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## **City of Cleveland Provides General Updates on Coronavirus & Safety - **Update #214****

**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 Oct. 28 extending the City’s Proclamation of Civil Emergency through Nov. 30, 2020. As a reminder, Mayor Jackson’s order was amended to state that the city will not issue permits for block parties/tailgating and tailgating on city property is prohibited. [Click here to view the order.](#)

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

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

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 46 more confirmed cases of coronavirus in city residents on Oct. 28. This brings the total to 6,269 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 148 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 20 years old to their 70s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms.

As of Oct. 28, there are 193,451 confirmed cases and 4,944 fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 8.83 million confirmed cases and 227,320 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.

### **The City of Cleveland Announces Two Virtual Press Briefings**

Mayor Jackson will hold two virtual press briefings in the coming days:

- **Thursday, October 29 at noon:** Mayor Jackson, Chief of Prevention, Intervention & Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults Tracy Martin-Thompson, Director of Public

Health Brian Kimball and Director of Human Resources Nycole West will host a virtual press briefing regarding updates from the Cleveland Department of Public Health.

- **Monday, November 2 at 1 p.m.:** Mayor Jackson, Police Chief Calvin D. Williams and Director of Public Safety Karrie Howard will hold a virtual press briefing to discuss the City's preparedness for the upcoming General Election.

The press conferences will be broadcast on the City of Cleveland Facebook page and media may input their questions into the comments section. We will prioritize media questions at this time. Please include the name of your outlet when you post the question.

If media would prefer to send in their questions via email, they are welcome to send them to [covid19media@clevelandohio.gov](mailto:covid19media@clevelandohio.gov) no later than one hour prior to the press conference start time.

### **Cleveland Public Utilities to Resume Disconnections on December 1**

Beginning on Dec. 1, 2020, the City of Cleveland Department of Public Utilities' (DPU) will lift the moratorium on shut-offs and reconnections. DPU will resume the regular process for collections and disconnection of service for delinquent water and/or electric accounts.

The City of Cleveland suspended utility disconnections for non-payment on March 13 as part of [Mayor Jackson's Proclamation of Civil Emergency](#) to help customers during the coronavirus pandemic. The City's suspension was in advance of Governor DeWine and the [Ohio EPA's order on March 31](#) and has continued well beyond the state order, which ended on July 1, 2020.

The decision to resume disconnections has been done with great concern and awareness of the financial difficulties and other vulnerabilities many of our customers are facing due to the pandemic.

Financial relief tools are in place to assist customers in need. In addition to our current affordability programs, we are offering extended payment plan options as well as coordinating with outside agencies to refer customers for additional services.

We continue to diligently notify customers with past due accounts, so they receive plenty of notice in addition to the regular multi-notice procedures.

It is always our goal to keep customers connected to utility service. We encourage customers who need assistance to contact Cleveland Water at (216) 664-3130 or Cleveland Public Power at (216) 664-4600 to discuss their payment options as soon as possible.

### **Cleveland Division of Fire to 'Sound the Alarm' October 31**

On Saturday, October 31, at 6:05 p.m. emergency sirens will sound for one minute in unison to urge residents to change their smoke alarm batteries when they adjust their clocks for daylight saving time this weekend.

"Working smoke alarms save lives," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. "As you change your clocks this Saturday I encourage everyone to also change the batteries in your smoke alarms. It might just save the lives of your loved ones."

The "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign is a national home fire safety program sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and endorsed locally by the Cleveland Division of Fire and the American Red Cross.

Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities related to residential fires by providing an early warning signal and allowing critical extra seconds to escape, according to the NFPA. Although smoke alarms are in a large percentage of Cleveland homes, nearly one-third do not work because of worn or missing batteries.

In addition to urging residents to change smoke alarm batteries, the Cleveland Division of Fire's Public Education Office recommends that every resident take a few minutes to review fire-safety measures. This includes checking the smoke alarms, establishing an emergency escape route, (identify two ways out of each room), and designating a common meeting place once outside of the home.

Cleveland Fire Stations will have a limited supply of batteries available to residents on a first come, first served basis. Residents may call (216) 361-5535 to request a smoke alarms if they do not already have them on every floor of the house and every room where people sleep.

Residents visiting Fire Stations are required to wear a mask covering their mouth and nose (available upon request.) Temperature checks and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

### **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 Oct. 27, 2020, CDPH has received 3,725 COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. To date, CDPH has received 1,167 mass gathering non-compliance allegations, 1,731 mask non-compliance allegations and 727 social distancing non-compliance allegations in the City of Cleveland. To view and download CDPH's COVID-19 non-compliance report, [click here](#). To view and download CDPH's COVID-19 non-compliance report, click here.

## **Important Reminders**

### **Small Businesses Can Now Apply for Assistance at the State Level**

Last Friday, the State of Ohio announced \$429.5 million in CARES Act funding to assist struggling Ohioans, including [new grant programs](#) for Ohio's small businesses and restaurants:

- [Small Business Relief Grant](#): Grants of up to \$10,000 for small businesses to help them through the current crisis.
- [Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund](#): \$2,500 assistance payments to on-premise liquor permit holders. These permit holders have not been able to fully use their liquor permit, which has impacted their businesses
- [Home Relief Grant](#): Funding to help eligible Ohioans who are behind on rent, mortgage, and water and/or sewer utility bills catch up on past payments back to April 1, 2020, and provide additional assistance through Dec. 30, 2020.

Each program will begin accepting applications at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2, 2020. This is another important tool that will help save respective restaurants, cafes, retail, salons, barber shops, fitness facilities and other eligible neighborhood businesses.

### **City of Cleveland Halloween Plans**

The City of Cleveland strongly encourages residents not to participate in trick-or-treating this year as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. However, if residents choose to trick-or-treat or pass out candy, the permitted hours in the City of Cleveland are from 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 31. They are asked to

adhere to the regulations outlined in the Ohio Department of Health's "Celebrating Halloween" guidelines which include the following:

- Always wear a face covering and stay 6 feet away from people who are not from your household, whether trick-or-treating, passing out treats or attending attractions or events.
- A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.
- Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- If you may have COVID-19 or may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.
- Carry hand sanitizer and use it often, especially after coming into contact with frequently touched surfaces and before eating candy.
- If taking your children trick-or-treating, limit the number of houses you visit and ask your children to stay as far from treat-givers as possible. For small children, consider holding the bag for them.
- Wipe off candy wrappers with sanitizing wipes when you arrive home. (NOTE: Never wipe unpackaged food with wipes.)

In an effort to provide children in Cleveland's neighborhoods with an alternative to traditional trick-or-treating, the City will be offering grab-and-go candy bags. This is in lieu of our annual Big City Boo event, which we must regretfully cancel this year. Participants seeking candy bags will be required to wear masks, maintain six feet of social distancing and follow posted guidelines and directional signage.

The candy bags will be at the 18 open City of Cleveland Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers (NRRCs) on October 30 from 6-7 p.m. or until all bags are given out. All of the NRRCs will supply candy bags with the exception of the following: Halloran, Stella Walsh, Sterling, Hamilton, Kovacic and Camp Forbes. Please note: candy bags will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### **Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Center 2020 Election Schedule**

Some of the City of Cleveland's Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Centers (NRRCs) will have modified hours of operation from Nov. 2-3 due to the election. Those that will be used as voting locations will close at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2, 2020 for Board of Election preparations. NRRCs that will be used as voting locations will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020 for the election. NRRCs that are not voting locations will remain open on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020.

To learn more about NRRC voting locations and schedules, [click here](#).

### **Seasonal Leaf Pick-up Program Begins Nov. 9, 2020**

The City of Cleveland will begin its seasonal leaf pick-up program on Nov. 9, 2020. The program provides leaf pick-up in high leaf-generation areas, reducing the need for residents to manually collect leaves. View a map of [the](#) designated areas [here](#).

