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City of Cleveland Provides Coronavirus & Other Important Updates - **Update #296**

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 January 26 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through Feb. 28, 2021.** [Click here to view the order.](#) Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational.

54 New Confirmed Coronavirus Cases, 2 Fatalities Reported in Cleveland

CDPH has been notified of 54 more confirmed coronavirus cases and two fatalities in city residents on February 19. This brings the total to 24,758 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 255 fatalities. The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 3 years old to their 90s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms. Eleven cases were transferred as it was determined the individuals were not Cleveland residents.

As of February 19, there are 817,493 confirmed cases and 14,204 confirmed fatalities in the State of Ohio. There are more than 27.8 million cases and 491,411 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 release additional demographic info related to COVID-19 cases aside from age range and gender.

City of Cleveland Statement on Passing of Cleveland Police Officer Erwin C. Eberhardt

We are profoundly sad to announce the passing of one of our Police Officers. Patrol Officer Erwin C. Eberhardt passed away suddenly on Feb. 18, 2021. Erwin served the Division of Police proudly and honorably for over 30 years. In recognition of his service, Mayor Frank G. Jackson has authorized the lowering of the American Flag at all police stations in the City of Cleveland from sunset today, February 19, until sunrise the day after funeral services. [View a photo of Officer Eberhardt.](#)

Patrol Officer Erwin C. Eberhardt, 53, began his career with the Division of Police in 1990. Following completion of the Police Academy, he was assigned to the Second District where he served for many years. Throughout his career he served in many assignments including the First District, Fourth District, the Airport Unit and the Police Academy. During Erwin's tenure in the Police Academy he trained hundreds of Cleveland Police recruits to become Cleveland Police Officers. He also instructed within the Cuyahoga Community College Police Academy. He was well known and beloved by the trainees as someone who always provided support and humor as he was always there to lighten the load of law enforcement training.

Erwin C. Eberhardt was a proud veteran of the United States Army, serving multiple overseas deployments, including Operation Enduring Freedom. His military training primed him to become one of the longest serving members of the Cleveland Division of Police Honor Guard. During his service within the Honor Guard, he participated in countless parades and events, including services for fallen officers.

Erwin leaves behind four children: Heather, Brandi, Tony and Ian, along with three grandchildren, Kiah, Laython and Ariyah. His children and grandchildren were the light of his life. They will miss him dearly. Erwin is survived by his father, Charles and Grandmother, Viola. He also leaves behind dear family, countless friends and his brothers and sisters in blue. We will miss you, Erwin.

City of Cleveland Unveils New West Side Market Vendor Booth Prototype

Earlier this week, the City of Cleveland unveiled a new prototype for upgraded vendor booths at the West Side Market (WSM). The City will work with vendors to get feedback on the new prototype to develop improved booths.

"We are glad that the City is working to make improvements to modernize," said Mark and Minnie of Jim's Meat. "We are looking forward to customizing our stand for our business and giving it a fresh look. Mark and Minnie of Jim's Meat."

Construction of the vendor booth prototype began in September 2020. This prototype specifically addresses many of the issues vendors shared with the City of Cleveland over the years. Once the City gathers vendor feedback, it will seek to make improvements and roll out new vendor booths throughout the WSM. Approximately, \$2.6 million has been allocated for this project.

Specific improvements included in this prototype include:

- Increased electrical capacity and space utilization
- Enhanced lighting
- High-performance flooring and drainage
- Addition of three compartment sinks

[Click here to view photos.](#)

City of Cleveland Announces Appointments to Lead Safety Commissions

The City of Cleveland announces that the following individuals have been appointed to the Lead Safe Advisory Board:

- Dr. Aparna Bole
- Wyonette Cheairs
- Rob Fischer
- Scott Kroehle

- Sonia Monroy Matis
- Councilman Kerry McCormack
- Diana Shulsky

The Lead Safe Advisory Board provides recommendations for improvements to the City’s lead-safe policies and procedures. They also report, on a quarterly basis, the progress and status of the City’s Lead-Safe Certification requirement and other lead poisoning prevention related efforts to City Council, the Directors of Building and Housing, Public Health and Community Development, and the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition. In addition, they will work to secure analyses of the Lead Safe Certification program and review such impact analyses and report to City Council, the Directors of Building and Housing, Public Health and Community Development and the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition.

