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## **City of Cleveland Reports its Highest Number of COVID-19 Cases in a Two-Day Period- **Update #228****

**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 Oct. 28 extending the City’s Proclamation of Civil Emergency through Nov. 30, 2020. As a reminder, Mayor Jackson’s order was amended to state that the city will not issue permits for block parties/tailgating and tailgating on city property is prohibited. [Click here to view the order.](#)

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

### **CORRECTION: 509 Confirmed Cases of Coronavirus Reported in a Two-Day Period; Nov. 15 Numbers Still Being Confirmed**

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of the following cases of coronavirus in City residents on the following dates:

- **Nov. 16:** 195 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents. This brings the total on Nov. 16 to 8,171 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 153 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 5 years old to their 90s.
- **Nov. 17:** 314 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents. This brings the total on Nov. 17 to 8,485 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 153 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under one year old to their 90’s.

CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms. **The confirmed cases for Sunday, Nov. 15 are still being processed by CDPH and will be reported at a later date.**

As of Nov. 17, there are 296,387 confirmed cases and 5,412 fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 11.29 million confirmed cases and 248,027 deaths 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.

### **Mayor Frank G. Jackson Holds Press Conference on November 17**

Mayor Frank G. Jackson and members of his administration held a press conference this afternoon to discuss the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and more. To view the press conference, which was livestreamed to the City of Cleveland Facebook page, [click here](#).

### **The City of Cleveland Releases CDPH COVID-19 Non-Compliance Report**

CDPH continues to monitor COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. Since March 20, 2020 through Nov. 17, 2020, CDPH has received 3,805 COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. To date, CDPH has received 1,181 mass gathering non-compliance allegations, 1,777 mask non-compliance allegations and 747 social distancing non-compliance allegations in the City of Cleveland. To view and download CDPH's COVID-19 non-compliance report, [click here](#).

### **Commissioner of Taxation Sworn in on November 17**

Today, Mayor Frank G. Jackson administered the oath of office to Kevin L. Preslan, J.D., swearing him in as the new Commissioner of Taxation.

Kevin L. Preslan comes into this position after serving as Fiscal Manager with the City of Cleveland Department of Public Utilities. In that position, he oversaw the department's Contract Compliance Unit and administered and monitored capital improvement programs. He also compiled and analyzed financial data based on the needs of the department, developed financial projections, and more. Mr. Preslan also performed various accounting and planning duties within the City of Cleveland.

Prior to his position as fiscal manager, he also served as a Project Coordinator and an Auditor with Public Utilities. Mr. Preslan came to Public Utilities after working as an associate attorney at Robert J. Fedor, Esq., LLC. He also brings experience from his position as an independent advisor for the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance in Washington, D.C. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Dayton, and his law degree at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

### **Mayor Jackson to Hold Tele Town Hall on November 19**

Please join Mayor Frank G. Jackson on Thursday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m. for a conversation on public safety, COVID-19 and more.

To register for this free event, visit <https://vekeo.com/mayorfrankjackson/>. The night of the event, registered participants will receive a phone call. Just answer the call to enter the telephone town hall. If you are unable to participate but would like to listen during or after, tune in on the City of Cleveland's [Facebook page](#) where the call will be livestreamed.

### **City Now Accepting Applications for Cleveland Small Business Grants *Emergency Working Capital Program – Specially Impacted Businesses***

The Emergency Working Capital program is designed to assist businesses whose operations are specifically impacted by COVID and have had to take exceptional measures to maintain operations

throughout the pandemic. Businesses may receive a \$10,000 loan for working capital and operations costs and a \$10,000 grant to offset costs of PPE and other safety measures. Applicants must complete the Emergency Capital Working Fund [Loan Application](#) and the 1-page [supplemental questionnaire](#).

### ***Winter Restaurant Operations Support Grant***

The Winter Restaurant Operations Support Grant program is aimed at providing restaurants with resources to offer safe outdoor dining experiences through the winter. The program will allocate \$500,000 (up to \$5,000 per business) in grant assistance to local restaurants to help support winter operations through purchases and rental of equipment (heaters, fire pits, etc.) and fixtures (awnings, tents, “igloos”, etc.). Businesses must demonstrate access to a location and an operations plan. Grant applications will be accepted up to Nov. 30, 2020 with awards expected to be announced prior to Dec. 11, 2020. To access the application, [click here](#).

