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## Ohio's COVID-19 Vaccine Town Halls

The U.S. stood Sunday at the brink of a once-unthinkable tally: 500,000 people lost to the coronavirus. The figure compiled by Johns Hopkins University surpasses the number of people who died in 2019 of chronic lower respiratory diseases, stroke, Alzheimer's, flu and pneumonia combined.

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- Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. – Hispanic/Latino Ohioans
- Monday, March 1, 6:30 p.m. – Asian American and Pacific Islander Ohioans
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versations and give local leaders and attendees the tools they need to better inform members of their communities about vaccine facts, enhance access to trusted resources, and drive

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[coronavirus.ohio.gov/townhall](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov/townhall). For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

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Celeste Sánchez Lloyd, Jesús M. Hernández y José Sánchez

## La Comisión Hispana/Latina de Michigan cuenta con nuevos Comisionados

Por: Isabel Flores, corresponsal La Prensa

LANSING: La Comisión Hispana/Latina de Michigan (HLCOM) cuenta con tres nuevos Comisionados: Celeste Sánchez Lloyd, Jesús M. Hernández y José Sánchez, quienes ocupan el lugar de Ivonne M. Soler, Angela Baldwin y Carlos E. Pava, al haber cumplido su término de tres años.

Felipe López Sustaita, Director Ejecutivo, informó que la Comisión tiene el apoyo de 15 miembros que son nombrados por el gobernador de Michigan, por períodos de tres años, sujeto al consejo y consentimiento del Senado estatal. A continuación se presenta una pequeña reseña de cada uno de ellos:

**Celeste Sánchez Lloyd** es directora del programa *Strong Beginnings-Healthy Start*, en donde apoya la eliminación de las disparidades entre las madres afroamericanas y latinas prenatales y sus familias en el condado de Kent. Su enfoque es específicamente en implementar el uso de trabajadores comunitarios de salud y el valor que agregan a las comunidades de

color. Se esfuerza por fortalecer y brindar apoyo en torno a la equidad racial para romper las infraestructuras sistémicas.

Ha estado involucrada y dedicada durante más de 15 años al trabajo comunitario antes de su interés educativo y la búsqueda de un título de la *Universidad Purdue*, West Lafayette, IN. Es dominicana-estadounidense y en Grand Rapids se concentró en comunidades desatendidas, lo que la llevó a continuar su educación y recibir su maestría en *Western Michigan University*.

Celeste ha recibido varios reconocimientos por su liderazgo, forma parte de varias juntas directivas enfocadas en servir y eliminar el racismo y las disparidades entre las comunidades más vulnerables, además de ser W.K. Miembro de liderazgo de Kellogg. Actualmente se desempeña como miembro de la Junta de *Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance*, *Latina Network of West Michigan*, ex asesora del *National Healthy Start Epic CHW Advisory Group*.

**Jesús M. Hernández** trabaja actualmente en DTE Energy, en donde ha ocupado cargos en consultoría tributaria y de recursos humanos, en 2019 recibió el premio al *Millennial Más Valioso de Corp!*. Anteriormente, ayudó a promover el plan estratégico corporativo en torno a la diversidad y la inclusión en *Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan*. Ha residido toda su vida en el suroeste de Detroit, en donde asistió a la *Wayne State University* para obtener una licenciatura en Contabilidad de la *Mike Illich School of Business*.

Como feligrés activo en la Basílica de Ste. Anne de Detroit, su familia y su educación le han inculcado poderosos compromisos con la participación comunitaria y el servicio público. Actualmente se desempeña como tesorero de la junta de *Michigan Hispanic Collaborative*, una organización sin fines de lucro enfocada en acelerar la movilidad económica y el acceso en la comunidad hispana de Detroit. También se desempeña como vicepresidente de *Detroit MOTTEP* (Programa de educación sobre trasplantes de tejidos de

órganos de minorías), una afiliada de Gift of Life comprometida con educar a la comunidad multicultural de Detroit sobre la donación de órganos y tejidos.

**José Sánchez III** del Condado de Allegan, es instructor certificado de nivel II del *Carpenters International Training Fund* y Penn State. También es el Coordinador de Instalaciones en el Centro de Capacitación Wayland para el Fondo de Capacitación de Aprendizaje Conjunto de Carpinteros y Millwrights de Michigan.

Sánchez comenzó su carrera en el *Mason Training Center* como aprendiz de carpintero en 2001 y después de 4 años, completó con éxito el programa. Ha sido parte de numerosos proyectos de construcción en todo el estado de Michigan. Después de 15 años en el campo, decidió transmitir sus conocimientos a los futuros aprendices. Le apasiona ayudar a los demás y decidió hacer un cambio de carrera en julio de 2016 como instructor en *Mason Training Center*. Durante este tiempo, ha tomado muchas clases para enseñar a sus estudiantes las formas

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## Latinos face barriers like fear, language in getting vaccine

By GISELA SALOMON, CLAUDIA TORRENS and ANITA SNOW Associated Press

HIACLEAH, Feb. 16, 2021 (AP): *Rigoberto Montesinos*, a veteran of the *Bay of Pigs* invasion in Cuba, was so worried about side effects from the *COVID-19* vaccine that he initially wasn't going to get it, relenting only when two friends died from the disease.

But when he finally decided to get the shot, the 82-year-old couldn't find doses where he lives in *Hialeah*, a Miami suburb that's about 95% Latino. He got an appointment in nearby Miami Beach, but it was canceled. After struggling for weeks, Montesinos got his first dose last week.

"At my age, and with the virus spiking, I can't be putting myself at risk," said Montesinos, a Cuban exile who helped try to overthrow Fidel Castro in 1961.

From elderly Cuban Americans in Florida to farmworkers in California, Latinos face daunting barriers to getting *COVID-19* vaccines, creating risks for public health as the coronavirus mutates and spreads.

The U.S.'s more than 60 million Latinos—like other people of color—have been disproportionately affected by the virus, and many are struggling with issues like a lack of knowledge about the shots, state vaccine websites that don't have Spanish instructions, ways to find appointments in their communities and fears they could be targeted for immigration enforcement.

It comes as states, cities and counties are grappling with how to ensure people of color and other underserved communities are getting the vaccine, with some targeting vulnerable ZIP codes and working with community groups to sign people up. In *Arizona*, where language is a barrier for some Latinos and until recently English was the only option on the state website for vaccine appointments, a university researcher is working on an online Spanish language campaign to address vaccine misconceptions.

Latinos, like other groups, also are frustrated by insufficient vaccine supplies.

Montesinos' 70-year-

old nephew, *Luis Morejon*, was still trying to get inoculated in the Miami area last week. He's a *cancer* patient, and he and his wife also have *diabetes*.

"We've spent a year hiding in this home," Morejon said.

An AP-NORC poll of U.S. adults in late January showed about half of both Latino and Black Americans are extremely or very worried about themselves or family members being infected with *COVID-19*. That's compared with about 4 in 10 white, non-Latino Americans.

The poll says Latinos' willingness to get the vaccine is similar to the U.S. American public overall. About 65% of Latinos said they definitely or probably will get the vaccine when it's available to them or that they already have received at least one dose.

With a tendency for health problems like *diabetes*, *obesity* and *hypertension*, Latinos are one of the groups at highest risk from *COVID-19* in the U.S. It's not just a problem for them, but for public health.

"The virus doesn't differentiate, we need to vaccinate everyone," said Arizona State University researcher *Gilberto López*, who's trying to debunk vaccine misconceptions in Spanish. "Otherwise, it will just keep on mutating and we're never going to get rid of it."

In *New York*, married physicians *Dr. Victor Peralta* and *Dr. Ingrid Felix-Peralta* administered shots last week at a public housing complex through the *SOMOS* network that provides health care to low-income minorities.

"Latinos make up a large proportion of our front-line workers. They work at supermarkets, restaurants, food industry and they are working during the day so it's hard to find time to get vaccinated," said Peralta, a pediatrician.

*Nellie Hernández*, a 73-year-old Puerto Rican, said that after surviving throat *cancer* and seeing friends die from *COVID-19*, she was relieved to get her second dose.

"I go out and run my errands, and I feel a bit more secure," she said.

Fear of deportation can be an issue for Latinos in the U.S. without permission, though the Department of Homeland Security says vaccination sites will be considered off limits for routine enforcement.

"We know that we don't always get the correct address and phone number when we see patients," Peralta said about those at his pediatric practice.

Some politicians say people without legal status should not be prioritized for vaccines, even equating all Latinos, a majority of whom are U.S. citizens or legal residents, with the fraction of people in the country without documentation. *U.S. Rep. Debbie Lesko*, an Arizona Republican, drew criticism last week after proposing an "Americans first" vaccine policy.

Along with fears of deportation, *education* also can be a problem.

Advocates for Guatemalan farmworkers in *Lake Worth, Florida*, north of Miami, said some migrants can't read or write in any language and most lack a car or driver's license.

The *Guatemalan-Maya Center* there has started a list of workers who want to be vaccinated and offered its offices as a possible site, assistant executive director *Mariana Blanco* said.

It's important to consider demographics when setting up vaccination sites, said *Tomás León*, senior vice president of the Arizona-based *Equality Health Foundation*. He said states need to collect information about the race and ethnicity of those getting shots to ensure equal access.

"Hispanics are overrepresented in coronavirus cases and more likely to suffer worse outcomes," he said.

Many vaccination sites are far away from underserved, high-exposed communities, León said. They're often drive-thru, requiring a car.

He said community organizations can help reach Latinos in hard-hit areas like *Arizona's Yuma County*, where they account for two-thirds of those infected by the virus.

"As efforts to distribute the *COVID-19* vaccine con-

tinue, trust and acceptance of Hispanics will be crucial," León said.

In diverse South Florida, the sprawling *Jackson Health System* says nearly half of the 65,000 seniors it's vaccinated as of early February identified as Latino.

The hospital system has partnered with 55 churches, temples and community organizations targeting seniors in low-income, minority communities who have struggled using technology to sign up for a vaccine.

*Madeline Barrios* spent two recent Sundays with her clipboard outside St. Dominic Catholic Church near Miami's Little Havana, registering older people for the shots.

"I think people feel more comfortable, especially seniors, in person, asking someone they can talk to," Barrios said.

*Torrens reported from New York and Snow reported from Phoenix. Associated Press writers Kelli Kennedy in Miami and Hannah Fingerhut in Washington contributed to this report.*

## Latino, Black organizations file complaint against Boston

BOSTON, Feb. 17, 2021 (AP): Several Latino and Black organizations filed a federal discrimination complaint against Boston on Wednesday alleging the city's contracting system discriminates against minority-owned businesses.

The *Black Economic Council of Massachusetts*, the *Greater Boston Latino Network*, and *Amplify Latinx* filed the complaint with the Department of Justice and Department of Transportation in response to a city study that found that from 2014 to 2019 only 1.2% of its nearly \$2.2 billion worth of public contacts went to Black- and Latino-owned businesses.

"The stark racial disparities—over which the city has direct control—demonstrate deliberate and intentional discrimination against Black- and Latino-owned businesses on the part of the city," the organizations said in a statement.

A spokesperson for Mayor Marty Walsh, who has been tapped to be President Joe Biden's labor secretary, said the city had not seen the complaint so they could not comment.

Walsh is expected to introduce measures to send more city contracts to businesses owned by people of color.

The complaint seeks "immediate federal intervention and oversight to compel the city to enact race-conscious measures to break down the discriminatory barriers to equitable contracting opportunities," as well as a "community-driven remediation process."



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## México a la Berlnale con la nueva película de Ruizpalacios

Por KIRSTEN GRIESHABER, Associated Press

BERLÍN, 11 II 21 (AP): El Festival Internacional de Cine de Berlín anunció el jueves las 15 películas que competirán por los Osos de Oro y de Plata, y "Una película de policías" del mexicano Alonso Ruizpalacios es la única de Latinoamérica en la lista.

El nuevo documental del director de "Güeros" y "Museo" tendrá su estreno mundial en la Berlnale, donde se medirá con producciones de países que incluyen Alemania, Francia, Rumania, Hungría, Corea del Sur y Japón en una edición reducida y en parte virtual debido a la pandemia.

Entre los estrenos mundiales de Alemania están "Fabian - Going to the Dogs", dirigida por Dominik Graf; "I'm your man" de Maria Schrader, y "Next

Door" del actor alemán-español Daniel Brühl.

Hay una producción iraní-francesa, "Ballad of a White Cow" de Behtash Sanaeiha y Maryam Moghaddam, y la coreana "Introduction" de Hong Sangsoo.

Japón está representada con "Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy" de Ryusuke Hamaguchi, y Hungría con "Forest—I See You Everywhere" de Bence Fliegauf.

"La interrupción generada por los acontecimientos de 2020 ha llevado a los cineastas a aprovechar al máximo esta situación y crear películas profundamente personales", dijo el director artístico del festival, Carlo Chatrrian, en un comunicado.

"Esta competencia es menos rica en números pero muy densa en contenido y estilo", agregó.

Los organizadores anunciaron en diciembre

que la Berlnale, tradicionalmente el primero de los grandes festivales de cine europeos del año, se dividirá en dos esta ocasión ante las restricciones por el coronavirus.

Un evento online para la industria, en el que el jurado elegirá a las cintas ganadoras, se hará del 1 al 5 de marzo. Y un "especial de verano" le seguirá del 9 al 20 de junio, cuando el público podrá ver las películas ganadoras y una selección de otros títulos. La ceremonia de premiación será en junio.

El festival también anunció el mes pasado que el jurado no tendrá un presidente este año, y que las películas en competencia serán juzgadas por seis directores que han ganado el máximo premio del evento, el *Oso de Oro*.

## Antiguo casino de Trump queda reducido a escombros

Por WAYNE PARRY, Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, Nueva Jersey, 17 II 21 (AP): Un lugar en el Boardwalk de Atlantic City donde estrellas del cine, el deporte y el rock solían ir de fiesta—y un futuro presidente afiló su habilidad para la bravata y la exageración— quedó reducido a una montaña polvorienta de escombros el miércoles.

El antiguo casino *Trump Plaza* fue destruido mediante una explosión cuando su deterioro era tal que trozos del edificio se desprendían y caían a tierra.

Una serie de estruendos remecieron el edificio alrededor de las 9 de la mañana, éste se estremeció como una ola de atrás hacia adelante y finalmente cayó en medio de una gigantesca nube de polvo que envolvió la playa y el Boardwalk. El derrumbe de la estructura se consumió en menos de 20 segundos.

"Me dio escalofríos",

dijo el alcalde *Marty Small*. "Éste es un momento histórico. Fue emocionante".

*Small* calculó que la montaña de escombros tiene unos ocho pisos de altura y se la removerá para el 10 de junio. Los ambientalistas podrían usar una parte para su proyecto de construir un arrecife artificial frente a la costa de Atlantic City.

Otras partes del complejo casino-hotel con frente en el Boardwalk y la avenida Pacific, la arteria principal de los casinos, no fueron incluidas en la explosión. Se las demolerá en un futuro próximo mediante maquinaria pesada, no explosivos.

Otrora la joya del imperio de casinos del expresidente *Donald Trump*, su demolición abre el camino para una gran oportunidad de desarrollo en medio del Boardwalk, donde el Plaza solía promocionarse como el

"centro de mesa de Atlantic City".

"Es increíble cómo colocamos en el mapa del mundo al Trump Plaza y Atlantic City", dijo *Bernie Dillon*, gerente de eventos del casino de 1984 a 1991. "Una noche, antes de una pelea de (Mike) Tyson, me quedé parado al ver a dos tipos que mantenían una conversación íntima: *Jack Nicholson* y *Warren Beatty*".

"Eso sucedía muy seguido: uno veía entrar a *Madonna* y *Sean Penn*, a *Barbra Streisand* con *Don Johnson*, a *Muhammad Ali*, a *Oprah* sentada con *Donald* en el ringside", evocó. "Era una época especial. Lamento que se acabe".

Aunque el expresidente lo construyó, su dueño actual es otro multimillonario, *Carl Icahn*, quien adquirió los dos últimos casinos Trump en 2016 después de sus muchas bancarrotas.

