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Mayor Jackson & County Executive Budish to Mandate Use of Masks Throughout City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County - **Update #124**

CLEVELAND – Ahead of the Fourth of July holiday, Mayor Frank G. Jackson today signed an order requiring the use of masks, among other things, throughout the City of Cleveland. [Click here to view the order.](#) Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish announced his intent to bring before Cuyahoga County Council legislation next week mandating the use of masks in the county’s public spaces.

“The spike in coronavirus cases across the City of Cleveland warrants the mandated use of masks,” said Mayor Jackson. “If Clevelanders do not heed these critical warnings and prevention efforts, the effects will be disastrous to the economy and, most importantly, to individuals and families. No one is immune to this virus.”

On July 2, the updated Ohio Public Advisory Health System indicated Cuyahoga County has a Level 3 Public Emergency, or Red, citing “very high exposure and spread.” Cuyahoga County meets four of the five criteria for the Level Four designation including: new cases per capita, sustained increase in new cases, high proportion of sustained increase in emergency room visits and sustained increase in outpatient visits.

“Cuyahoga County has been hit hard in recent weeks by an increase in COVID cases, as demonstrated in the Ohio Public Advisory Health System’s designation of a level 3 public emergency in our community,” said Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish. “I am introducing this legislation to help protect all residents, especially our most vulnerable. Wearing a mask is a small sacrifice we can make to save lives and significantly reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Cuyahoga County.”

Earlier this week, the City of Cleveland reported record-high numbers of coronavirus cases in the City. Eighty-four cases were reported on July 2 and 75 cases on June 28. The largest number of cases over the past seven days have been among people between the ages of 20-29.

Today, the Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) has been notified of 47 more confirmed test results for coronavirus in city residents and no new fatalities. **This brings the total to 2,535 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 77 fatalities.** The new confirmed cases include males and females whose ages range from under 3 years old to their 60s. CDPH is working to identify their close contacts who would require testing or monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms.

Cleveland City Council President Kevin J. Kelley and Councilman Blaine Griffin, chair of Council's Health & Human Services Committee, said in a joint statement: "Cleveland City Council stands behind Mayor Jackson's decisions during this unprecedented pandemic. This important step is vital to protect all Clevelanders from this deadly virus and any legislative action needed will be taken up at our July 15 Council meeting."

The City of Cleveland's order states the following effective immediately:

1. Mandatory masks for all individuals out in public or in public spaces including businesses, restaurants etc.
2. Maximum capacity at any bar, restaurant, entertainment venue cannot exceed 50% of allowable capacity and must comply with social distancing standards.
3. Any establishment that upon 2 incidents of violating maximum capacity order will be ordered to shut down.
4. Mass Gathering Orders are still in effect. If incidents of more than 10 persons are gathered not wearing masks, enforcement actions will be taken.
5. If an establishment has an employee or a patron, who has tested positive for Covid-19, then the establishment must be sanitized to the standards of the Cleveland Health Department, failure to demonstrate such sanitization will result in the facility being shut down.
6. People should not gather during the holiday, except within the social distancing and mass gathering mandates, and shall wear masks and wash their hands often.

In addition, the following guidelines will be introduced via legislation submitted to Cleveland City Council:

Social Venues (such as restaurants, bars and clubs):

- a. Employees failing to wear masks
 - i. Employees will be issued a \$50 citation for failing to wear a mask
- b. Patrons failing to wear masks
 - i. Patrons will be issued a \$25 citation for failing to wear a mask
- c. Venues failing to facilitate social distancing
 - i. Fine of \$3,000 for first instance; \$5,000 for each subsequent violation
- d. Businesses failing to follow occupancy limitations
 - i. Fine of \$3,000 for first instance; \$5,000 for each subsequent violation

Mass Gatherings (Residential mass gatherings) - Residents or owners be issued a \$150 citation for first incident; \$300 for each subsequent incident.

Ride Sharing - Treat masks like seatbelts and issue a citation with a \$50 sanction for each person not wearing a mask in the automobile.

The primary City of Cleveland agencies that will be tasked with enforcing these new rules will be the Cleveland Division of Police and the Cleveland Department of Public Health. The City of Cleveland strongly urges that residents do not gather for events, especially on the Fourth of July.

City of Cleveland to Hold Media Briefing This Evening

Mayor Jackson, County Executive Budish and Council President Kelley will hold a media briefing on July 3 at 7:45 p.m. via teleconference. Please note, this event is intended for media only. Media Conference Line: 1-888-363-4734; access code: 6189845

Other Important Reminders

West Side Market Fourth of July Hours Update

The West Side Market will be closed on Saturday, July 4 in observance of the holiday. The Market will be open on the following days during the week of June 29:

- Sunday, July 5 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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.](#)

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE & RECREATION CENTERS PLAN – Rec Centers to Open July 6

The City of Cleveland's Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers (NRRCs) serve as a hub of activity and socialization for many of our residents. As a congregate setting that serves many high-risk populations, it is essential that the City takes a systematic approach to reopening our centers in order to maintain the health and safety of all our residents and employees.

Using the risk assessment tool in the *Public Health Principles for a Phased Reopening During COVID-19* developed by Johns Hopkins University as a guide, the City conducted a risk assessment of each of the Division of Recreation and Parks' facilities, programs and spaces to determine the risk of transmission of the virus based on three dimensions: 1) contact intensity, 2) number of contacts, 3) the degree to which activities can be modified through mitigation measures, as well as additional dimensions identified by the City, 4) feasibility in limiting number of occupants and 5) the ability of the staff to monitor and enforce health and safety measures. The data gleaned through the risk assessment process provides the City with the information required to make informed decisions pertaining to the reopening of the Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers and summer programming.

The plan outlines the summer programs/offerings and the steps and measures required to reopen the NRRCs on **Monday, July 6, 2020**. [Click here to read the plan.](#)

Cleveland Police Issues Reminder Ahead of Fourth of July

As the Fourth of July approaches, the City of Cleveland wants to actively remind the public that not only is celebratory gunfire illegal, it is dangerous. The consequences and risks of celebratory gunfire can be significant and serious.

In any area, but especially in a densely populated urban area like Cleveland, the consequences of celebrating the Fourth of July or any other occasion with a gun can be devastating. The intention may be a celebratory shot toward the sky, but the consequences of that moment can be disastrous for a neighbor or someone blocks away.

With the cancellation of public fireworks displays, the City of Cleveland would also like to warn the public on the dangers of celebratory fireworks. From 2019 to 2020, the Division of Police has seen a drastic rise in calls for service regarding fireworks disturbing. Fireworks are not only illegal to possess and discharge without a permit, but they can also be hazardous and ignite a fire that could quickly get out of control.

Citizens are reminded to consider pet safety during the holiday weekend. Animals should never be left unattended in vehicles, especially during the warm weather. Temperatures inside of vehicles can rise very quickly and become fatal for animals left inside. In addition, please be aware that many pets experience high levels of anxiety with the increase in noise from fireworks. Ensure that pets are well observed and cared for during these times.

Safety forces will be on duty throughout the neighborhoods of the City of Cleveland on the Fourth of July. Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Service personnel will be alert, patrolling and ready, but safety starts at home in your neighborhood.

East 93rd Street to Remain Closed Through Fourth of July Weekend

Until July 6, East 93rd Street will remain closed between Bessemer and Health avenues due to increased interest in the Black Lives Matter mural. The City of Cleveland, Cleveland City Councilman Blaine Griffin and our partners at R.A.K.E. and Graffiti Art teamed up to paint the Black Lives Matter mural on June 20.

Southbound detour:

- Use Bessemer Westbound to East 88th Street
- SB on East 88th Street to Union Avenue
- EB on Union Avenue to East 93rd Street

Northbound detour:

- Use Union Avenue westbound to East 88th Street
- Northbound on East 88th Street to Bessemer Avenue
- Eastbound on Bessemer Avenue to East 93rd Street

No Delay in Waste Collection During Week of Fourth of July

The City of Cleveland Department of Public Works WILL follow normal trash collection schedules for the week of June 29. There will **not** be a delay in waste collection pick-up due to the upcoming holiday. The City of Cleveland Department of Public Works reminds you that bulk pick-up has been rescheduled for the weeks of **June 29, July 6 and July 13**. Residents should follow [regular bulk pick-up guidelines](#). We appreciate residents' patience as we adjust our plans to keep our workers safe through the coronavirus pandemic.

For further information regarding waste collection, please call the Division of Waste Collection at (216) 664-3711 or visit www.clevelandohio.gov.

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/>

City Hall & City Parking Garages Closed July 3

In observance of the Fourth of July holiday, Cleveland City Hall will be closed on July 3. In addition, the Downtown Cleveland Municipal lot and Willard and Gateway garages will also be closed on Friday.

Cleveland Transformation Alliance Meetings

The Cleveland Transformation Alliance Committee will be hosting its Charter Review Committee meeting and its Cleveland Plan Progress Committee meeting over the next two weeks. Both meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams. For more information on these meetings, please visit <http://www.myCLEschool.org>. The complete details for each meeting are as follows:

Cleveland Plan Progress Committee

Wednesday, July 8

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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

Conference ID: 880 281 810#

Modified Bulk Pick-Up Schedule

Bulk pick-up has been rescheduled for the weeks of **June 22, June 29, July 6 and July 13**. Residents should follow [regular bulk pick-up guidelines](#). We appreciate residents' patience as we adjust our plans to keep our workers safe through the coronavirus pandemic. As a reminder, residents are permitted to up to three bulk items on tree lawns. More info on on proper disposal:

- o Residents may leave out for collection items such as appliances, tables, chairs, mattresses, box springs, couches and furniture.
- o All mattresses, box springs and cloth furniture must be wrapped in plastic.
- o In addition to the three items, residents may leave out up to four tires.
- o The city does not accept construction material.
- o Boxes and bags are not bulk items.

City of Cleveland Now Accepting Applications for Recovery Response Fund

On Thursday, June 11, Mayor Jackson announced a grant program available for businesses impacted by the civil unrest of May 30, 2020. The City of Cleveland has been engaged with Cuyahoga County, the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Downtown Cleveland Alliance (DCA) and the Cleveland Foundation to provide assistance to re-opening businesses and developed a one-stop application. Impacted businesses looking for financial assistance should apply through DCA at the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/201656956665064>. Impacted businesses throughout the City are encouraged to apply.

County, State & Federal Updates and Reminders

- [View the governor's daily updates here](#)
 - o The governor has extended the Stay at Home Order
 - o **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.](#)
 - o [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](#)

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

- <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.