



**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
Mayor Frank G. Jackson



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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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# **City of Cleveland Provides General Updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Protocols - **Update #87****

**CLEVELAND** – The City of Cleveland continues to take numerous precautions across multiple departments and divisions amid increasing cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). Below are 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.

### **Mayor Jackson and Police Chief Williams Provide Update**

In an update to citizens overnight, Mayor Jackson and Chief of Police Calvin Williams condemned the destruction and lawlessness that overshadowed the original intent of an initially peaceful demonstration. [Click here to watch the full video.](#)

“As you know, the demonstration today started off peacefully,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “It then escalated into activities that were not only unlawful and disruptive but really didn’t represent the spirit of what people were intending to do.”

He added, “I want to thank those people who demonstrated in a way that was peaceful and respectful.”

The Mayor also thanked Governor Mike DeWine, the National Guard, Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, suburban police departments and others for their support of the Cleveland Division of Police. Law enforcement are reviewing footage from Saturday’s events to bring to justice those whose lawlessness escalated an otherwise peaceful protest to a riot. This lawlessness will not be permitted.

“There was a large group of folks who were intent on not being peaceful and that caused all of our problems,” said Chief Williams. “We’re going to have folks deployed all over downtown and all over the City to make sure things like today don’t happen again.”

Chief Williams added, “We know that a lot of things that happened today were [done by] people who do not live in the City of Cleveland or in this area. There’s tons of video footage of a lot of

things that happened and we have investigators as we speak who are going through that footage to identify folks so we can bring them to justice...We're going to do everything possible to keep this City safe."

We know Clevelanders are eager to help clean up Downtown. At this time, the City of Cleveland's dedicated Public Works employees and Downtown Cleveland Alliance ambassadors will handle clean-up. For now, we ask residents to stay home for their safety. Cleveland has always been a resilient city and we understand the eagerness to help our neighbors and protect the City we love. But know - we will rebuild together.

### **City of Cleveland Curfew Updated**

The City of Cleveland has enacted a Proclamation of Civil Emergency (Civil Unrest) for the purposes of curfew. Curfew began May 30, 2020 at 8 p.m. and continued to 8 a.m. May 31, 2020 due to violence and unrest. The curfew has been extended from its previous time to begin at noon on May 31, 2020 to 8 a.m. June 1, 2020. The curfew will affect the Central Business district. [Click here to view the updated proclamation.](#)

Vehicle and pedestrian travel will be prohibited throughout downtown. **Anyone downtown during the curfew will be in violation of the proclamation and is subject to arrest.** Downtown residents are urged to stay in place unless it becomes unsafe to do so. Those who are not Downtown residents are asked to stay out of the Downtown area at this time. The City of Cleveland will work with the Downtown Cleveland Alliance to assist affected businesses at this difficult time.

### **Tele Townhall with Mayor Jackson and Chief Williams**

To further discuss concerns residents may have, Mayor Jackson and Chief Williams will participate in a tele townhall on Thursday, June 4 at 5:45 p.m. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and public safety during the call. To register, visit [www.clevelandohio.gov/teletownhall](http://www.clevelandohio.gov/teletownhall). Once you are registered, you will receive a call the day of the event at 5:45 p.m. Be sure to answer the call to participate.

## **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.](#)

### **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**

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](http://www.clevelandohio.gov), Twitter at @cityofcleveland or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland](http://www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland).