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City of Cleveland Provides Coronavirus & Other Important Updates - **Update #250**

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.

225 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases Reported in Cleveland

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 225 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents on December 18. This brings the total to 16,437 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 179 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 7 years old to their 90s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms. Additionally, 19 cases were transferred as it was determined they were not Cleveland residents.

As of December 18, there are 550,468 confirmed cases and 7,298 confirmed fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 17.37 million cases and 312,722 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.

City of Cleveland to Hold Press Briefing Tuesday, December 22

On Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m., Mayor Jackson will hold a virtual press briefing to discuss COVID-19 vaccinations.

The press conference will be livestreamed on the [City of Cleveland Facebook page](#) and media may ask their questions into the comments section. Please include the name of your outlet when you post the question. We will also take questions from members of the public as time allows.

If media would prefer to send in their questions via email, they are welcome to send them to covid19media@clevelandohio.gov no later than one hour prior to the press conference start time.

Holiday Travel Tips from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport

This holiday season Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) reminds travelers about tips ensure a positive travel experience during this busy time of year. The holiday travel period extends from December 18 to January 4, in which an estimated 200,000 guests will travel through CLE.

Our team encourages airport-goers to plan ahead for this busy travel season. Allow plenty of time to arrive at the airport, find parking, check in and pass through Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security.

Travelers should be aware of the airport's peak activity times which include early morning from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m., early afternoon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and late afternoon to early afternoon from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

General Tips

Masks are required in the building due to Covid-19. Hand sanitizers are located throughout the building and in all restrooms. Social distancing markers are also throughout the building but please use your judgement where they are not.

Airport officials encourage travelers to arrive at least two hours before scheduled departures to allow time for the increased volume of travelers, inclement weather, traffic, parking, checking-in and going through security checkpoints. Please look for signs and Landside Operation employees for assistance.

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

- Status of your flight
- Airline contact information
- Status of airport parking
- Status of the TSA Checkpoint wait times

Follow CLE on Twitter at @GoingPlacesCLE and Facebook at facebook.com/CLEairport for airport tips and updates.

Consider using the airline's website for advance check-in and 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. Park and wait in the CLE Cell Phone Lot located off State Road 237 South. Follow the blue directional signs for easy parking.

RTA Red Line to the Airport

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ([RTA](#)) offers convenient service to and from CLE. 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 25 minutes for the majority of the day.

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

TSA Travel Tips

Always have a government-issued ID ready to present at the airline ticket counter and security checkpoint and be prepared for the screening process:

- Know what is in your carry-on bags and checked bags. Do not bring any [prohibited items](#) with you. Don't know if an item is allowed or prohibited? Here's how to find out:
 - Send a tweet to @AskTSA
- Ask us via Facebook Messenger: <http://www.tsa.gov/> has a feature in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage: Can I bring my? Click there and type in the item.
 - Download the free [myTSA](#) app, which has the same "Can I bring my?" feature.
- Many people travel with food during the holidays. Foods like cakes, pies and cookies are allowed through a checkpoint, but may be subject to additional screening. However, spreadable and pourable food items must go in checked bags (maple syrup, jams, jellies, preserves). Not sure? See the 2nd bullet point above on how to ask TSA.
- Snow globes that are 3.4 ounces or smaller and fit into the 3-1-1 bag can go in a carry-on bag. If it's larger, pack it in a checked bag. Not sure? The basic rule of thumb is that if the snow globe is larger than a tennis ball, then it should go into a checked bag.
- It's a good idea not to wrap gifts using tape. If the gift triggers an alarm, TSA will need to open it to find out what the item is to ensure it is not a prohibited item. Instead, it is recommended that you:
 - Use a gift bag or unsealed gift box
 - Wrap the gift upon arrival
- 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.

TSA Pre[√]™ is available at CLE. TSA Pre[√]™ allows select frequent flyers of participating airlines and members of U.S. Customs and Border Protection 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 open a lane as well. For more information on TSA Pre[√]™ visit <http://www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck>.

Halloran Skating Rink to Open January 4, 2021 with New Improvements

The Halloran Park Skating Rink is scheduled to open for the season on Jan. 4, 2021. Hours of

operation will be from noon to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free. Skates can be rented for \$1. CDC protocols regarding wearing masks and maintaining social distancing will be enforced. Anyone interested in utilizing the facility can contact Halloran Park at (215) 664-4187 to register for ice time or for additional questions regarding operations. Staff will also be onsite on Dec. 28, 2020 from 11:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to answer questions.