Applications for both programs should be submitted electronically to [economicdevelopment@clevelandohio.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@clevelandohio.gov).

## **Other Important Reminders**

### **Seasonal Leaf Pick-up Program Began Nov. 9, 2020**

The City of Cleveland began its seasonal leaf pick-up program on Nov. 9, 2020. The program provides leaf pick-up in high leaf-generation areas, reducing the need for residents to manually collect leaves. View a map of the designated areas [here](#).

#### What to Expect

- Residents in the designated high leaf-generation areas should expect leaf pick-up signs posted one week prior to service.
- To streamline the pick-up process, residents are encouraged to rake leaves from their property onto the tree lawn. Residents are also asked to park off-street, if possible, during the service period to accommodate city crews.
- Each area will be serviced a minimum of two times within the 8-week period (weather permitting).

High generation areas have the highest concentration of city-owned trees located on tree lawns and/or those areas potentially causing flooding or other hazardous conditions. The current high leaf-generation areas have been verified by the Division of Urban Forestry, the County Tree Canopy, the Office of Sustainability and the Department of Public Works. The city’s six service stations will systematically deploy sweepers, leaf machines, end loaders, and leaf blowers in these areas on Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. from Nov. 9, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2020.

Residents outside of the high-generation areas can bag any leaves gathered in their yards and set it out with their trash on their designated waste collection day. These residents are allowed up to 20 bags of leaves during the fall season.

### **City of Cleveland Now Accepting Requests for the Tree Canopy Revitalization Program**

The City of Cleveland announces its Tree Canopy Revitalization Program. As part of this program the City is now accepting requests from property owners for a free tree installation during the spring and fall planting seasons.

Property owners can complete an [online request form](#) to have a tree planted on their tree lawn, in front of occupied structures or sidewalk cut-outs typically found in commercial areas in front of businesses. Each location will be surveyed in person by a Field Operations Forester to ensure there are no conflicts with the surrounding infrastructure and that the site is suitable. Approved sites are then added to a list for a tree to be planted during the next available planting season. All requests are handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Tree Canopy Revitalization Program was created in support of Mayor Frank G. Jackson's tree planting initiative, in which he pledged up to \$1 million a year to replenish the city's tree canopy. To request a tree or to learn more, [click here](#).

### **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**

Thursday, December 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91481906433?pwd=NDFRQ0tNdVBQVDBpRnMzUVZSSWVQQT09>

Meeting ID: 914 8190 6433 Passcode: 417608

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/98094926783>

### **Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting**

Monday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98094926783?pwd=MCtSYVFzbi9ENS9OaEVxREMyQ3UvZz09>

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### **Cleveland Public Utilities to Resume Disconnections on December 1**

Beginning on Dec. 1, 2020, the City of Cleveland Department of Public Utilities' (DPU) will lift the moratorium on shut-offs and reconnections. DPU will resume the regular process for collections and disconnection of service for delinquent water and/or electric accounts.

The City of Cleveland suspended utility disconnections for non-payment on March 13 as part of [Mayor Jackson's Proclamation of Civil Emergency](#) to help customers during the coronavirus pandemic. The City's suspension was in advance of Governor DeWine and the [Ohio EPA's order on March 31](#) and has continued well beyond the state order, which ended on July 1, 2020.

The decision to resume disconnections has been done with great concern and awareness of the financial difficulties and other vulnerabilities many of our customers are facing due to the pandemic.

Financial relief tools are in place to assist customers in need. In addition to our current affordability programs, we are offering extended payment plan options as well as coordinating with outside agencies to refer customers for additional services. We continue to diligently notify customers with past due accounts, so they receive plenty of notice in addition to the regular multi-notice procedures. It is always our goal to keep customers connected to utility service. We encourage customers who need assistance to contact Cleveland Water at (216) 664-3130 or Cleveland Public Power at (216) 664-4600 to discuss their payment options as soon as possible.

### **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 2,365 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.

### **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/>

### **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/>

### **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](http://www.clevelandohio.gov), Twitter at @cityofcleveland or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland](http://www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland).