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Community COVID-19 Update

RECENT SURGE

In December, Cuyahoga County and our very own 44102 ZIP code became one of the locations with the highest COVID-19 transmission rates in the nation. But what fueled this surge? Officials cite three primary factors: low vaccination rates, the highly contagious COVID-19 omicron variant, and “pandemic fatigue,” which means that people have stopped practicing “the basics” such as masking while indoors. Only 45% of city of Cleveland residents are vaccinated, compared with 61% nationally.

Unfortunately, our COVID-19 risks are far from over. To monitor what’s happening in Cleveland, visit the Department of Public Health’s (CDPH) website at www.clevelandhealth.org and click on the COVID-19 page to find the Dashboard and Surveillance Report.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOSPITALS AND CLEVELAND EMS

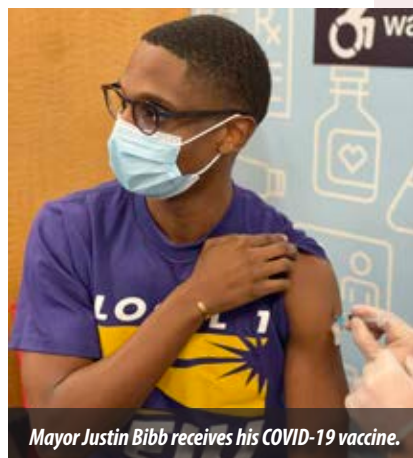
All of Cleveland’s hospitals – including the VA, MetroHealth, the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals and St. Vincent Charity – have been issuing the following joint message: **“We need your help. We now have more COVID-19 patients in our hospitals than ever before. And the overwhelming majority are unvaccinated. This is preventable. The best way to avoid serious illness is a vaccine. So, get vaccinated and get your booster. And keep taking all the standard precautions like social distancing, washing your hands, and of course, mask up - even if you’re vaccinated. If you do feel sick, get tested for COVID-19 at your local pharmacy, urgent care or physician’s office. Not the ER (Emergency Room). Then please encourage neighbors, friends and family to take all these steps, too.”**

Cleveland EMS (Emergency Medical Service) also reminds residents to save EMS and the ER for true emergencies only. Local ERs and EMS do not provide COVID-19 testing.

HOW DO I GET A VACCINE OR BOOSTER?

Visit gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov to schedule an appointment at a variety of locations. The Cleveland Department of Health is another great place to start. You can call the **City’s vaccine help line at 216-664-2222** or simply walk in to City of Cleveland health centers: McCafferty on the west side and J. Glen Smith on the east side. McCafferty Health Center (4242 Lorain Avenue) is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and Thursdays from 9:30am-6:00pm. (Double check hours by calling 216-664-2222.) You can also follow the Health Department for updates on Facebook or Twitter at @CleDPH.

The City of Cleveland in partnership with Cuyahoga County and the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging are also offering **vaccines for homebound individuals**. To check eligibility or receive more information, call 216-621-0303 or visit www.areaagingsolutions.org.



Mayor Justin Bibb receives his COVID-19 vaccine.

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Información sobre COVID-19 para la Comunidad

EL AUMENTO DE CASOS DE COVID-19

Este diciembre pasado, el Condado Cuyahoga tuvo una de las tasas de transmisión de COVID-19 más altas de la nación. ¿Pero por qué? Los funcionarios citan tres factores principales: bajas tasas de vacunación, la variante omicron COVID-19 altamente contagiosa y “fatiga pandémica”, lo que significa que las personas han dejado de practicar “lo básico”, como usar mascarillas en interiores. Solo el 45% de los residentes de la ciudad de Cleveland están vacunados, en comparación con el 61% a nivel nacional.

UN MENSAJE DESDE NUESTROS HOSPITALES

Todos los hospitales de Cleveland, incluidos el VA, MetroHealth, Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals y St. Vincent Charity, han compartido el siguiente mensaje: **“Necesitamos su ayuda. Ahora tenemos más pacientes con COVID-19 en nuestros hospitales que nunca. Y la inmensa mayoría no está vacunada. Esto se puede prevenir. La mejor forma de evitar enfermedades graves es una vacuna. Por favor, vacúnese y obtenga su refuerzo. Y siga tomando todas las precauciones estándar, como el distanciamiento social, lavarse las manos y, por supuesto, usar mascarillas, incluso si está vacunado. Si se siente enfermo, hágase la prueba de COVID-19 en su farmacia local, atención de urgencia o consultorio médico. No la sala de emergencias (ER). Luego, anime a sus vecinos, amigos y familiares a que también sigan todos estos pasos.”**

¿CÓMO OBTENGO UNA VACUNA O UN REFUERZO?

Visite gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov para programar una cita en una variedad de ubicaciones. El Departamento de Salud de la Ciudad de Cleveland también tiene una variedad de recursos. **Puede llamar a la línea de ayuda de vacunas de la Ciudad al 216-664-2222** o simplemente acercarse a los centros de salud de la Ciudad de Cleveland: McCafferty en el lado oeste y J. Glen Smith en el lado este. McCafferty (4242 Lorain Avenue) está abierto los lunes, miércoles y viernes desde las 9:00am hasta las 3:00pm, y los jueves desde 9:30am hasta las 6:00 pm. (Verificar el horario al llamar 216-664-2222.) También puede seguir al Departamento de Salud en Facebook o Twitter en @CleDPH.

La Ciudad de Cleveland en asociación con el condado de Cuyahoga y la Western Reserve Agencia del Área para el Envejecimiento también ofrecen **vacunas para personas confinadas en el hogar**. Para verificar su elegibilidad o recibir más información llame 216-621-0303 o visite www.areaagingsolutions.org.

A Vibrant LGBTQ+ Community in Ward 15

Studio West 117 Update

Studio West 117, a new hub for Greater Cleveland's LGBTQ+ community spearheaded by developers Daniel Budish and Betsy Figgie, is rapidly coming to fruition on the west edge of Cleveland/ the east edge of Lakewood.

Construction is well underway on the Fieldhouse @ Studio West 117 (on Hird Avenue in Lakewood), a 30,000 square foot recreational and bar/restaurant facility, featuring:

- ▶ A gym with three sports courts and a mezzanine walking track for spectators.
- ▶ A courtyard complete with a bouldering wall.
- ▶ Three restaurant concepts including Leña y Sal, serving wood fired culinary creations by Chef Y, pizza by the slice that you can order directly from Hird Ave., and Lakewood's first and only rooftop bar and restaurant.

Opening in summer of 2022, the Fieldhouse will also host the country's first LGBTQ+ youth sports league, led by Gio Santiago, as well as Stonewall Sports dodgeball, rentable sports courts, and multifunctional event space for everything from private parties to weddings.

The Phantasy Entertainment Complex is slated for a complete historic renovation and has already been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the development team. While those entertainment venues are slated for a 2023 opening, the Symposium (11794 Detroit Ave.) is already open many weekends with drag shows and dance parties. Look out for a more regular opening schedule in early 2022.

Several new businesses have opened in buildings owned by Studio West 117. LoRoo Security is an LGBTQ+ owned security and technology company and is helping keep the neighborhood safe as Studio West 117's first tenant at The Mansion at Studio West 117 (11210 Detroit Ave.).



The building at 11600 Detroit which we affectionately call the "My Friends" building is soon to have an LGBTQ+ artist collective in the former State Farm Insurance space. Artists of various mediums will be able to rent a shelf (or table, or wall) to display their products for sale in a lively and engaging venue.

To stay updated on the project and learn about upcoming events visit www.studiowest117.com and click on the "Subscribe" button to be added to future communications. You can also follow Studio West on Facebook and Instagram (@studiowest117). If you or someone you know is interested in being the first to hear about employment opportunities at Studio West 117, please visit www.studiowest117.com and follow the "Employment" inquiry link.

– *Written by: Daniel Budish*

For these Studio West 117 updates and much more, join Councilmember Jenny Spencer, staff members from Northwest

Neighborhoods CDC and developers Betsy Figgie and Daniel Budish for a virtual community meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm.



To receive Zoom instructions and to RSVP, please email Ward 15 Neighborhood Advocate Heather Lazar at council15@clelandcitycouncil.org.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS

Browns Backers with a Twist

In November 2021, Browns Backers with a Twist organizers Jacob Amstel and Scott Swaggerty reached out to the Ward 15 Council office to share news of their annual event: Shop with a Cop. For the past several years, this Browns Backers group has collaborated with the 1st District Police and Officer Kerry Adams to provide a



very special holiday experience: shopping for any Christmas present a child wants (value up to \$50 for small children and up to \$100 for older children) at the West 117th Street Target. Over two dozen 1st District officers volunteered their time and 71 children shopped for gifts at this year's December 16 event.

Browns Backers with a Twist is a LGBTQIA+ and Allies group that meets to tailgate and watch Browns games at Twist Social Club (11633 Clifton Boulevard in Ward 15). Their goal is to become one of the biggest Browns Backers Clubs in the country.

For more information about Browns Backers with a Twist, call them at 419-265-3353 or follow them on Facebook (@BrownsBackerswithaTwist). For more information about Shop with a Cop, contact Officer Kerry Adams at knovak@city.cleveland.oh.us.



LGBT Community Center Update

The LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland ended 2021 with another year of amazing growth. This progress did not come without challenges. What the organization has learned is that despite the obstacles faced over the last two years in a global pandemic, the Center possesses the leadership and exceptional community support it takes to withstand all that has been endured. And so, the LGBT Community Center remains a hub of resource and refuge for our Northeast Ohio LGBTQ+ community.

As a place that prides itself on delivering programs, trainings, and experiences of the highest quality, the pandemic has really only made these integral facets of this organization stronger. The resolve of the staff has been emboldened to ensure the public is served with care and concern they so justly deserve. From adapting in-person to virtual to now hybrid modes of delivering the core programming designed to support and uplift the youth, transgender and senior members of our community to also providing the community with essential trainings geared toward organizational culture and diversity and inclusion initiatives to simply hosting a wide variety of community support groups, the Center covers the gamut of need here in our community.

Now as the Center enters a new year, this organization aims to continue its services and hopefully get back to offering more in-person programming and experiences. All are invited to visit, to learn, and to grow within the welcoming walls of this cornerstone institution in the city of Cleveland so



that together we may continue to enrich the lives of the diverse LGBTQ+ community through advocacy, support, education and celebration.

– *Written by: Matthew Graves, Director of Development & Communication, LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland, which is located at 6705 Detroit Avenue in Ward 15.*

Does Your Home Have Smoke Alarms?

If not, call the Operation Save-A-Life 24-hour hotline at 216-361-5535 to apply for FREE smoke alarms

Operation Save-A-Life, a program of the American Red Cross and the Cleveland Fire Department, provides FREE smoke alarms and batteries to Cleveland residents. Smoke alarms are installed by Cleveland firefighters at no cost to residents. Please note that application and installation process may take up to 90 days.

Smoke alarms provide an early warning of fire and can increase the chances of a safe escape. **According to the Cleveland Fire Department, nearly 75% of deaths in house fires are caused by smoke rather than burns.** Children and senior citizens are at greatest risk.

If you already have smoke alarms, then regular maintenance is important. It is suggested that smoke alarms be replaced every 10 years. They should also be tested each month and batteries should be changed twice each year, whether the smoke detector needs new ones or not.

¿Tiene Detectores De Humo En Su Casa?

Si no, llame a la Operación Salve una Vida a la línea abierta 24 horas al día 216-361-5535 y aplique para detectores de humo GRATIS



Operación Salve una Vida, un programa de la Cruz Roja Americana y el Departamento de Bomberos de Cleveland, provee detectores de humo y baterías GRATIS a los residentes de Cleveland. Detectores de humo son instalados por Bomberos de Cleveland sin cargo alguno a residentes. Por favor note que el proceso de la aplicación e instalación puede tomar hasta 90 días. Los detectores de humo proveen un aviso temprano de fuego y aumentan las oportunidades de escape seguro. **Según el Departamento de Bomberos de Cleveland, cerca de 75% de las muertes en casas de incendios son causadas por humo y no por quemaduras.** Niños y ancianos están a mayor riesgo.

Si ya tiene detectores de humo, hay que examinar las baterías una vez al mes y cambiarlas dos veces al año. Se recomienda reemplazar los detectores de humo cada 10 años.

City Lends a Hand to Seniors

Lawn Cutting & Snow Shoveling through Cleveland's CHORE Program



The Department of Aging will begin taking applications in February for the 2022-23 season of the CHORE Program. Seniors can

receive a free lawn cutting once per month, starting in May 2022, and then in winter, a walkable path shoveled to their main access door and steps following many snowfalls. Priority is given to those with mobility issues, home health care workers, or residents with



recurring medical appointments. Currently, only 18 Ward 15 Seniors are enrolled in this great Program. **If you are at least 60 years young**

and income eligible, call 216-664-3998 or 216-664-4694 to request an application.

