



CITY OF CLEVELAND

Mayor Frank G. Jackson

PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY

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RECITALS

1. On March 11, 2020, a Proclamation of Civil Emergency was declared in the City of Cleveland due to the threat to the health and safety of all citizens caused by the outbreak of COVID-19.
2. The problems experienced as a result of this public health emergency continue to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property within the City of Cleveland and potentially hinder the execution of the ordinances of the City, the laws of the State of Ohio and of the United States.
3. Commencing at 1:00 p.m., 3/11/2020 and continuing to 11:59 p.m., 04/30/2021, the citizens of the City of Cleveland are experiencing a civil emergency due to the need to mitigate the severity and duration of COVID-19 in our City.

PROCLAMATION

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank G. Jackson, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, under and by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Ohio Constitution, the Charter and laws of the City of Cleveland do hereby proclaim that a State of Civil Emergency continues to exist within the City of Cleveland.

A. AREA AFFECTED BY THIS PROCLAMATION

I hereby proclaim that the entire area within the municipal boundaries of the City of Cleveland is covered by this proclamation.

B. LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

All regular and auxiliary law enforcement agencies and organizations within and without the City of Cleveland are encouraged to assist in preserving the peace within the City of Cleveland by coordinating activities with Federal, State, and local health officials.

C. CIVIL EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE POLICY GROUP

There is hereby established a “Civil Emergency Executive Policy Group” consisting of Interim Chief of Staff and Finance Director Sharon Dumas, Chief of Operations Darnell Brown, Chief of Communications, Government and International Affairs Valarie J. McCall, Director of Law Barbara A. Langhenry, Interim Director of Public Health Brian Kimball, Director of Public Safety Karrie D. Howard, and Emergency Operations Center Manager Fred Szabo to perform the following duties:

1. To oversee conditions during the existence of the Civil Emergency;
2. To make recommendations as to additional actions necessary to minimize the adverse impact of the Civil Emergency, including the issuance or amendment of City ordinances, rules, regulations, and procedures to alleviate or manage in an orderly manner the Civil Emergency.
3. To make recommendations to allow City property to be used to address the Civil Emergency, including the issuance of any permits, licenses, or leases and the amendment of City ordinances, rules, regulations, and procedures regarding those permits, licenses, or leases.
4. To make recommendations to allow the director of a department to accept gifts of money, property, or services to address the Civil Emergency and to apply for and accept grants from various entities, both public and private, for the provision of services, the purchase of goods, or the reimbursement of expenditures made by the City to address the Civil Emergency. If the acceptance or application and acceptance is recommended, the director of the relevant department is authorized to file all papers and execute all documents necessary to receive the funds under the grant or gift and, upon acceptance of the grant or gift, the grant or gift may be used for the purposes set forth by the grantor or gift-giver.

On July 2nd, Governor DeWine introduced a Public Health Advisory System. This system is a 4-level color coded system, that identifies counties with high-risk for coronavirus.

The City of Cleveland is physically located in Cuyahoga County, which is currently designated as Risk Level Red. The Ohio Department of Public Health did not distinguish cities from counties.

From the positives that CDPH has confirmed, contact tracing has confirmed three areas of exposure:

- 1. Parties/Social Gatherings**
- 2. Out of State Travel**
- 3. Bars/Restaurants**

Therefore, effective July 3rd, I declared that it shall be mandatory for City residents and businesses to follow certain requirements related to the wearing of facial coverings (“masks”) and social distancing. On July 15, 2020, Cleveland City Council passed Ordinance No. 556-2020 which subjects persons and businesses to civil penalties for violation of the mask, social distancing and mass gathering orders. In addition, Governor DeWine instituted a state-wide mask mandate on July 23, 2020. The mandatory orders include the following:

- 1. It is mandatory that all individuals in the City of Cleveland, unless exempt under the provisions of Codified Ordinance Section 602.02, wear a facial covering (mask) while in any indoor location that is not a residence; while outdoors and unable to maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household; or while in a taxicab, ride sharing car, or any other motor vehicle for hire.**
- 2. Any bar, restaurant, or other business that is subject to the Ohio Director of Health’s Dine Safe Ohio Order dated June 5, 2020 and as thereafter amended, shall not exceed the maximum allowable dining capacity as set forth in the Dine Safe Ohio Order. These businesses must comply with social distancing standards. If the establishment has an open congregate area for dancing and other activities, the business shall establish a capacity limit for each such area that complies with the social distancing requirements in the Dine Safe Ohio Order. The business shall post notices of their capacity limits at all public entrances and in each open congregate area.**
- 3. Any business establishment that violates the maximum capacity order may be determined to be an emergency nuisance and is subject to an immediate abatement order.**

4. Mass Gathering Orders are still in effect. If there are incidents where more than 10 persons are gathered not wearing masks, enforcement actions will be taken.

