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More Than 250 COVID-19 Cases Reported in Cleveland Today - **Update #230**

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 November 18 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through Dec. 31, 2020. Mayor Jackson's order was amended to include a Stay At Home Advisory. [Click here to view the order.](#) Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational.

256 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases Reported in City of Cleveland

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 256 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents on November 19. This brings the total to 8,929 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 153 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 3 years old to their 90s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms.

As of Nov. 19, there are 310,103 confirmed cases and 5,522 fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 11.64 million confirmed cases and 251,756 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 Jackson Connects with Clevelanders in Tele Town Hall

Mayor Frank G. Jackson held a Tele Town Hall via phone and Facebook Live on Thursday, November 19 about public safety, COVID-19 and more. To listen to the press conference, [click here.](#)

Gang Arrests/Indictments Announced

The Cleveland Division of Police, in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office announce that a Cuyahoga County Grand Jury returned a secret indictment on Nov. 17, 2020 against ten members of the Percy Homies gang. The charges range from high level Drug Trafficking and Aggravated Robbery to Carrying Concealed Weapons and Failure to Comply with Lawful Orders. The gang mainly resides in the Harvard/Miles area on the city's southeast side.

On November 19, members of the Cleveland Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Gang Task Force, under Operation Legend, executed arrest warrants, taking six of the ten individuals into custody. In addition, search warrants were executed on residential homes and seven guns were seized. Narcotics including heroin and marijuana along with cash were also seized.

The Safe Streets Gang Task Force was assisted in the warrant executions by the Cleveland Division of Police SWAT Unit, the Federal Bureau of Investigation SWAT Unit, Eastside Departments Group Enforcement, the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Task Force and the Ohio Investigation Unit.

Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Director of Public Safety Karrie D. Howard and Police Chief Calvin D. Williams said in a statement: "These arrests and indictments should serve as a strong warning to those intent on participating in criminal activity. Our residents will not be terrorized and made to feel afraid in their homes due to these violent gangs. Our officers and local and federal partners will continue to collaborate take these offenders out of our neighborhoods."

FBI Special Agent in Charge, Eric B. Smith added, "This group of individuals engaged in numerous crimes which brought danger and violence to our Cleveland neighborhoods. The Cleveland FBI applauds this collaborative law enforcement effort and we will continue to stand side by side with our partners at the CPD and CCPO to assist in ridding our streets of those responsible for bringing violence and drugs to our doorstep"

"This community is drowning in gun violence," said Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley. "These arrests will hopefully bring some calm to the southeast side of Cleveland".

"Operation Legend continues to successfully identify and remove violent criminals off the streets in the city of Cleveland," said U.S. Attorney Justin Herdman.

"Thanks to the hard work of the men and women of the Cleveland Division of Police, FBI Safe Streets Taskforce, and Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, these individuals will now face accountability for their actions."

The City of Cleveland and urban areas across the United States have been severely affected by skyrocketing violent crime statistics. Many of the cases involve incidents of drug and gang activity. Members of Law Enforcement continue to encourage citizens to report criminal activity to police and remind members of the public that they can do so anonymously by calling Crimestoppers at 216-25-CRIME.

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Offers Travel Tips Ahead of Thanksgiving Holiday

This week marks the beginning of the Thanksgiving Day holiday travel season for Northeast Ohioans traveling from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE). The two busiest travel

days of the holiday season are the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, exceeded only by the Sunday after Thanksgiving (the busiest travel day of the year).

Due to Covid-19, holiday travel will be different than years past. CLE expects 140,000 departing and arriving passengers from November 20-30. This is approximately 65 percent below the same period for 2019. Hopkins staff will be prepared during the heavy travel periods including our customer service personnel, law enforcement personnel including Cleveland Police Airport Unit, Federal law enforcement agencies, and custodial and maintenance staff. In accordance with City of Cleveland Ordinance No. 556-2020, masks MUST be worn in the building. Each airline has different Covid-19 travel requirements, so please check their websites for their guidelines for flying.

Travel tips

Airport officials encourage travelers to arrive at least two hours before scheduled departures to allow time for inclement weather, traffic, parking, checking-in and going through the checkpoints. Lines may appear longer due to social distancing.

