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## **City of Cleveland Amends Dates in Newest Round of State-Mandated Home Placarding**

*Placarding warns the public a home is unsafe, legally uninhabitable until dangerous lead hazards are remediated*

**CLEVELAND** – The City of Cleveland has amended the dates in its next round of home placarding. The City will now placard homes on June 8, June 9, June 12, June 16 and June 20.

Placarding is mandated by the State of Ohio –it involves signage on properties alerting potential residents a home is legally uninhabitable due to uncorrected lead hazards. The process helps protect children by indicating a home is unsafe for human occupancy, especially for anyone under six years’ old and pregnant women. The City began its first round of home placarding in May 2017 and has placarded 80 homes thus far.

“We know making Cleveland lead-safe is challenging, and placarding homes is a last resort but, we must protect the health of our most vulnerable residents,” said Chief of Public Affairs Natoya Walker Minor. “We are working with homeowners, landlords, health institutions, nonprofits and community leaders to create healthier neighborhoods for our citizens.”

The 340 homes in the latest round of efforts have had at least one child lead poisoned in the home. Several exhaustive measures are in place to work with each homeowner and remediate the lead hazards. Homes have received multiple notifications, including warning letters, repeated copies of a ‘notice of non-compliance,’ and repeated copies of ‘lead hazard control orders’ informing them of the issue. Most of the homes on the list have received notifications for more than one year. Cases on the current placarding list were referred as early as 2003; communications efforts ranged from 2003-2018. Download samples of [communications provided to homeowners about lead hazards](#).

Residents whose homes are placarded or who are concerned about the presence of lead hazards are encouraged to contact the Cleveland Department of Health at 216-664-2672 for assistance and additional resources.

The City also offers a publicly-searchable database to help residents determine if a property has an uncorrected lead hazard violation. Residents may search the portal: <https://ca.permitcleveland.org/Public/>.

More than 80 percent of homes in the City of Cleveland predate the federal government's 1978 mandate prohibiting lead-based paint. Researchers discovered that lead exposure presents severe health risks, especially to small children. Many homes today in the City are lead-controlled, but others are still being addressed.

For more information on the City of Cleveland and ways to make homes lead-safe, visit [http://www.clevelandhealth.org/network/environment/lead\\_safe\\_living.php](http://www.clevelandhealth.org/network/environment/lead_safe_living.php).

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