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City of Cleveland Provides Coronavirus & Other Important Updates - **Update #292**

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 Jan. 26 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through Feb. 28, 2021. [Click here to view the order.](#) Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational.

72 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases, 7 Fatalities Reported in Cleveland

CDPH has been notified of 72 more confirmed coronavirus cases and seven fatalities in city residents on February 15 and 16. This brings the total to 24,631 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 251 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 13 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 February 16, there are 813,465 confirmed cases and 14,000 confirmed fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 27.7 million cases and 487,109 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 release additional demographic info related to COVID-19 cases aside from age range and gender.

City of Cleveland Snow Emergency Parking Ban Expires Wednesday Morning

The City of Cleveland Snow Emergency Parking Ban remains in effect **until 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021.** If needed, the City of Cleveland may extend the snow emergency parking ban in the morning.

As a result, stopping, standing and parking of vehicles will be restricted and prohibited on City streets with posted red and white signs. Parking is prohibited on designated Snow Emergency streets, which are identified as necessary for transportation, the movement of food and fuel supplies,

medical care, fire, health and police protection and other vital facilities of the City. Significant snowfall can cause streets to become congested and impassable.

Vehicles left parked in the roadway prevent snowplows from clearing streets, which can make driving down these streets impossible. Resulting bottlenecks and gridlock can hamper response by emergency vehicles. For this reason, citizens are encouraged to avoid parking vehicles on all city streets to allow snow plows sufficient time to remove snow and ice from the roads.

We will continue to run more than 40 plows throughout the evening to clear City streets, with priority going to main streets, hills and bridges. Please be careful on the road and be patient as our plows are dealing with continuous snow fall.

Cleveland City Council Finance Committee Holds 2021 Budget Hearings

Mayor Frank G. Jackson addressed Cleveland City Council on February 16, kicking off the 2021 budget hearings. Council will convene with City departmental leadership to hear more about the 2021 budget and have the opportunity to ask questions. To view the Mayor's 2021 Budget Estimate, [click here](#). [Click here to view the Mayor's Letter of Transmittal and the 2021 Budget Hearing Schedule](#).

The next scheduled budget hearing is on Wednesday, February 17 at 9 a.m. Cleveland City Council's Finance Committee will meet with the Department of Public Safety and the Community Relations Board.

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 Feb. 16, 2021, CDPH has received 3,931 COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. To date, CDPH has received 1,198 mass gathering non-compliance allegations, 1,843 mask non-compliance allegations and 768 social distancing non-compliance allegations in the City of Cleveland. To view and download CDPH's COVID-19 non-compliance report, [click here](#).

City of Cleveland Issues Statement on Recent Employee Termination

Debra Mitchell was terminated from her position as the Administrative Bureau Manager for the Department of Public Utilities on Friday, February 12. The classification of Administrative Bureau Manager is part of the unclassified service. [Click here to view the letter of termination](#).

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Update on Unemployment Identity Theft

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has become aware of increased reports of individuals' personal information being stolen and used to file applications for unemployment benefits without their knowledge. Unfortunately, this problem is not unique to Ohio, as dozens of other states have reported similar challenges.

If you receive a letter or email from the ODJFS referring to unemployment benefits, PIN resets, or requests for employment information, you may be the victim of identity theft. If this happens, you should visit unemployment.ohio.gov, select the Report Identify Theft button, and file the ODJFS Online Fraud Form to which you are directed. If you receive a check from ODJFS, do not cash it. Return the check to: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, PO Box 182509, Columbus, OH, 43218-2059.

We also recommend you contact the Identity Theft Unit within the Ohio Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section. They guide Ohioans who believe they may be victims of identity theft. While the unit may not have information about your specific case, they can provide guidance and assistance with credit reporting agencies, creditors, collectors and any other entity that may have information that was obtained under fraudulent circumstances. To learn more, call **1-800-282-0515** or visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/IdentityTheft

If you believe you were a victim of Identity Theft or Unemployment Fraud, we also recommend you consider the following:

- Report/freeze all three credit reports (e.g., Transunion, Equifax, Experian)
- Make a report with your local police department to have the case on record
- Keep an eye on any random "cash cards" being *ordered*
- *Keep an eye on any other suspicious activity*

Other Important Reminders (Previous Announcements)

City of Cleveland Commemorates Black History Month with Series of Virtual Events

The 2021 City of Cleveland Black History Month celebration kicked off on Monday, February 1 with a virtual opening ceremony. This year's theme, "Strengthening Black Families through the Quest for Equity and Equality," celebrates the contributions and achievements made by residents and leaders in the Black community with a series of virtual events. All of these virtual events are free and open to the public.

"Each year, our Black History Month celebration serves to recognize Cleveland's long-standing history of Black leadership and honor Black individuals who contribute to our city's legacy of cultural diversity and equality," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. "We continue this tradition by celebrating the men and women of the Black community who strive to make Cleveland a great place to live, work, play and do businesses, for our residents and their families."

Some of the events, though virtual, offer Facebook Live viewers the opportunity to interact with panelists by asking questions in the comments. [Click here to view a calendar of events.](#) Please note that some events will be livestreamed to Facebook and some will be available to the public via WebEx, though registration is required via Eventbrite. To participate in Facebook events, visit the City of Cleveland Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CityofCleveland.

Students Invited to Apply for Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship Program

The Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 academic year. The deadline to submit your application is March 28, 2021. To learn more and to apply, [click here.](#)

The Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship Program was created by the City of Cleveland in 2007 to provide scholarship funds to the following individuals:

1. City employees
2. Dependents of City employees
3. High school seniors graduating from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District
4. High school seniors in the Youth Development Program or involved with the City of Cleveland Department of Recreation

The program provides scholarships of \$1,000 per year for up to 4 years. Selected scholarship recipients must be a full-time (minimum 12 credit hours each term) student at a four-year, public or private, not-for-profit higher education institution.

Scholarships are renewable for up to three additional years from the first awarded academic year. To be eligible for renewal of the scholarship, students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and full-time status.

The City of Cleveland's Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship program is administered through [College Now Greater Cleveland](#). For questions about the scholarship applications, please contact College Now at 216-635-0324.

City Of Cleveland Establishes Call Center to Answer General Vaccine Distribution Questions

The City of Cleveland has established a call center that is currently available to answer general questions pertaining to the City's vaccine distribution efforts and assist eligible individuals in scheduling an appointment to receive the vaccine.

- Call Center Number: (216) 664-2222
- Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As a reminder, only individuals who meet the Ohio Department of Health's criteria are eligible to receive the vaccine at this time. Due to limited supply, it will take time for eligible individuals to receive the vaccine. We ask for your patience. As we receive additional supply, we will be opening up additional vaccination sites and scheduling appointments for eligible individuals to receive the vaccine.

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:

Charter Review Committee

Feb. 24, 2021 at 2 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting on your computer or mobile app.](#)

Or call in (audio only): [+1 216-815-0098,916557569#](tel:+12168150098916557569) United States, Cleveland

Phone Conference ID: 916 557 569#

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CTA Executive Meeting

Feb. 26, 2021 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C7wveMryR4KC6qKn-Glo6A

After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.

CTA Executive Meeting

Feb 26, 2021 4 p.m. via Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C7wveMryR4KC6qKn-Glo6A

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.

Finance Committee

March 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting on your computer or mobile app.](#)

Or call in (audio only): [+1 216-815-0098,707589369#](tel:+12168150098707589369) United States, Cleveland

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Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting

March 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eq22wuvaSMYTS0x1dmgQkw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.

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.