## What to Expect

- Residents in the designated high leaf-generation areas should expect leaf pick-up signs posted one week prior to service.
- To streamline the pick-up process, residents are encouraged to rake leaves from their property onto the tree lawn. Residents are also asked to park off-street, if possible, during the service period to accommodate city crews.
- Each area will be serviced a minimum of two times within the 8-week period (weather permitting).

High generation areas have the highest concentration of city-owned trees located on tree lawns and/or those areas potentially causing flooding or other hazardous conditions. The current high leaf-generation areas have been verified by the Division of Urban Forestry, the County Tree Canopy, the Office of Sustainability and the Department of Public Works. The city's six service stations will systematically deploy sweepers, leaf machines, end loaders, and leaf blowers in these areas on Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. from Nov. 9, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2020.

Residents outside of the high-generation areas can bag any leaves gathered in their yards and set it out with their trash on their designated waste collection day. These residents are allowed up to 20 bags of leaves during the fall season.

## **City of Cleveland Now Accepting Requests for the Tree Canopy Revitalization Program**

The City of Cleveland announces its Tree Canopy Revitalization Program. As part of this program the City is now accepting requests from property owners for a free tree installation during the spring and fall planting seasons.

Property owners can complete an [online request form](#) to have a tree planted on their tree lawn, in front of occupied structures or sidewalk cut-outs typically found in commercial areas in front of businesses. Each location will be surveyed in person by a Field Operations Forester to ensure there are no conflicts with the surrounding infrastructure and that the site is suitable. Approved sites are then added to a list for a tree to be planted during the next available planting season. All requests are handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Tree Canopy Revitalization Program was created in support of Mayor Frank G. Jackson's tree planting initiative, in which he pledged up to \$1 million a year to replenish the city's tree canopy. To request a tree or to learn more, [click here](#).

## **Applications for the Position of Patrol Officer are Now Open. Apply Today!**

Applications for the position of Patrol Officer with the Cleveland Division of Police are currently open. You must submit your application online by November 13 to be considered for the next academy. Applications can be found [here](#). If you have any questions please, contact the Public Safety Recruitment Team at (216) 623-5233.

## **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**

Friday, November 6 at 3:30 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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

Conference ID: 574 330 197#

#### **Governance Committee**

Monday, November 16 at 11 a.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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

Conference ID: 316 619 124#

#### **Communications and Engagement Committee**

Tuesday, November 17 at 3 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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

Conference ID: 598 482 148#

#### **Finance Committee**

Thursday, December 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91481906433?pwd=NDFRQ0tNdVBQVDBpRnMzUVZSSWVQQT09>

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Meeting ID: 914 8190 6433

Passcode: 417608

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/98094926783>

### **Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting**

Monday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98094926783?pwd=MCtSYVZzbi9ENS9OaEVxREMyQ3UvZz09>

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### **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 2,279 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.

## City of Cleveland Utility Services Update

The City of Cleveland, Department of Public Utilities, in accordance with Mayor Frank Jackson's Declaration of Civil Emergency has continued with the policy suspending termination of service for non-payment. However, this policy is continually being monitored with great concern and awareness of the financial difficulties and other vulnerabilities many of our customers are facing due to the pandemic.

At an appropriate point in time, Cleveland Water's and Cleveland Public Power's suspension of service disconnections for non-payment will be ending and our regular process for collections and disconnection of delinquent accounts will resume.

If your account is currently past due, we want to ensure you are aware that disconnections will be resuming and offer our assistance.

### ***Cleveland Water***

We offer multiple ways to make fee-free payments:

- Online at [my.clevelandwater.com](http://my.clevelandwater.com)
- By calling 216-446-6834 or 216-664-3130
- Using the dropbox located at 1201 Lakeside Ave.

If you have any questions about your account status, please contact CWD Customer Service at 216-664-3130, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### ***Cleveland Public Power***

We offer multiple ways to make fee-free payments:

- Online at [cpp.org](http://cpp.org)
- By calling 216-664-4600 or 216-420-8000
- Using the dropbox located at 1201 Lakeside Ave.

If you have any questions about your account status, please contact CPP Customer Service at 216-664-4600, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## **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/>

## **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](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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