5. If an establishment has an employee who has tested positive for Covid-19 and that employee was present in the business while symptomatic, then the business must be sanitized to the standards of the Cleveland Health Department. A business that fails to demonstrate appropriate sanitization may be subject to a civil penalty.

D. Mass Gathering Orders, Block/Street Parties & Tailgating

Mass Gathering Orders remain in effect. *Public and private gatherings of greater than 10 people occurring outside of a single household or living unit, including but not limited to block/street parties and tailgating events, are prohibited, unless an exception under the State's Mass Gathering Order applies.* Residents are strongly advised not to conduct or attend any indoor gatherings with guests who are not members of their household in a home or place of residence. The City will not issue permits for tailgating events, even for groups of less than 10 persons, on any property.

Tailgating, even for groups of less than 10 persons, is prohibited on City property, including City-owned parking lots. **Vehicles will not be allowed to park prior to 2 hours before the start of a football game on any City-owned parking lot.**

E. Requirements for Professional Sports and Entertainment Venues

On March 2, 2021, The Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued an Addendum to the Director's order that imposed certain requirements on sports and entertainment venues. The Addendum provides that the maximum number of spectators permitted in sports and entertainment venues shall be as follows:

1. 25% of fixed, seated capacity in any indoor sports venue;
2. 30% of fixed, seated capacity in any outdoor sports venue
3. 25% of fixed, seated capacity in any indoor entertainment venue
4. 30% of fixed, seated capacity in any outdoor entertainment venue.

The City has been selected to host the 2021 NFL Draft, which is scheduled to take place on April 29, 2021 through May 1, 2021, with buildout preparations beginning on or about April 1st. The planning process for the NFL Draft events includes ensuring that the events comply with current health orders related to restrictions on mass gatherings and other activities to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Accordingly, the City will issue necessary permits and/or licenses to carry out the NFL Draft events.

F. Adherence to all State Orders and Current State Curfew:

All orders set forth by Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Department of Health, and the City of Cleveland, shall continue to be enforced and adhered to by all residents.

G. Isolation and Quarantine Due to Illness and Exposure to COVID-19

Residents that are exhibiting any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 must shelter in their place of residence. They shall not go to their workplace or congregate setting and shall only leave their place of residence to seek necessary clinical care, or for essential life sustaining needs, such as obtaining medicine or food. They should take extra precautions if leaving their residence for essential purposes to help minimize the potential for virus transmission.

COVID-19 symptoms include, but are not limited to, a new onset of fever, cough, shortness of breath, congestion or runny nose, sore throat, a new loss of taste or smell, body aches, or unusual fatigue.

Residents diagnosed with COVID-19 by a laboratory test conducted by a medical provider must isolate for ten (10) days from the date of their symptom onset, or from the date of test collection if they experienced no symptoms. The isolation should continue until you are no longer experiencing symptoms. In the home, sick or infected individuals should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific “sick room” or area, and use a separate bathroom, if available.

Residents that have been identified as a contact to an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 should quarantine for one full incubation period (14 days) from the date of last contact. Individuals in quarantine should stay home, separate from others, monitor their health, and follow all instructions from their local health department.

Residents who are either confirmed positive or a close contact should not wait to hear from the health department and immediately follow the guidance as described. Information about isolation and quarantine can be found on the [Ohio Department of Health](#) or [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) websites.

H. EMERGENCY PURCHASES

Upon recommendation of the Director of the appropriate Department and the Director of Finance and after justification and determination by them that the emergency need exists for the requested purchase, all purchasing and contracting requirements under Cleveland Codified Ordinance Chapters 181 and 185, and City rules, regulations or procedures are temporarily suspended to allow for entering into contracts for the procurement of materials, supplies,

equipment, construction, or services immediately necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Cleveland.

I. PAYROLL

All codified ordinances and/or regulatory provisions are suspended as necessary to allow for the continued ability of the City to meet payroll, process insurance benefits, and pay vendors during the time of this civil emergency.

J. DURATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY

The State of Civil Emergency proclaimed pursuant to this proclamation shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on 04/30/2021 or upon the issuance of a proclamation by the Mayor that a Civil Emergency no longer exists, whichever occurs first. However, the Mayor may extend the Civil Emergency for such additional periods of time as determined necessary.

I, Frank G. Jackson, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, State of Ohio, affix my signature to this Proclamation on this 31st day of March 2021, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.



Frank G. Jackson
Mayor