The opening of the rink was delayed due to COVID-19 and, during that closure, some improvements have been made to the rink to accommodate ice hockey. Penalty boxes were constructed and hockey lines were painted in the ice, funded by Ward 11 Councilman Brian Mooney's discretionary funds.

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 4,738 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.](#)

Other Important Reminders (Previous Announcements)

2021 City of Cleveland Division of Waste Bulk Pick-Up Schedule Now Available

The 2021 City of Cleveland Division of Waste Bulk Pick-Up Calendar is available for [download here](#).

In addition to bulk pick-up dates, the calendar includes information about proper waste set out. Here are some tips to make sure your waste collection is compliant with city set out guidelines:

- Rule of three: Remember that the limit for bulk pick-up is three items.
- 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 <http://www.clevelandohio.gov>.

West Side Market to Offer Holiday Hours for Ease of Shopping

With the holidays upon us, the West Side Market (WSM) reminds shoppers that we are open for business with extended holiday hours. Whether it's the perfect cut of meat or fish, a prepared side

dish or pastry or even the right spice you need to celebrate at home this year, the knowledgeable vendors at the West Side Market can help you find the items you need for the holidays. Many of our vendors also offer gift cards or items that make excellent holiday gifts.

The West Side Market will be open Monday, December 21 & Wednesday, December 23 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. We will also be open on Christmas Eve on Thursday, December 24 from 8 a.m. -2 p.m.

In addition, the WSM will be open on Monday December 28 & Wednesday, December 30 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. On New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31, the WSM will be open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

In observance of Christmas Day on December 25, 2020 and New Year's Day on January 1, 2021 the West Side Market will be closed. Following Christmas Day, the WSM will reopen on Saturday December 26 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. After New Year's Day, the WSM will reopen on Saturday, January 2 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Customers are reminded that masks are required at the West Side Market. To further ensure your safety, hand sanitizer stations are available and capacity is limited to allow for social distancing. WSM vendors offer call ahead shopping for counter and curbside pickup or delivery. The Market's usual hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. -5 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. -4 p.m. Visit www.westsidemarket.org for the vendors contact information and more.

City of Cleveland Announces Waste Collection Delays and City Office Closures

In observance of Christmas and the New Year, the City of Cleveland Department of Public Works WILL NOT collect waste on Friday, December 25, 2020 and Friday, January 1, 2021. Waste collection will be delayed by one day following the holiday.

City of Cleveland offices – including City Hall, Cleveland Public Power and Cleveland Water – will be closed on the following days:

- Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020
- Friday, Dec. 25, 2020
- Thursday, Dec 31, 2020
- Friday, Jan. 1, 2021

The Willard Park Garage attached to City Hall will also be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. It will be open on December 31 from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Public Works and Port Control Hiring Snow Removal Vehicle Operators

The City of Cleveland Department of Public Works is hiring [Snow Removal Vehicle Operators](#).

This position is seasonal and will be used only during the snow removal season. Required qualifications include:

- High School Diploma or GED;
- Valid Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) Type B with Air Brake Endorsement; and
- Good driving record.

The City of Cleveland Department of Port Control is also hiring [Snow Removal Vehicle Operators](#).

This position is seasonal and will be used only during the snow removal season. Airport and departmental requirements include:

- Must successfully complete a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) 10 year fingerprint-based Criminal History Records Check and employment background check and Security Threat Assessment.

- Must be able to pass a pre-employment physical and drug test; and
- Must successfully complete all applicable regulatory airfield Ground Vehicle Operator and Winter Operations training/assessments and maintain corresponding airfield driving privileges.

For more information and to view more available City of Cleveland positions, [click here](#).

Public Comment Period for Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

The City of Cleveland is partnering with the Ohio Department of Transportation to implement pedestrian safety improvements at 61 locations across the city. The public comment period for the Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project is open now through December 30. The project is expected to begin in Spring 2021.

Questions? Contact the City's Project Engineer, Ron Mason, P.E., at (216) 664-3705 or via e-mail at rmason@city.cleveland.oh.us. [Click here to view the map and list of locations](#).

City Now Accepting Applications for Cleveland Small Business Grant 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](#). Applications for this program should be submitted electronically to economicdevelopment@clevelandohio.gov.

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:

Governance Committee

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 at 10 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/99562498689?pwd=UVBsMIJKdnkrcTVVV0FWMkZ0V0p0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 995 6249 8689 Passcode: 610799

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/a4bRMdSIQ>

CTA Board Meeting

Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/95274808308?pwd=UFRQL3QzZk51VjN5Y1BTNWozdnRqUT09>

Meeting ID: 952 7480 8308 Passcode: 028052

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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.