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City of Cleveland Provides General Updates on Coronavirus & Safety - **Update #161**

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 July 29 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through August 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.

22 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases, 8 Fatalities Reported in Cleveland

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 22 more confirmed cases coronavirus in city residents and eight new fatalities. **This brings the total to 4,713 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 100 fatalities.** The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 1 year old to their 80s. The new confirmed coronavirus fatalities include males and females whose ages range from their 50s to their 90s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms.

As of today, there are 103,320 confirmed cases and 3,554 fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 5.42 million confirmed cases and 170,281 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 be releasing any additional demographic info related to COVID-19 cases aside from age range and gender.

Save the Date for Mayor Jackson's Virtual State of the City Address

Please save the date for Mayor Frank G. Jackson's 2020 State of the City on Oct. 8. In adherence to safe social distancing guidelines, the event will be held virtually via social media and phone call. The Mayor is expected to touch on an array of topics ranging from the effects of the pandemic to public safety to various City projects and initiatives as well as his vision to continue to move Cleveland forward. Stay tuned for more details.

Mayor Jackson to Host Tele Town Hall on August 26

Please join Mayor Jackson on Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30 p.m. for a conversation on COVID-19, public safety and more.

To register for this free event, visit <http://www.clevelandohio.gov/teletownhall>. The night of the event, registered participants will receive a phone call. Just answer the call to enter the telephone town hall. If you are unable to participate but would like to listen during or after, tune in on the City of Cleveland's Facebook page where the call will be livestreamed.

Message from Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Safety Director Karrie D. Howard and Fire Chief Angelo Calvillo Regarding Passing of Fire Lieutenant Richard Petras:

We are saddened to hear of the death of Cleveland Fire Lieutenant Richard Petras, who died on Saturday, August 15, 2020 of complications due to COVID-19. We offer our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and fellow firefighters grieving his loss. We ask that others respect the family's need for privacy at this time. [Click here to view photos.](#)

Petras served the Division of Fire proudly for 26 years, many of which he spent at Station 30 serving in the Glenville neighborhood. Petras was most recently assigned to the Fire Training Academy. He was promoted to Lieutenant in July 2020. He was awarded a number of honors as a firefighter including:

- In 1999, Petras saved multiple people from an apartment fire at 10412 Wade Park, a fire he came across on his way to work. He was awarded the Michael R. White Lifesaver Award, a Cleveland City Council Resolution from Council President Jay Westbrook and a Certificate of Commendation from the Division of Fire.
- Petras was recognized in 2011 for saving multiple lives at 7621 Euclid Avenue and received a certificate of recognition from Cuyahoga County Executive Edward FitzGerald.
- He and two other Cleveland firefighters, were recognized as the 2015 "Whelen Everyday Champions." Responding from a medical call, they came upon a house fire and were able to save residents from the fire. [Click here to view a video about the recognition.](#)

Memorial services will be handled by the Petras family.

Monthly Report from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Shows Improvement

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport's (CLE) July 2020 results indicate improvement in comparison with results from June 2020. The total number of CLE passengers for July 2020 was 320,806, a 53 percent improvement over June 2020. Year over year results show slight increases versus previous months. July 2020 versus July 2019 was down 67 percent, while June 2020 versus June 2019 was down 78 percent. Cargo total pounds handled for July 2020 was 16.6 million—compared to June 2020 this is up 15.7 percent, and compared to July 2019 up 16.2 percent. [Visit the CLE website for more info.](#)

Calls Regarding COVID-19 Complaints

With Cleveland City Council's passage 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.

City of Cleveland Seeks Applicant for Civilian Police Review Board

The City of Cleveland is looking for a qualified applicant to fill a vacant seat on the Civilian Police Review Board. The selected applicant would be appointed to complete a four-year-term that runs through **Aug. 8, 2024**.

Requirements: Persons applying to fill a vacancy on the CPRB cannot be employed currently as a law enforcement officer and cannot be a current or former employee of the Cleveland Division of Police. Also, such persons cannot be currently employed by the City of Cleveland or any public agency having a connection with the City of Cleveland including county agencies and community development corporations. The candidate for this vacant position must be a Cleveland resident.

To apply, please submit a resume with work history and a cover letter to Tracy Anderson, Government & International Affairs Manager, Boards & Legislative Liaison, at TAnderson@city.cleveland.oh.us by **Sept. 14, 2020**.

REMINDER: Bulk Pick-Up Resumes Regular Schedule

Bulk pick-up has now returned to its regular schedule. Bulk pick-up will be conducted on the first full week of each month on residents' regular collection day. [Residents should follow regular bulk pick-up guidelines.](#)

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

- Residents may leave out for collection items such as appliances, tables, chairs, mattress 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 loose bags are not bulk items.
- Carpet must be cut and rolled into 3-foot long pieces and must not exceed 40 pounds.

The Division of Waste also reminds residents of the following waste regulations:

- Only waste in officially issued City carts will be accepted and loose trash or bags outside City roll carts will not be accepted
- The following will be not be accepted in or outside of roll carts: construction materials, paints, hazardous waste, bricks, dirt, concrete, cinder blocks, auto parts, loose metal items, medical waste or fluorescent tubes
- Do not place hot charcoal ashes in roll carts

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 136 total customers
- CWD has reconnected 1,841 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 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/>

County, State & Federal Updates and Reminders

- [View the governor's daily updates here](#)
 - [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](#)

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.