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City of Cleveland Provides General Updates on Coronavirus & Safety Protocols - **Update #127**

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 June 24, extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through July 31, 2020. The order was amended to include a mask mandate on July 3. [Click here to view the order.](#)

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

49 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases Reported in Cleveland

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 49 more confirmed test results for coronavirus in residents of the city and no new fatalities. **This brings the total to 2,747 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 77 fatalities.** The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 10 years old to their 80s. An additional six probable cases were also identified bringing the total probable cases to 484. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms.

As of today, there are 55,150 confirmed cases and 2,718 fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 2.96 million confirmed cases and 130,902 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.

Mayor Frank G. Jackson Addresses Violence in the City of Cleveland

Mayor Frank G. Jackson held a media briefing today via teleconference regarding the violence in the City over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. He was joined by Public Safety Director Karrie Howard and Chief of Cleveland Police Calvin D. Williams. View the press conference video by [clicking here.](#)

**Division of Public Safety Update from Fourth of July Holiday Weekend
Homicide investigations and gun violence:**

The city of Cleveland had 27 shootings and four homicides over Fourth of July weekend. Included in that is an 8-year-old girl who was shot while riding in the back seat of a car. Many of the shootings and homicides occurred between parties who are believed to have known one another. Detectives from the Scientific Investigation Unit responded to eight of the weekend incidents for photos and evidence. In instances where SIU is not available, district personnel, including detectives respond for photos and to gather evidence.

Notable Fireworks Incidents, Fourth of July Weekend: The Cleveland Division of Police responded to 690 calls for fireworks disturbing. The Division of Fire responded to five structure fires which mentioned fireworks as a probable cause.

Menacing, Arrest: On July 4, 2020 at 12:50 a.m., officers responded to 1700 Tarlton Avenue for a menacing incident. On scene it was learned that a woman reported that her neighbor had been intentionally shooting fireworks at her from across the street repeatedly and over the course of the night. One of the incidents resulted in her front grass starting on fire. A 31-year-old male was arrested.

Possession of Fireworks, Possession of Criminal Tools: on July 4, 2020, officers responded to the school parking lot at 4200 Bailey in the Second District for a male with a UHaul truck filled with fireworks. Upon arrival, the 43-year-old white male from Parma was found to have a UHaul truck filled with fireworks which he was preparing to light. The male told officers he had been doing this for many years. He was made a named suspect and the Second District Detective Bureau is following up on charges. The truck and fireworks were confiscated by officers and will be destroyed by the Bomb Unit. 20-200345

Felonious Assault: On July 6, 2020 at approximately 10:30 p.m., officers responded to 3939 Community College for a fireworks incident wherein a female sustained an injury to her eye. On scene, officers were told that a group of kids were playing with fireworks inside and outside of the gas station. One of the kids lit a firework and placed it into the revolving window tray at which time it exploded, took the door off of the window tray and a woman inside of the store waiting to pay for her items was hit in her eye. She was treated on scene by EMS. 20-200673

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 130 total customers
- CWD has reconnected 1,545 total customers

Cleveland Water customers can make payments and manage their account at myclevelandwater.com or by calling (216) 664-3130. Questions can be submitted via the inquiry form at clevelandwater.com/ask-a-question. CPP customers can make payments and manage their account at cpp.org. Inquiries and questions can be submitted via 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.](#)

List: Cleveland COVID-19 Testing Sites

Testing for those with COVID-19 symptoms or who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 is available at the local federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs) below:

Neighborhood Family Practice

- W. 117 Community Health Center – 11709 Lorain Ave.
- By appointment only
- Tests are available regardless of one's ability to pay
- Call (216) 281-0872 for information or to schedule an appointment
- Results are back in one to three days

Care Alliance

- Central Clinic - 2916 Central Ave.
- Drive-thru and walk-up testing, by appointment only
- Tests are free of charge to the patient
- Call the COVID-19 Nurse Line at (216) 535-9100 and press 6
- Testing done Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Results are back in 24 to 48 hours

The Centers

- East Office – 4400 Euclid Ave.
- Drive-thru and walk-up testing, by appointment only
- Tests are free of charge to the patient
- Call (216) 325-WELL (9355) to talk with an access specialist, be triaged by a nurse, and schedule your telehealth visit with one of our providers for screening for a test
- Testing takes place on Wednesdays, following a Tuesday telehealth visit (required)

Check out ODH's website for a map of testing sites:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/testing-ch-centers/>

COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program Applications Now Available

CHN Housing Partners and EDEN, Inc. announced today the details of the COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program funded by the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. The program is designed to help residents of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County who are having difficulty making

rental payments due to the economic impact of the pandemic and who meet income eligibility requirements. Those interested can apply at www.neorenthelp.org.

Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson's administration allocated \$11.3 million as part of the Mayor's Restart CLE plan aimed at helping the City's residents and businesses recover from the adverse effects of the coronavirus pandemic. In addition, County Executive Budish's administration allocated \$6.8 million. The funds are a mix of Community Development Block Grant dollars and dollars from the Coronavirus Relief Fund provided by the CARES Act.

"The rental assistance program is intended to alleviate the burden on Clevelanders needing assistance as a result of the coronavirus pandemic," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. "It is our intent that this assistance helps ease renters' worries by providing resources during these stressful and uncertain times."

CHN is the entry point to access rental assistance as well as a broad array of housing, financial counseling and referral resources. Depending on the nature of the financial hardship, Cleveland residents may be referred to EDEN for longer-term assistance.

Eligible households are those earning 120 percent of Area Median Income or less, which is up to \$90,000 in annual income for a family of four.

Eligible applicants will receive up to three months of rental assistance which will be paid directly to the landlord. Priority is given based on criteria such as eviction status, accurate information and complete documentation.

Residents should go online to www.neorenthelp.org in order to apply. They must have specific documentation in order to qualify.

Required documents include:

- Verification of COVID-19 related hardship (loss of income, illness or increased expenses)
- Photo identification for all adults in the home
- Social Security cards for all household members
- Proof of income (tax returns, paystubs or fixed income benefit award letter)
- Lease agreement
- Proof of citizenship
- Copies of utility bills

CHN will also screen applicants for utility assistance programs that may help make their electric, gas and water/sewer bills more affordable. Those who qualify for rental assistance may be required to attend more in-depth financial counseling, provided by CHN, as a condition for rental assistance.

A hotline has been set up to answer questions. That number is 833-377-RENT (7368). No applications can be taken over the phone. Residents are encouraged to apply online at www.neorenthelp.org and can be completed with a mobile phone. A paper application can be printed out, completed and emailed to info@neorenthelp.org or left in the rental assistance drop box at CHN's offices located on the first floor of 2999 Payne Ave.

Cleveland Transformation Alliance Meetings

The Cleveland Transformation Alliance Committee will be hosting its Charter Review Committee meeting and its Cleveland Plan Progress Committee meeting over the next two weeks. Both meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams. For more information on these meetings, please visit <http://www.myCLEschool.org>. The complete details for each meeting are as follows:

Cleveland Plan Progress Committee

Wednesday, July 8

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting via Microsoft Teams

[+1 216-815-0098](tel:+12168150098) United States, Cleveland (Toll)

Conference ID: 880 281 810#

Modified Bulk Pick-Up Schedule

Bulk pick-up has been rescheduled for the weeks of **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 on proper disposal:

- o Residents may leave out for collection items such as appliances, tables, chairs, mattresses, box springs, couches and furniture.
- o All mattresses, box springs and cloth furniture must be wrapped in plastic.
- o In addition to the three items, residents may leave out up to four tires.
- o The city does not accept construction material.
- o Boxes and bags are not bulk items.

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.

County, State & Federal Updates and Reminders

- [View the governor's daily updates here](#)
 - o The governor has extended the Stay at Home Order
 - o **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.](#)
 - o [View supportive documents and orders released from the governor's office](#)
- **Census:** The 2020 Census is happening now. Visit 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
- <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.