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## **City of Cleveland Provides General Updates on Coronavirus & Safety Protocols - **Update #107****

**CLEVELAND** – 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 May 26, extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through June 30, 2020. [Click here to view the order.](#)

Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational.

### **21 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases in Cleveland Reported**

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 21 more confirmed test results for coronavirus in residents of the city and no new fatalities. **This brings the total to 1,860 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 75 fatalities.** One previously reported case was confirmed to be a non-Cleveland residents and transferred to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from their 20s to their 80s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms.

As of today, there are 39,303 confirmed cases and 2,377 fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 2.15 million confirmed cases and 117,423 deaths in the U.S.

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.

### **Officer Use of Force Under Investigation**

Today, Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Acting Safety Director Karrie Howard and Cleveland Police Chief Calvin D. Williams announce that the Cleveland Division of Police Internal Affairs Unit is currently investigating force used by an officer during the May 30, 2020 civil unrest in downtown Cleveland.

On May 30, 2020, demonstrations began peacefully but became violent and unlawful with individuals throwing objects at police officers and attempting to enter the Justice Center illegally. A dispersal order was given by the Incident Commander after which time, officers were authorized

to move protesters back utilizing crowd management techniques. Officers are permitted to use physical means to move individuals and crowds under these circumstances.

### **Officer Related Complaints, Use of Force: May 30, 2020 Civil Unrest**

The Cleveland Division of Police Internal Affairs Unit is currently investigating a complaint of excessive use of force against Cleveland Police Officer John Kazimer during the May 30, 2020 civil unrest events in downtown Cleveland. The Cleveland Division of Police Internal Affairs Unit is seeking the public's help to identify the individuals seen in [these photos](#) in connection with additional use of force incidents which occurred on May 30, 2020. In these cases, the use of force by the officer is under investigation. Anyone with information regarding the identity of these individuals is asked to call Internal Affairs investigators at 216-623-6289.

The City continues to investigate complaints against officers and will accept information, photos or video regarding those complaints at <https://ClevelandOHPD.evidence.com/axon/citizen/public/2020protest>. In addition, citizens may file complaints directly with the Office of Professional Standards in person, by mail, email or facsimile. More information on this process can be found here: <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/OPS/ComplaintProcess>.

### **Save the Date for Mayor Jackson's Next Tele Town Hall**

Mayor Jackson invites you to join him for his next tele town hall on June 25, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. The Mayor will provide remarks about COVID-19, racial disparity, public safety and more. He will also take participant questions during this 1.5 hour call. Visit [www.clevelandohio.gov/TeleTownHall](http://www.clevelandohio.gov/TeleTownHall) to register to participate and ask questions. This will also be livestreamed to [the City Facebook page](#).

### **City of Cleveland Now Accepting Applications for Recovery Response Fund**

On Thursday, June 11, Mayor Jackson announced a grant program available for businesses impacted by the civil unrest of May 30, 2020. The City of Cleveland has been engaged with Cuyahoga County, the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Downtown Cleveland Alliance (DCA) and the Cleveland Foundation to provide assistance to re-opening businesses and developed a one-stop application. Impacted businesses looking for financial assistance should apply through DCA at the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/201656956665064>. Impacted businesses throughout the City are encouraged to apply.

### **Pipeline Infrastructure Improvements Update for Ward 17**

On Tuesday, June 30, 2020, Dominion Energy Ohio's gas pipeline infrastructure replacement project will begin on the following streets:

- Warren Road – Down the East side from Harley Avenue to Greenway Road
- Rosemary Avenue – Along both sides from Warren Road to West 151<sup>st</sup> 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 in August 2020 and completion of restoration by September 2020

Questions? Contact Matt Lenke - Hill International at (330) 353-7111.

### **East 55th Street Rehabilitation Project for Ward 12**

On Monday, June 22, 2020, ODOT will begin a new phase of work on the East 55<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation Project. Construction will begin in the southbound lane of East 55<sup>th</sup> between Harvard Avenue and Fleet Avenue.

Maintenance of traffic will be as follows:

- Southbound traffic will be maintained on the east side of East 55<sup>th</sup> Street between Fleet Avenue and Harvard Avenue.
- Northbound traffic will be detoured east on Harvard Avenue; then north on East 71<sup>st</sup> Street and then west on Fleet Avenue.
- Access at all intersections and driveways will be maintained, but on-street parking will not be permitted.

Electronic message boards will be placed on either end of the construction prior to the week of June 22, 2020 informing the public of the impending construction work.

The construction of East 55<sup>th</sup> Street project is being administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Improvements include:

- Milling and asphalt resurfacing.
- Full depth and partial depth pavement repairs.
- Curb and walk replacements as needed.
- Replacement of curb ramps to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The work on this project will take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The project will be completed in September 2020.

Questions? Contact the Ohio Department of Transportation District 12 Public Information Office at [D12.Public.Information@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:D12.Public.Information@dot.ohio.gov), 216-584-2005 or 216-584-2007.

### **Grab and Go Meals for Youth at Recreation Centers**

The City of Cleveland continues to work with its partner, the Children's Hunger Alliance, to offer grab and go meals outside of the recreation centers. There have been 11,804 meals distributed from when the service began on March 21 through June 13.

### **Statement on Retirement of Joe Roman**

Mayor Jackson offers the following congratulations on the retirement announcement of Joe Roman of the Greater Cleveland Partnership:

“Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for your 36 years of service.”

He adds, “I have worked with Joe Roman as a councilman, council president and as Mayor. His contributions to Cleveland can be seen in the new Cleveland we see today.”

### **Department of Public Utilities Customer Reconnection Updates**

While business is operating as normal, the Public Utilities Building is closed to the public. Cleveland Water and Cleveland Public Power have temporarily stopped disconnection of residential services for non-payment. Cleveland Water customers should call (216) 664-3130 and Cleveland Public Power customers should call 216-664-4600 for service restoration.

Cleveland Water Pollution Control (WPC) Customer Service lobby remains open to the public to purchase permits and review maps. The WPC office at 12302 Kirby Ave. is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Report emergencies 24/7 by calling (216) 664-2513. To date:

- CPP has reconnected 121 total customers
- CWD has reconnected 1,394 total customers

Cleveland Water customers can make payments and manage their account at [myclevelandwater.com](http://myclevelandwater.com) or by calling (216) 664-3130. Questions can be submitted via the inquiry form at [clevelandwater.com/ask-a-question](http://clevelandwater.com/ask-a-question). CPP customers can make payments and manage their account at [cpp.org](http://cpp.org). Inquiries and questions can be submitted via [www.cpp.org/Contact](http://www.cpp.org/Contact). Cleveland Water and CPP customers may also use the dropbox located at 1201 Lakeside Ave. Please include name and account number along with payment. Multiple accounts must be on separate checks.

## Other Important Reminders

### Mayor Jackson Announces Restart CLE

Mayor Frank G. Jackson has unveiled his strategic plan for the recovery of Cleveland's economy amid the coronavirus pandemic. As the city began this recovery planning process, it engaged experts from Cleveland State University and local medical institutions and made a deliberate choice to build from a health and medical perspective in order to protect those at risk from the coronavirus and then incorporate economic and social support to help the people and businesses who need assistance.

[View Mayor Jackson's full plan here.](#)

[View Mayor Jackson's Facebook Live announcement here.](#)

### Modified Bulk Pick-Up Schedule

Bulk pick-up has been rescheduled for the weeks of **June 22, June 29, July 6 and July 13.**

Residents should follow [regular bulk pick-up guidelines](#). We appreciate residents' patience as we adjust our plans to keep our workers safe through the coronavirus pandemic.

As a reminder, residents are permitted to up to three bulk items on tree lawns. More info on guidelines for proper disposal:

- Residents may leave out for collection items such as appliances, tables, chairs, mattresses, 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 bags are not bulk items.

### Update on Temporary Outdoor Dining for Restaurants

In order to better serve restaurants and their patrons during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Cleveland has established guidelines and regulations for permitted businesses to use private parking lots, streets and on-street parking areas as outdoor restaurant spaces as part of Mayor Frank G. Jackson's ReStart CLE plan. This legislation provides restaurants with additional dining space that allows them to safely operate.

Businesses will need to acquire permits for outdoor dining. Permits issued for a Temporary Expansion Area may be revoked at any time for failure to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, the codified ordinances and applicable rules and regulations of the City of Cleveland or laws of the state of Ohio, including Ohio Department of Health orders. Businesses must adhere to the following regulations:

- **Permit Fee Duration:** A Temporary Expansion Area permit, is valid through November 1, 2020, unless earlier terminated or revoked. No fee will be required for a TEA permit application.
- **Patio Elements:** An application for a Temporary Expansion Area permit shall include detailed plans drawn to scale showing the number and location of patio elements, including standard tables, chairs, and umbrella. Additional elements such as tents, generators, and other structures may require additional approvals. All elements must remain within the approved site plan area of operation.
- **Spacing Requirements:** All patio furnishing must be organized to allow for appropriate social distancing between tables in compliance with Ohio Department of Health orders.
- **Protective Barrier Structure for patio area expansion:** All expanded patio enclosure areas must contain the appropriate protection between the patio area and vehicular traffic. This will require a much stronger barrier than a typical patio enclosure. The structure must be removable at the end of business hours (if necessary) or after any designated period approved as part of the application. In the case of a full street closure, or where, in the determination of the City, additional buffers are needed, the City may provide the necessary protective barrier structure at no cost.
- **Maintenance:** Permittees shall maintain the TEA in accordance with all City, County, and State laws, regulations, and orders. Permittee shall be responsible for keeping the TEA clean and safe.

To learn more about the permit application process, outdoor dining and public space typologies and outdoor dining guidelines and regulations, [click here](#).

### **City Excise Tax Payment Extension**

The City of Cleveland is extending payment deadlines for the following excise tax returns to alleviate administrative burden for businesses that are facing operational impacts from the coronavirus public health emergency:

- Admissions tax due April 30, May 30 and June 30
- Motor Vehicle Lessor (rental car) tax due April 30, May 31 and June 30
- Parking tax due April 20, May 20 and June 20
- Transient Occupancy (hotel or lodging) tax due April 30, May 31 and June 30

The Commissioner of the Division of Assessments and Licenses is authorized to extend excise tax (admissions, parking, motor vehicle lessor and transient occupancy) payment deadlines to July 20 in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Federal, state and local governments use various strategies to propose due date relief to businesses through tax guidance and legislation. This proposal extends the April, May and June excise tax payment due dates to July 20 without incurring interest and penalties. The goal is to provide cash flow flexibility to taxpayers that cannot timely pay their excise tax obligation and provide guidance to individual taxpayer(s) through administrative rulings to address issues resulting from the national pandemic on a case by case request including statutory timing deadlines of administrative processes.

## County, State & Federal Updates and Reminders

- [View the governor's daily updates here](#)
  - The governor has extended the Stay at Home Order
  - **The governor launched Responsible Restart Ohio** which gives Ohioans a roadmap to reopening the state starting May 1. [View information about responsible protocols, operating requirements, sector closures and more.](#)
  - [View supportive documents and orders released from the governor's office](#)
- **Census:** The 2020 Census is happening now. Visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)
- **Scams:** [IRS issues warning about Coronavirus-related scams; watch out for schemes tied to economic impact payments](#)

## Federal, State and Local Tax Deadline Extension Reminder

The Ohio House voted to extend the state's income tax return deadline to July 15. This is the same date for local and federal taxes. [View the bill summary with additional provisions here.](#)

## CodeRED

Sign up for CodeRED alerts to receive calls and emails from the administration with important info regarding 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](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>
- <http://www.clevelandhealth.org/>

## About the City of Cleveland

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