## EEUU sopesa investigar más las mutaciones del coronavirus

Por RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, 17 II 2021 (AP): Los científicos estadounidenses podrían obtener mayor capacidad para identificar mutaciones del coronavirus potencialmente más letales bajo un proyecto de ley que avanza en el Congreso y que podría proporcionar 1.750 millones de dólares para secuenciación genómica.

Por ahora, Estados Unidos sólo está mapeando la composición genética de una minúscula fracción de muestras positivas del virus, pero algunos expertos dicen que esto es como volar a ciegas. Significa que la verdadera propagación en el país de mutaciones problemáticas identificadas por primera vez en Reino Unido y Sudáfrica sigue siendo

cuestión de conjeturas.

Tal ignorancia podría resultar costosa. Una preocupación es que potenciales mutaciones del COVID-19 más transmisibles—como la variante británica— podrían moverse más rápido que la capacidad de Estados Unidos para vacunar a su población.

"Hay una pequeña cantidad de laboratorios académicos y de salud pública que básicamente han estado haciendo la vigilancia genómica", dijo *David O'Connor*, investigador del sida en la *Universidad de Wis-*

*consin*. "Pero no hay coherencia nacional en la estrategia".

Los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades de Estados Unidos (CDC, por sus siglas en inglés) están tratando de guiar esos esfuerzos, alineándose con el propio trabajo de detección avanzada del gobierno, pero la iniciativa de legislación sobre el COVID-19 llevaría la búsqueda a otro nivel.

Además del dinero, el proyecto de ley de la Cámara de Representantes que aprobó la Comisión

de Energía y Comercio la semana pasada pide que los CDC organicen una red nacional para usar la tecnología para rastrear la propagación de mutaciones y guiar las medidas de salud pública.

En el Senado, la demócrata de Wisconsin, *Tammy Baldwin*, presentó una legislación que proporcionaría 2.000 millones de dólares. *Baldwin* dice que Estados Unidos debería usar tecnología de mapeo genético para analizar al menos el 15% de las muestras positivas del virus. Puede que no parezca

mucho, pero se cree que la tasa actual es del 0,3% al 0,5%. El análisis del 15% de las muestras positivas ampliaría la vigilancia al menos 30 veces.

"Las variantes representan una amenaza creciente", dijo *Baldwin*. "Al inicio de la pandemia de COVID-19, aumentar nuestra capacidad de prueba era esencial para nuestra capacidad de rastrear y ralentizar la propagación del virus; lo mismo es cierto para encontrar y rastrear estos variantes", dijo la legisladora.

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En el marco del *Día Internacional de la Mujer*, el Consulado de México en Detroit, a través de la Ventanilla de Atención Integral a la Mujer, llevará a cabo la “*Jornada por las Mujeres*” del 3 al 8 de marzo de 2021, donde habrá varias actividades a través de Facebook Live con el tema de Educación Financiera, Arte y Cultura, así como entrevistas con líderes de organizaciones cuyos servicios son de gran ayuda para nuestras connacionales, entre quienes se encuentran: Luz Acosta de Casa Amiga y Evangelina Álvarez de Michigan Immigrant Rights Center.

El 3 de marzo se llevará a cabo una jornada de mamografías en el Consulado, donde se atenderá, de manera gratuita, a mujeres que previamente hicieron su cita.

El 8 de marzo el Consulado dedicará todas sus actividades exclusivamente a la atención de las mujeres. Los servicios serán brindados únicamente por mujeres, con la finalidad de que las asistentes se sientan en un ambiente de confianza y empatía. Aún quedan citas disponibles para documentación: pasaporte, matrícula consular y credencial para votar, en el siguiente enlace: <https://bit.ly/3aTeNH6>

La Ventanilla de Atención Integral a la Mujer estará identificando y atendiendo casos de mujeres que se encuentren en alguna situación de vulnerabilidad como violencia doméstica, laboral, acoso y hostigamiento sexual.

Se ofrecerán talleres informativos sobre los servicios de protección consular y la Ventanilla de Salud dará un taller sobre nutrición y cuidado personal, además de ofrecer una clase de baile. La Ventanilla de Orientación Educativa, así como las distintas organizaciones aliadas del Consulado, brindarán información para orientar a nuestras connacionales en materia jurídica, psicológica, laboral y de educación.

Todas las actividades presenciales se han planeado siguiendo el protocolo establecido para evitar el contagio durante esta pandemia.

### Colaborará grupo consultor juvenil con Consulado de México en Detroit

MADISON HEIGHTS, MI. 16 de febrero de 2021: Con la finalidad de lograr un acercamiento con jóvenes mexicanos y mexicoamericanos en Michigan, el Consulado de México en Detroit llevó a cabo el pasado 11 de febrero, la primera reunión virtual con el grupo consultor “*Young Friends of the Consulate*”, donde participaron jóvenes que laboran en empresas con presencia latina, y estudiantes universitarios residentes de *Lansing, Grand Rapids, Grand Blanc, Detroit, Ann Arbor y Hart*.



El Cónsul de México en Detroit, *Fernando González Saiffe*, compartió con los jóvenes aspectos de la relación bilateral México-Estados Unidos, los retos para ambas naciones con la reforma migratoria integral, propuesta por el presidente Joe Biden y otras acciones en materia legislativa que serán de vital importancia para la comunidad migrante en Estados Unidos. “No

puede haber una reforma migratoria efectiva en Estados Unidos, si no se tiene la cooperación con México y con los países emisores de Centroamérica. Vamos a seguir insistiendo en que no se debe criminalizar jamás la migración”, señaló. Asimismo, detalló las acciones que lleva a cabo el Consulado a través de sus distintas áreas de atención.

En la reunión participaron miembros de la Cámara de Comercio

Hispana del Oeste de Michigan y estudiantes de *Wayne State University, University of Michigan y Michigan State University*.

Este intercambio se llevará a cabo de manera periódica, para fortalecer lazos de comunicación entre el Consulado de México en Detroit y la comunidad estudiantil mexicanoamericana, cuya asesoría y retroalimentación será de gran utilidad en los proyectos y programas consulares.

### Michigan renters facing eviction can still find help

Renters across Michigan experiencing pandemic-related financial hardships may be wondering where to turn or how to avoid being evicted since the *Eviction Diversion Program (EDP)* ended last year.

The good news is a new rental assistance program is currently being developed, and as we wait for that program to be finalized, the *Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)* has other rental assistance options that Michigan residents can immediately take advantage of today.

**Michigan 2-1-1.** This free service helps those in need connect with community resources and organizations offering health and human services assistance, including eviction prevention.

**The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.** The ESG program provides funding to community organiza-

tions to help those experiencing homelessness.

*United Way for South-eastern Michigan's 2-1-1 team* serves the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Monroe and Washtenaw. Residents in these areas can connect with Michigan 2-1-1 by calling 211 or 1-800-552-1183.

*Local Housing Assessment and Resource Agencies (HARAs)* across Michigan can also help residents see if the ESG program is right for them. HARAs in South-eastern Michigan are immediately available to help renters having trouble paying rent:

**Lapeer:**

- Blue Water Center for Independent Living** Please contact (810) 648-2555 or [info@bwcil.org](mailto:info@bwcil.org)
- Macomb:**
- Macomb Homeless Coalition** Please contact (586) 213-5757 or visit [macombhomeless-coalition.com](http://macombhomeless-coalition.com).

**Monroe:**

- Monroe County Opportunity Program** Please contact (734) 241-2775 or [mswartz1140@gmail.com](mailto:mswartz1140@gmail.com)
- Oakland:**
- Community Housing Network - Housing Resource Center** Please contact (248) 269-1335 or [hrc@chninc.net](mailto:hrc@chninc.net)
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- The Salvation Army** Please contact (734) 961-1999 or [shana.collins@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:shana.collins@usc.salvationarmy.org)
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## Port Authority receives \$2.4 million grant for Revolving Loan Fund

TOLEDO, February 19, 2021: The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced yesterday the award of a \$2.4 million CARES Act Recovery Assistance Grant to the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority to create a Revolving Loan Fund for businesses in Northwest Ohio. The EDA grant will be matched with \$600,000 in local investment in establishing a \$3 million loan fund.

"We are honored to receive this award at a critical junction in our economic recovery," said Thomas J. Winston, President and CEO of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority. "We look forward to partnering with local entities in deploying these funds across Northwest Ohio in helping businesses retain and create jobs throughout the region."

Leveraging its experience in managing

various financing programs throughout the state, the Port Authority will create the Revolving Loan Fund for eligible businesses throughout Lucas, Ottawa, and Wood Counties in Ohio. The Revolving Loan Fund will help to address a regional weakness in access to capital and support the overall goals of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region. It is anticipated the launch of the Revolving Loan Fund will take place in the second quarter of 2021. For more information on the implementation of this program, including timing and process for applying, visit [toledoport.org](http://toledoport.org).

The CARES Act Recovery Assistance program provides a wide range of financial assistance to eligible communities as they respond to and recover from the impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic.



For more information, visit [www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov).

### ABOUT THE PORT AUTHORITY'S FINANCING PROGRAMS

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority has developed a national reputation for innovative business financing, assisting over 600 economic development projects representing a total investment of more than \$2 billion while helping to create and retain 20,000 jobs. Financing options include Fixed Interest Rate Development Revenue Bonds, Infrastructure Financing, Conduit Revenue Bonds, the Ohio Regional 166 Loan Program, the U.S. Small Business Administration 504 Loan Program and the BetterBuildings Northwest Ohio Energy Efficiency Loan Program. For more information on these programs, visit [toledoport.org](http://toledoport.org).

## Air Force awards UToledo \$12.5 million to develop Space-based Solar Energy Sheets

The military is adding fuel to the momentum of physicists at The University of Toledo who are advancing new frontiers in thin-film, highly efficient, low-cost photovoltaic technology to ensure a clean energy future.

The U.S. Air Force awarded UToledo \$12.5 million to develop photovoltaic energy sheets that would live in space and harvest solar energy to transmit power wirelessly to Earth-based receivers or to other orbital or aerial instrumentation, such as communications satellites.

UToledo physicists will develop flexible solar cell sheets, each roughly the size of a piece of paper, that can be assembled and interconnected into much larger structures.

Although UToledo's focus does not include engineering the interconnected arrays, the vision is potentially massive: one space-based solar array could include tens of millions of sheets and extend to sizes as large as a square mile — that's more than three quarters the size of UToledo Main Campus. One array at this size could generate about 800 megawatts of electrical power — just shy of the power produced by the Davis Besse power plant between Toledo and Cleveland.

"With 37% stronger sunlight above the atmosphere than on a typical sunny day here on Earth's surface, orbital solar arrays offer a critical opportunity to harness renewable energy, achieve sustainability goals and provide strategic power for a wide range of orbital and airborne technologies," said Dr. Randall Ellingson, professor in the UToledo Department of Physics and Astronomy and member of the UToledo Wright Center for Photovoltaics Innovation and Commercialization who will lead the five-year project.

