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## **Media Advisory**

### **City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County & Local Hospitals to Discuss Preparations for COVID-19**

**CLEVELAND** – Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish, representatives from the Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth Hospital, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center and University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center will discuss preparedness plans and prevention tips for the Novel Coronavirus. There are no known cases of Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, in the area.

**WHO:**

**Speakers**

Mayor Frank G. Jackson  
Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish  
City of Cleveland Department of Public Health Director Merle Gordon  
Cuyahoga County Board of Health Commissioner Terry Allan  
Center for Health Affairs CEO Brian Lane  
City of Cleveland Emergency Medical Service Commander Chris Chapin  
Cleveland City Council President Kevin J. Kelley

**Additional Attendees**

County Council President Dan Brady  
Cleveland Clinic Medical Director of Hospital Operations Dr. Rita Pappas  
MetroHealth Hospital Chief of Quality Control Dr. Brook Watts  
St. Vincent Charity Medical Center Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joseph Sopko  
University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center President Dr. Daniel Simon  
Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Director Robert Kennedy  
City of Cleveland Operations Center Manager Fred Szabo  
Director of Public Safety and Justice Services Alex Pellom  
Cleveland Division of Police Law Enforcement COVID-19 Lead Captain Michael Butler  
Cleveland Division of Fire Chief Angelo Calvillo  
Cleveland Department of Public Safety Medical Director Dr. Thomas Collins

**WHAT:** A discussion of preparedness plans and prevention tips for the Novel Coronavirus. There are no known cases of Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, in the area.

**WHEN:** Monday, March 9, 2020 at 3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Cleveland City Hall  
Rotunda  
601 Lakeside Ave.

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