.

- Drive-thru and walk-up testing, by appointment only
- Tests are free of charge to the patient
- Call the COVID-19 Nurse Line at (216) 535-9100 and press 6
- Testing done Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Results are back in 24 to 48 hours

*The Centers*

- East Office – 4400 Euclid Ave.
- Drive-thru and walk-up testing, by appointment only
- Tests are free of charge to the patient
- Call (216) 325-WELL (9355) to talk with an access specialist, be triaged by a nurse, and schedule your telehealth visit with one of our providers for screening for a test
- Testing takes place on Wednesdays, following a Tuesday telehealth visit (required)

Check out ODH's website for a map of testing sites:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/testing-ch-centers/>

**County, State & Federal Updates and Reminders**

- [View the governor's daily updates here](#)
  - [View supportive documents and orders released from the governor's office](#)
- **Census:** The 2020 Census is happening now. Visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)
- **Scams:** [IRS issues warning about Coronavirus-related scams; watch out for schemes tied to economic impact payments](#)

**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/>

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