"This \$12.5 million

award recognizes our own University of Toledo as a national leader in solar cell technologies and in photovoltaic energy research," said Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur.

"UToledo's broad partnerships with industry, government and academia represent the best of us and will help cement our region as a player for generations to come in solar manufacturing, research and development."

Building on UToledo's more than 30-year history advancing solar technology to power the world using clean energy, the physicists will continue developing the material science and photovoltaic technologies that are highly efficient, lightweight and durable in an outer-space environment.

They're building tandem solar cells — two different solar cells stacked on top of each other that more efficiently harvest the sun's spectrum — on very thin, flexible supporting materials.

"We have had great success accelerating the performance of solar cells and drawing record levels of power from the same amount of sunlight using the tandem technique with what are called perovskites," Ellingson said.

Perovskites are compound materials with a special crystal structure formed through chemistry.

The team will sandwich a variety of combinations of solar cells, including perovskites, silicon, cadmium telluride and copper indium gallium selenide, to raise the ceiling on what is achievable.

The team will explore lightweight, flexible supporting material to create the large solar cell sheets. Those materials also need to be resilient, ultra-thin and tolerant to high and low temperatures. Semitransparent and very thin ceramic, plastics and glass are under consideration.

"Professor Ellingson and his team have demonstrated



their ability to provide the Air Force with outstanding results over the years and the University is pleased that Representative Kaptur prioritizes projects that both advance the nation's leadership in cutting-edge solar energy technology and provide the Department of Defense with the highest level of support from University research," said Dr. Frank Calzonetti, UToledo vice president of research.

In 2019 the U.S. Air Force awarded Ellingson's team \$7.4 million to develop solar technology to power space vehicles using sunlight.

"The Air Force has demanding specifications for its spaced-based power systems, and the advances being made in thin-film photovoltaics at UToledo coupled with our new photovoltaic sheets concept provide an avenue to meet them," said Dr. Michael Heben, UToledo professor of physics and McMaster endowed chair. "The faculty and staff at UToledo's Wright Center for Photovoltaics are proud to receive this award and excited about the challenge."

In 2019 the U.S. Department of Energy awarded UToledo \$4.5 million to develop the next-generation solar panel by bringing a new, ultra-high efficiency material to the consumer market. As part of the project, Dr. Yanfa Yan, UToledo professor of physics, is working with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and First Solar to develop industrially relevant methods for both the fabrication and performance prediction of low-cost, efficient and stable perovskite thin-film PV modules.

Also in 2019 UToledo was part of a \$3.9 million award led by Colorado State University to collaborate with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, First Solar and the

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## Nominations being accepted for Jefferson Awards

The Blade is accepting nominations for the 2021 Jefferson Awards. The Jefferson Awards are known as "an American Nobel Prize for public service." Since its founding in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Sam Beard, and Senator Robert Taft Jr., the Jefferson Awards has honored individuals for outstanding public service.

The award is for an "unsung hero," someone who has undertaken a project that significantly impacts

the community. Individuals who have been nominated in the past may be nominated again, as long as their service is continuing.

To make a nomination, go to [toledoblade.com/jeffersonawards](http://toledoblade.com/jeffersonawards) and click on the Nominations button. The deadline for submission is February 26, 2021.

Judges for this year's Jefferson Awards are Micheal Alexander, Sr., Labor Engagement Liaison United Way of Greater Toledo; Suzette Cowell,

CEO Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union; Jason Kucsma, Executive Director/Fiscal Officer Toledo Lucas County Public Library; Wendy Pestree, President & CEO United Way of Greater Toledo; and Tina Skeldon Wozniak, President of the Board of Lucas County Commissioners.

The Jefferson Awards will hold a virtual award event on April 8, 2021. More information can be found at [toledoblade.com/jeffersonawards](http://toledoblade.com/jeffersonawards).

## COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

### Toledo Health Department:

• **RITE AID:** Drive-thru testing available at the 7225 Airport Highway; Time: Starting 6/4 testing hours will be 10-8 M-F and 10-5 on the Weekend; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com) For Questions: (419) 866-8943; Cost: Free

• **WALMART ON CENTRAL:** Drive-thru testing available at the Walmart Supercenter at 5821 Central Ave, Toledo; **Time:** Testing is available M-W-F from 7 am - 9 am; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at [www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com](http://www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com) For Questions: (866) 697-8378; Cost: Free

• **LABCORP:** Anti-body testing available at 1565 S. Byrne Rd Suite 105, Toledo; **Time:** Testing available Monday-Friday from 7:30 am - 4 pm **Appointment: Order Required, No Appointment Needed.**

• **How Labcorp Works (419-381-1300);** Individuals without an order may have one created at **Labcorp COVID-19 Antibody Testing;** Cost: \$10 if order is purchased from Labcorp website.

