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City of Cleveland Provides Coronavirus & Other Important Updates - **Update #256**

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 December 22 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through Jan. 31, 2021. 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.

214 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases Reported in Cleveland

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 214 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents on December 29. This brings the total to 18,618 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 180 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 Dec. 29, there are 614,031 confirmed cases and 7,903 confirmed fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 19.4 million cases and 336,529 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 to Hold Tele Town Hall December 30

Please join Mayor Frank G. Jackson on Wednesday, December 30 at 5:30 p.m. for a conversation on the coronavirus vaccine and important prevention efforts.

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.

Media Reminder Regarding Secure City of Cleveland Vaccination Sites

Over the next several months, CDPH will administer the COVID-19 vaccine at points of dispensing (POD) sites throughout the city. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of Cleveland residents and CDPH staff and volunteers, these sites will only be accessible to those receiving and dispensing the vaccine. To safeguard confidential protected health information in accordance with HIPAA, photography, video and sound recording will be prohibited at all PODs. Each designated POD is deemed a clinical location and not open for media opportunities. Please direct any related media inquiries to the City's Joint Information Center at covid19media@clevelandohio.gov

Cleveland Hopkins Airport Smart Parking Garage Update

In anticipation of a more comprehensive concrete and expansion joint capital project, shoring measures are being installed at the CLE Smart Parking Garage. The capital project will strengthen concrete in areas of the garage that will be identified by an engineering consultant. There is minimum impact to airport guests aside from the loss of approximately 200 parking spaces.

City of Cleveland Recycling Consultant Update

The consultant charged with assessing the City of Cleveland's recycling program continues to meet the expected deadlines for delivery of its findings. Cleveland City Council requested a meeting with the consultant in January 2021 to provide additional input for inclusion in the draft report. Due to this accommodation, the draft report is expected to be read by mid-January.

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 Dec. 29, 2020, CDPH has received 3,857 COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. To date, CDPH has received 1,191 mass gathering non-compliance allegations, 1,826 mask non-compliance allegations and 764 social distancing non-compliance allegations in the City of Cleveland. To view and download CDPH's COVID-19 non-compliance report, [click here](#).

Pipeline Infrastructure Improvements Update for Ward 1

On Jan. 11, 2021, Dominion Energy Ohio's gas pipeline infrastructure replacement project will begin on the following streets:

- East 145th Street – From Kinsman Road to Milverton Road
- East 146th Street – From Kinsman Road to Milverton Road
- Milverton Road – From East 145th Street to East 147th Street
- Spear Avenue – From East 143rd Street to East 145th Street

The improvements include replacing the old steel mainline with a new plastic mainline in the sidewalk area. A work zone will be established which will allow two-way traffic with traffic control personnel present to help direct traffic flow. Access to adjacent driveways will be maintained throughout construction. All work zones will be removed at the end of each work day. The work on the project will take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This project is scheduled for completion by April 2021 and restoration completed by May 2021. Should the weather not allow for permanent restoration to the sidewalk, a temporary 2" thick concrete sidewalk will be installed for pedestrian traffic. A concrete cap will be placed on all road crossings until permanent concrete restorations can be completed in the spring. Questions? Contact Matt Lenke - Hill International at (330) 353-7111.

Other Important Reminders (Previous Announcements)

Update: City of Cleveland Announces Waste Collection Delays and City Office Closures
In observance of the New Year, the City of Cleveland Department of Public Works WILL NOT collect waste on 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, Cleveland Water, and *Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers* – will be closed on the following days:

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

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

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 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 info, please call Waste Collection at (216) 664-3711 or visit 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 WSM will be open on 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 New Year's Day on January 1, 2021 the West Side Market will be closed. 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.

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 are 12 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and admission is free. Skates can be rented for \$1. CDC protocols regarding mask and social distancing will be implemented. 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 December 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.

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 info 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 sixty-one 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, January 5, 2021 at 10 a.m.

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

Meeting ID: 995 6249 8689 Passcode: 610799

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Cleveland Plan Progress Committee

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at noon

<https://zoom.us/j/98637418704?pwd=TzJ4cit6Q2I2d3phWVlzcjY0alE3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 986 3741 8704 Passcode: 493433

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CTA Board Meeting

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

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

Meeting ID: 952 7480 8308

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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/>

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