CLE's website is a one-stop shop for travelers needing up-to-the-minute travel information. Visit the website at www.clevelandairport.com for the following:

- Status of your flight
- Airline contact information
- Parking status updates

Follow CLE on Twitter at @GoingPlacesCLE and on Facebook at facebook.com/CLEairport for any important travel updates.

Consider using your airline's website to do advance check-in to print your boarding pass up to 24-hours before departure.

Travelers have many parking options, including:

- The Smart Parking Garage, \$20 per day
- The Red Lot, \$18 per day
- The Blue Lot, \$16 per day
- The Orange Lot, \$15 per day

Picking up friends and family at the airport? Don't circle the airport waiting them. Park and wait in the CLE Cell Phone Lot located off State Road 237 South. Follow the blue directional signs for easy parking.

RTA Redline to the airport

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) offers convenient service to and from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. RTA's Red Line provides regular service between CLE and downtown Cleveland via the Tower City Station. The trip takes less than 30 minutes, and trains depart from CLE every 15 minutes for the majority of the day.

For more information, visit the RTA web site at www.riderta.com or call The RTAanswerline at (216) 621-9500.

TSA travel tips

Always have a government-issue ID ready to present at the airline ticket counter and security checkpoint. Due to lower passenger throughput, North Checkpoint will only be opened during peak travel times. Central checkpoint will be open from 4 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. and South Checkpoint will be open from 4 a.m. to 7:25 p.m.

Be prepared for the screening process:

- TSA is allowing one liquid hand sanitizer container up to 12 ounces per passenger in carry-on bags until further notice. Passengers can expect that these containers larger than the standard allowance of 3.4 ounces of liquids permitted through a checkpoint will need to be screened separately, which will add some

time to their checkpoint screening experience. Please keep in mind that all other liquids, gels and aerosols brought to a checkpoint continue to be allowed at the limit of 3.4 ounces or 100 milliliters carried in a one quart-size bag.

- Be sure to look through your luggage to ensure no prohibited items are in the bag.
- All CLE checkpoints have Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) machines for passenger screening. Metal detectors and x-ray machines for carry-on items are also in place for passenger screening.
- Remember the TSA 3-1-1 rule for carry-on items – Three ounces (3 oz.) per container, in a clear one-quart bag, one per passenger.
- Knives, scissors with pointed tips, pepper spray and other such items are prohibited as carry-on items. For a comprehensive list of banned and permitted items, visit the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) website at www.tsa.gov.
- Carry-on luggage is typically restricted to one bag and one personal item per person. A personal item includes a purse, briefcase, or laptop bag. Keep in mind that all airlines have different policies, please check with your airline to make sure you know their policy.
- Outer coats, jackets and other such outer garments must be removed and put through x-ray screening.
- Children under the age of 12 will not have to remove their shoes before going through security.

TSA Pre✓™ is available at CLE. TSA Pre✓™ allows select frequent flyers of participating airlines and members of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Trusted Traveler programs who are flying on participating airlines, to receive expedited screening benefits. Eligible participants use dedicated screening lanes for screening benefits which include leaving on shoes, light outerwear and belts, as well as leaving laptops and 3-1-1 compliant liquids in carry-on bags.

Central Checkpoint is exclusively a TSA Pre✓™ checkpoint. During peak hours, South Checkpoint will have a TSA Pre✓™ available. For more information on TSA Pre✓™ visit <http://www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck>.

City of Cleveland Update on Hopkins Airport

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) like other airports worldwide has had a dramatic drop in air service and travelers due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Concerns over health and safety as well as quarantines, coupled with many businesses cancelling travel and leisure travelers staying home have impacted flights.

We are currently averaging 5,323 in the past seven days, compared with the 314 passengers we reported on April 20, 2020. [Click here to view regularly updated numbers on airport travel on the Hopkins website.](#)

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.

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.

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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Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98094926783?pwd=MCtSYVVFzbi9ENS9OaEVxREMyQ3UvZz09>

Meeting ID: 980 9492 6783 Passcode: 147729

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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 2,381 total customers

Cleveland Water customers can make payments and manage their account at myclevelandwater.com or by calling (216) 664-3130. Questions can be submitted via the inquiry form at clevelandwater.com/ask-a-question. CPP customers can make payments and manage their account at cpp.org. Inquiries and questions can be submitted via 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
- <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.