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City of Cleveland Provides Coronavirus & Other Important Updates - **Update #265**

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. [Click here to view Mayor Jackson's recent telephone town hall](#) on Dec. 30 to discuss the pandemic, vaccines and other prevention efforts.

161 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases and Four Fatalities Reported in Cleveland

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 161 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents on January 12 and four fatalities. This brings the total to 21,309 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 199 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 1 year old to their 80s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms. Additionally, five cases were transferred as it was determined the individuals were not Cleveland residents.

As of January 12, there are 702,846 confirmed cases and 8,805 confirmed fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 22.7 million cases and 379,365 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.**

Mayor Jackson Holds Virtual Press Conference to Discuss COVID-19 Vaccines

On January 12, Mayor Jackson and Interim Director of Public Health Brian Kimball held a virtual press briefing to discuss the distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations. Mayor Jackson also answered questions from media and residents via Facebook Live.

[Click here to watch the full press conference.](#)

Cleveland Police Prepared to Ensure Public Safety Ahead of Upcoming Events

The Cleveland Division of Police is working diligently with partnering law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal levels to ensure the public's safety in the coming days. The Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center and the Real Time Crime Center continue to monitor activity across Ohio and throughout the United States. The public is the eyes and ears of law enforcement. If you see something, say something. Please report suspicious and criminal activity, *especially large or unusual gatherings of individuals* to law enforcement immediately.

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies and (216) 621-1234 for non-emergencies.

City of Cleveland Provides Updates on Winter Support Grants

The City of Cleveland has continuously offered small businesses support to assist them through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City is currently working on contracting with 76 winter support grant application recipients that have been approved. The total amount awarded for these grants is \$380,000.

In addition, the City of Cleveland Department of Economic Development has closed 161 Emergency Working Capital Loans, totaling \$1,559,567 and are working with contracting on an additional 21 businesses. The City is still accepting Emergency Working Capital Loans applications.

There is a Temporary Expansion Areas (TEAs) program that has also been created to assist small businesses during the pandemic. Although the City of Cleveland has not received any new applications for the winter months, businesses are still welcome to apply. At its height, during Summer 2020, we had more than 25 applications approved for Temporary Expansion Areas throughout the City of Cleveland. [Click here to learn more about the winter program.](#)

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 Jan. 12, 2021, CDPH has received 3,908 COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. To date, CDPH has received 1,193 mass gathering non-compliance allegations, 1,829 mask non-compliance allegations and 765 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 6

On Monday January 25, 2021, Dominion Energy Ohio's gas pipeline infrastructure replacement project will begin on the following streets:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Drive – South side of the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr Drive and Stokes Boulevard
- Stokes Boulevard – West side of the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr Drive and Stokes Boulevard

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 March 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)

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Now Offering COVID-19 Testing

A new Covid-19 testing site is now open Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) that provides travelers, visitors, and airport staff with their results, delivered to their phone, in as little as 15 minutes. TACKL Health specializes in rapid mobilization for large-scale testing in locations nationwide. Guests can receive both polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and rapid antigen tests. The new testing site is located on the ticketing level, near the information desk, and is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

TACKL Health licensed healthcare professionals administer the tests in four private sanitized rooms. Those wishing to get tested can schedule an appointment in advance by scanning a QR code, going to www.tacklhealth.com/cle. Walk-ins are also welcome. Since the testing site is on the public side of the airport, anyone can walk up to get tested. The cost for the rapid antigen test is \$95, \$135 for the PCR test, or \$175 for both. PCR test results arrive via email or a text message in 24 to 48 hours and rapid antigen test results take 15 minutes.

Testing is voluntary and not required by Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. For more information, view our FAQ sheet [here](#).

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](#).

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 one-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:

Cleveland Plan Progress Committee

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Meeting ID: 986 3741 8704 Passcode: 493433

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

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.