FREE Tax Preparation

A Cuyahoga EITC Coalition Program Led by Enterprise Community Partners



Preparación de Impuestos GRATIS

Un Programa De La Coalición De Cuyahoga EITC Liderado Por Socios Comunitarios Empresariales

- ▶ Receive up to \$6,600 from the Earned Income Tax Credit if eligible
- ▶ Accessible and safe tax sites located around Cuyahoga County

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT VISIT refundohio.com

- ▶ Obtenga hasta \$6,600 del Crédito Fiscal de Impuesto sobre el Ingreso si es elegible
- ▶ Sitios de impuestos accesibles y seguros ubicados alrededor del condado de Cuyahoga

PARA PROGRAMAR UNA CITA VISITE refundohio.com

Kids Achieve with Near West Recreation

Over the past year, many parents have reported that their kids have grown unmotivated and developed pent-up energy while being indoors during the pandemic. Sports may be the solution to increasing motivation and releasing that energy. Participation in one or more sports is not only a way for kids to get exercise, but it is also found to have positive social, emotional, mental and educational benefits, according to iSPORT360.

Have you considered a resource for youth sports that is right in our own backyard? Created in

2013, Near West Recreation is a partnership between Ohio City Incorporated, Northwest Neighborhoods CDC, Tremont West Development, and Metro West Development Organization that offers year-round recreation programming for children of all ages, as well as select programs for adults. This league operates on a sliding-scale system, with need-based financial assistance available.

Seven nearby gyms and 6 fields and parks have

been the sites for games involving basketball, softball and baseball, soccer, lacrosse, volleyball, track, and more. Three of these locations have been within Ward 15 – Michael Zone Recreation Center, Herman Park and Nehemiah Mission.

For more information, to register your youth for sports throughout the year, or to consider volunteering or making a donation, go to nearwestrec.org or call 216-781-3222.

Near West Recreation



Sidewalk Snow Removal

Seasonal reminder about snow removal: Taking the time to remove snow promptly from your sidewalk helps prevent slips and falls, and it's up to all of us to do our part – homeowners and tenants, alike – to ensure the safety of our neighbors this Winter. Unfortunately, there is no city-wide snow removal service. Many of us walk with small children, have mobility issues, need a clear path to access public transportation, or walk with our dogs, and icy, covered sidewalks are not only a violation of the City's Code, but also a danger. Thank you for looking out for your neighbors and for helping to keep our sidewalks walkable and safe!



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Appealing Property Taxes

If property owners disagree with the new value, they can file a complaint with evidence to support the claim.



The types of evidence residents can submit include photographs of the property, appraisals and documents related to recent sales.

The complaints can be filed online or in person between January 1st and March 31st of 2022. If complaints are sent prior to the start date, it will be sent back to the resident.

To get the forms to file an appeal go here: [Complaint Forms and Appeal Forms \(cuyahogacounty.us\) or at: bor.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Complaint-Form.aspx](http://Complaint Forms and Appeal Forms (cuyahogacounty.us) or at: bor.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Complaint-Form.aspx)

Public Comment

Cleveland City Council now offers a public comment period at the beginning of every regular Council meeting. Up to ten (10) individuals may speak for up to three (3) minutes each week. **Individuals wishing to address Council can sign up online at www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/resources/public-comment.**

To request public comment at a committee hearing, contact the relevant committee chair. A listing of Council committees and their chairpersons can be found at www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/council-committees.



Walk-up Services Return to Walz Branch



Out of an abundance of care and due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, Cleveland Public Library has returned to walk-up services to protect staff and residents. This includes Ward 15's Walz Branch at 7910 Detroit Avenue. (The Lorain branch is currently closed for renovations.) When picking up materials, you are encouraged to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. You can order your next read, movie, or audiobook on cpl.org and all returns should be placed in the book drop.

2022

CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Esther A. Stein

Department of Public Works
Division of Waste Collection

B Bulk Week

H One Day Delayed Collection

H Holiday with Regular Pickup

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Jan. 1st - New Year's Day
Jan. 17th - MLK Day
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Feb. 21st - Presidents' Day
No delay in collection

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Apr. 15th - Good Friday
No delay in collection

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May 30th - Memorial Day
1 day delay all week

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Jun 20th - Juneteenth Nat'l
Independence Day
No delay in collection

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July 4th - Independence Day
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Sept. 5th - Labor Day
1 day delay all week

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Nov. 24th - Thanksgiving Day
Thursday collection on Friday
Friday collection on Saturday

DECEMBER

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Dec. 26th - Christmas Holiday
(Observed)
1 day delay all week

B = BULK WEEK (3 items only)

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