The following individuals have been appointed to the City’s Lead Screening and Testing Committee:

- Terry Allan
- Rebekah Dorman
- Eric Gordon
- Rita Horwitz
- Brian Kimball
- Dr. Shanina Knighton
- Karen Mintzer
- Jean Polster
- Amy Riegel

The Lead Screening and Testing Commission establishes best practices for efficient and effective coordination of screening and testing services for families that are at-risk or that have been exposed to lead hazards. They will partner with the Healthy Homes Advisory Council to implement screening and testing recommendations and to coordinate and share lead screening and testing data among appropriate entities.

Airport to Discuss 2021 Budget & Master Plan Before Cleveland City Council

On Monday, Feb. 22 at 9 a.m., representatives from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport will discuss the 2021 budget and the airport’s master plan before city council. The City originally kicked off the plan process in October 2019. Since then, airport master plan consultant RS&H, gathered information on the facilities, operations, and developed activity forecasts. The airport also held workshops to gather public input and feedback. CLE will announce a date for the third and final public workshop in the near future. The final recommendations along with the rough order costs for the 20-year implementation plan will be public soon. We look forward to sharing more about the future of your airport. To learn more, [click here](#).

City of Cleveland Update on Hopkins Airport

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE), like other airports worldwide, has had a dramatic drop in air service and travelers due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Concerns over health and safety, as well as quarantines, coupled with many businesses cancelling travel and leisure travelers staying home, have impacted flights.

We are currently averaging 6,468 passengers in the past seven days, compared with the 314 passengers we reported in April 2020. [Click here to view regularly updated numbers on airport travel on the Hopkins website.](#)

Other Important Reminders (Previous Announcements)

Correction: City of Cleveland Announces Resignation of Chief of Public Affairs

Mayor Frank G. Jackson and the City of Cleveland announced that Chief of Public Affairs Natoya Walker Minor is resigning after serving with the City of Cleveland for more than 17 years. **Walker Minor's last day with the City is Wednesday, February 24** (*Note: this corrects an earlier statement that Walker Minor's last day was Feb. 15*). She will continue to serve the Cleveland community as the Deputy General Manager, External Affairs, at the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA). [Click here to view Walker Minor's headshot.](#)

"On behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I want to thank Ms. Natoya J. Walker Minor for her work as the Chief of Public Affairs and congratulate her on her new role as the Deputy General Manager, External Affairs for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority," said Mayor Jackson. "I know that she will do a great job in her new position, as she has done as a member of my Administration and Cabinet for the last 15 years. I wish Natoya well in her new position at RTA."

Her career as a public servant spans over 25 years in public administration and policy in municipal government, non-profit, and government consulting. In her capacity as Chief of Public Affairs, Walker Minor provided executive leadership, drove policy and facilitated the execution and implementation of Mayoral priorities to meet the vision established by Mayor Jackson.

"I thank Mayor Jackson for the opportunity to serve the City of Cleveland," said Walker Minor. "I look forward to working with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority in continued service of the people of Northeast Ohio."

A priority over the past six years has been Walker Minor's role as champion and facilitator to advance economic opportunity and inclusion through Community Benefit Agreements as a tool for responsible economic development and how it impacts the workforce, communities and the career pipeline. These experiences have provided her with a unique capability of recognizing the value proposition of public and private partnerships and building public will. This is a valuable skill set that she has utilized as a former Co-Chair of the GCP Diversity & Inclusion Committee and also as convener for First Year Cleveland, Lead Safe Cleveland, the Homeless Continuum, and most recently on Racism as a Public Health Crisis.

Mayor Frank G. Jackson Shares Winter Safety Tips for Seniors

On Feb. 18, Mayor Jackson sent out a voice call to senior residents regarding winter weather safety. As winter weather conditions continue we encourage residents to use extra caution when traveling and to check on senior neighbors. [Click here to listen to the audio.](#)

Cleveland City Council Finance Committee Holds 2021 Budget Hearings

Mayor Frank G. Jackson addressed Cleveland City Council on Feb. 16, kicking off the 2021 budget hearings. The hearings will continue through **Thursday, Feb. 25 at 9 a.m.** Council will convene with City departmental leadership to hear more about the 2021 budget and have the opportunity to ask questions. To view the Mayor's 2021 Budget Estimate, [click here.](#)

[Click here to view the Mayor's Letter of Transmittal and the 2021 Budget Hearing Schedule.](#)

City of Cleveland Commemorates Black History Month with Series of Virtual Events

The 2021 City of Cleveland Black History Month celebration kicked off on Monday, February 1 with a virtual opening ceremony. This year's theme, "Strengthening Black Families through the Quest for Equity and Equality," celebrates the contributions and achievements made by residents and leaders in the Black community with a series of virtual events. All of these virtual events are free and open to the public.

“Each year, our Black History Month celebration serves to recognize Cleveland’s long-standing history of Black leadership and honor Black individuals who contribute to our city’s legacy of cultural diversity and equality,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “We continue this tradition by celebrating the men and women of the Black community who strive to make Cleveland a great place to live, work, play and do businesses, for our residents and their families.”

Some of the events, though virtual, offer Facebook Live viewers the opportunity to interact with panelists by asking questions in the comments. [Click here to view a calendar of events.](#) Please note that some events will be livestreamed to Facebook and some will be available to the public via WebEx, though registration is required via Eventbrite. To participate in Facebook events, visit the City of Cleveland Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CityofCleveland.

Students Invited to Apply for Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship Program

The Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 academic year. The deadline to submit your application is March 28, 2021. To learn more and to apply, [click here.](#)

The Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship Program was created by the City of Cleveland in 2007 to provide scholarship funds to the following individuals:

1. City employees
2. Dependents of City employees
3. High school seniors graduating from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District
4. High school seniors in the Youth Development Program or involved with the City of Cleveland Department of Recreation

The program provides scholarships of \$1,000 per year for up to 4 years. Selected scholarship recipients must be a full-time (minimum 12 credit hours each term) student at a four-year, public or private, not-for-profit higher education institution.

Scholarships are renewable for up to three additional years from the first awarded academic year. To be eligible for renewal of the scholarship, students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and full-time status.

The City of Cleveland’s Mayor Frank G. Jackson Scholarship program is administered through [College Now Greater Cleveland](#). For questions about the scholarship applications, please contact College Now at (216) 635-0324.

City Of Cleveland Establishes Call Center to Answer General Vaccine Distribution Questions

The City of Cleveland has established a call center that is currently available to answer general questions pertaining to the City’s vaccine distribution efforts and assist eligible individuals in scheduling an appointment to receive the vaccine.

- Call Center Number: (216) 664-2222
- Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As a reminder, only individuals who meet the Ohio Department of Health's criteria are eligible to receive the vaccine at this time. Due to limited supply, it will take time for eligible individuals to receive the vaccine. We ask for your patience. As we receive additional supply, we will be opening up additional vaccination sites and scheduling appointments for eligible individuals to receive the vaccine.

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:

CTA Special Board Meeting

Feb. 23, 2021 at 5 p.m. via Zoom

The subject of this meeting is to consider a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pVtmfi8LQf6rR9nOEwC4tw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Charter Review Committee

Feb. 24, 2021 at 2 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting on your computer or mobile app.](#)

Or call in (audio only): [+1 216-815-0098,916557569#](tel:+12168150098916557569) United States, Cleveland

Phone Conference ID: 916 557 569#

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CTA Executive Meeting

Feb. 26, 2021 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C7wveMryR4KC6qKn-Glo6A

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

CTA Executive Meeting

Feb. 26, 2021 4 p.m. via Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C7wveMrvR4KC6qKn-Glo6A

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Finance Committee

March 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams

[Click here to join the meeting on your computer or mobile app.](#)

Or call in (audio only): [+1 216-815-0098, 707589369#](tel:+12168150098707589369) United States, Cleveland

Phone Conference ID: 707 589 369#

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Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting

March 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eq22wuvaSMYTS0x1dmgQkw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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.