• **NHA: NEXUS HEALTHCARE CENTER:** Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Nexus Healthcare Center at 1415 Jefferson Ave;

**Time:** Beginning 4/27; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700; Cost: Free

• **NHA: NAVARRE PARK FAMILY CARE CENTER:** Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Navarre Park Family Care Center at 1020 Varland Ave (Spanish Speakers Available); **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700; Cost: Free

• **CVS:** Drive-thru testing available at the CVS Pharmacy at 2104 S. Byrne Road, Toledo;

**Time:** Testing is available M-F from 9 am - 6 pm, on Sat 9 am - 5 pm, and on Sun 10 am - 5 pm; **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at [www.CVS.com](http://www.CVS.com) For Questions: 419-389-9112 Cost: Free

• **Health Partners of Western Ohio:** Drive-thru and walk-up Drive-thru testing available at the Old West End Site (former Girl Scout Building) at 2244 Collingwood Blvd Toledo;

**Time:** Testing is available M-F from 8:15 am - 4 pm (All Ages); **Appointment: Must have an appointment.** Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 567-318-3900; Cost: Free

• **NEW LOCATION- Toledo Family Pharmacy:** Drive-thru testing available at 324 Main Street, Toledo;

**Time:** Testing is available M/TR: 10am -1 pm, W/F: 1 pm-6 pm, Sat : 11 am-3 pm; **Appointment: Must have an appointment;** Visit [DoINeedACOVID19test.com](http://DoINeedACOVID19test.com) or call 800-635-8611 to schedule an appointment; Cost: Free

### Testing locations for Cleveland:

• **Cleveland Clinic -** Main campus, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Drive-thru. • **Walgreens,** 4281 W. 130<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland; drive-thru, 9am to 5pm. Cleveland

*Ohio Dept of Health: If you have questions regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).*

### Michigan Dept of Human and Health Services

**Questions About COVID-19? Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136.**

**Email COVID19@michigan.gov. Don't Bring COVID-19 Home. Get Tested Today At No Cost.**

Are you or is someone close to you sick or has symptoms? Do you work outside the home? You should get tested for coronavirus. There are many locations where you can get tested at no charge to you. Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, press 1.

**Testing sites in Detroit:** • **CVS Pharmacy at**

**Wayne County Community College;** Drive-thru 1001 W Fort St, Detroit, MI 48226; (313) 412-2160; Appointment Required

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• Tests uninsured individuals Guidelines  
• Insurance accepted.  
• Please call the site to schedule a testing appointment.

### Grand Rapids, MI

• **AFC Urgent Care Grand Rapids TeleCare:** In an effort to minimize the spread of infection, we are now able to provide you with an opportunity to hold a telemedicine video visit with one of our providers. This will allow our providers to facilitate health care virtually without an in-person visit. TeleCare will be available from 8:00am to 8:00pm, 7 days a week. Patients requiring further care will be directed to our clinic or other appropriate health resources, as needed. Most insurance companies have agreed to cover the telemedicine visits for the cost of your typical copay. For those patients who do not have insurance coverage, we are offering the telemedicine visit for \$65.

### AFC URGENT CARE GRAND RAPIDS

**Appointment is Required for COVID Testing.** PHONE: 616-288-2980; 1740 28th Street SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508

• **CVS:** Drug store - Grand Rapids, MI - (616) 514-5602; COVID-19 testing center  
• Appointment required  
• Referral not required  
• Tests limited to certain patients  
• Drive-through

## COVID-19 Update: Vaccine Maintenance Program, Nursing Home Visitation, Phase 1B Medical Conditions

COLUMBUS, Feb. 16, 2021: Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's administration provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

**WEATHER DELAYS:** As a result of continued bad weather, vaccine shipments in Ohio and across the country continue to be delayed. Ohioans with vaccine appointments should confirm that their appointment has not been canceled before leaving home.

**VACCINE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:** Ohio has launched its COVID-19 Vaccine Maintenance Program for nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Each month, facilities can host a vaccine clinic for residents and staff if there is the need for vaccinations. The program ensures that vaccinations in long-term care facilities continue for new residents and staff or current residents and staff who have now decided to be vaccinated.

**NURSING HOME VISITATION:** DeWine has assembled a team of doctors and nurses to develop a plan for safe nursing home visitation. Members of the team are experts in infectious disease control, skilled nursing, and other types of long-term care settings.

Ohio's existing visitation order does allow compassionate care visits. *Examples of compassionate care situations*

*could include:*

- A resident who was living with their family before recently being admitted to a home, is struggling with the change in environment and lack of physical family support.
- A resident who needs cueing and encouragement with eating or drinking, previously provided by family or caregiver(s), is experiencing weight loss or dehydration.
- A resident, who used to talk and interact with others, is experiencing emotional distress, seldom speaking, or crying more frequently.

The Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman is available to assist citizens with questions about compassionate care visits. The office can be reached at [OhioOmbudsman@age.ohio.gov](mailto:OhioOmbudsman@age.ohio.gov) or 1-800-282-1206.

**PHASE 1B MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** Vaccine eligibility has opened up to Ohioans born with the medical conditions outlined below, or those who were diagnosed in early childhood whose conditions continued into adulthood. Following anecdotal reports of individuals with these conditions being denied vaccination appointments, particularly those with *cystic fibrosis*,

**VACCINE DATA COLLECTION:** DeWine has been asking vaccine providers to collect and report accurate and complete



Gov. Mike DeWine

data on vaccine administrations including race, ethnicity, age, and category of eligibility. This information is critical to understanding uptake rates among specific communities or occupations and also helps inform future policy and allocation decisions. The Ohio Department of Health will continue to reach out to all providers to make sure this critical information is being entered into the system.

**CURRENT CASE DATA:** In total, there are 947,389 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 reported in Ohio and 16,611 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 49,061 people have been hospitalized throughout the pandemic, including 7,002 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

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## Johnny Pacheco, an idol in world of salsa, dies at age 85

By SIGAL RATNER-ARIAS and BERENICE BAUTISTA, Associated Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP)—Salsa idol Johnny Pacheco, who was a co-founder of Fania Records, Eddie Palmieri's bandmate and backer of music stars such as Rubén Blades, Willie Colón, and Celia Cruz, died Monday. He was 85.

He had been hospitalized in New York a few days earlier for pneumonia, his wife, Maria Elena "Cuqui" Pacheco, said on the artist's Facebook account.

Fania Records tweeted that the musician was "the man most responsible for the genre of salsa music. He was a visionary and his music will live on eternally."

In a post on his social media, Blades said that "Pacheco leaves us with an important musical legacy, represented by all the collaborations he made during his distinguished career."

Singer Marc Anthony lamented the loss of Pacheco, calling him

"maestro of maestros" and a good friend.

"Your sense of humor was contagious and I am forever grateful for your support, for the opportunity to be in your presence and for your amazing legacy," Anthony wrote.

Pacheco was born March 25, 1935, in the Dominican Republic into a family of musicians. In the 1940s the family moved to New York, where he taught himself to play accordion, violin, saxophone, and clarinet and studied percussion at Juilliard.

In 1954 he formed *The Chuchulecos Boys* with Palmieri on piano, Barry Rogers on trombone and other musicians who would gain renown in the salsa scene, such as *Al Santiago*, *Mike Collazo*, and *Ray Santos*.

But the life-changing moment came in 1963, when Pacheco partnered with attorney Jerry Masucci to found *Fania Records*.

Pacheco was the mu-

sic director, composer, arranger and producer, overseeing the label's genre of music that came to be known as *salsa*—a mixture of Cuban mambo, guaracha and chachacha, Puerto Rican rhythms and Dominican meringue. He received the Latin Recording Academy Music Excellence Award in 2005 and was nominated for multiple Grammys and Latin Grammys.

"His music and legacy will endure forever and continue to inspire music creators around the world," *Gabriel Abaroa Jr.*, president and CEO of the *Latin Recording Academy*, said in a statement.

Pacheco is survived by his wife and their four children.

*Associated Press* writer *Sigal Ratner-Arias* reported this story in *New York* and *AP* writer *Berenice Bautista* reported from *Mexico City*.

## Orchid Show returns to Toledo Zoo

From February 12 - 28, 2021 become immersed in beautiful blooms throughout the ProMedica Museum of Natural History and Aquarium during the *Orchid Show: The Science of Orchids* at the Toledo Zoo. Discover the vibrant colors, delightful scents and interesting backstories of rare and exotic orchids from around the world during this annual event.

In addition to over 1,700 orchids, the three-week show will also include a variety of classes, demonstrations and workshops. With topics ranging from how



allows visitors an Ultraviolet Fluorescence view of orchids, animals and minerals. And the flower power does not stop when the show ends... Order an orchid of your very own from the virtual Plant Sale beginning on February 12. Pick-up will be on Tuesday, March 2 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Toledo Zoo's Orchid Show runs 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from February 12 - 28. The event is included with Zoo admission. For more information, please visit [toledozoo.org/orchidshow](http://toledozoo.org/orchidshow)

to care for orchids to how to photograph one and make your own terrarium, there truly is something for everyone.

New to the Orchid Show, see a "bee's eye view" of what orchids look like to pollinators. This unique experience

## Report: Ohio lawmakers still propose too many crime bills

By ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS, Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Feb. 17, 2021 (AP)—Nearly one of every 10 bills introduced by Ohio lawmakers during the last two-year legislative session were criminal-justice related and at odds with efforts to reduce the state's prison population, according to a report released Wednesday.

The analysis found that 9.4% of all introduced bills either created new crimes, enhanced existing sentences, or expanded current criminal laws, based on findings in

the "Statehouse to Prison Pipeline" report from the American Civil Liberties Union Ohio chapter.

Despite the ongoing trend, the total number of criminal justice bills was lower than in the two previous General Assembly sessions, the report said. The bill introductions come at a time when Ohio prisons remain above capacity, even with lower populations driven by the coronavirus pandemic.

"We cannot arrest, convict, and incarcerate our way out of this crisis,"

said ACLU-Ohio lobbyist Gary Daniels, noting that mass incarceration especially hurts communities of color.

Overall, the study found that 7.4% of 805 bills introduced in the House and 13.3% of Senate introduced bills could add to the prison population. Only nine bills were ultimately passed, including legislation that adds penalties for promoting prostitution and legislation making it illegal to provide abortion-inducing drugs unless a doctor is present.

Hispanics are about **one and one-half times** as likely to have **Alzheimer's or other dementias** as older whites.

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## PREGUNTAS FRECUENTES SOBRE LA VACUNA DEL COVID-19

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## Ohio's Vaccination Program - A Phased Approach

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PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3 - 4
<b>Supply Limited</b> Vaccine is available in limited supply for specific critical populations. Ohio will focus on vaccinating those most at risk, as well as essential healthcare workers and personnel caring for COVID-19 patients. Vaccines will not yet be available for all Ohioans.	<b>Supply Increasing</b> Vaccine is increasing and available for other specific critical populations who choose to be vaccinated. Vaccines will not yet be available for all Ohioans.	<b>Widely Available</b> Once the vaccine is widely available, Ohio will continue to strategically vaccinate Ohioans if they choose. During these phases, vaccines will begin to be available to all Ohioans.

As supply increases, COVID-19 vaccines will be available to all Ohioans who choose to be vaccinated.

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**About Tri-C Access Centers**  
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## La Comisión Hispana/Latina de Michigan cuenta con nuevos Comisionados

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Los nombres de los demás Comisionados de HLCOM, son: *Abril Valdes Stewert, Anthony Rubio, Consuela Barber-Lopez, Esperanza F. Cantu, Florensio Hernández, Jeremiah Hernández, Jesse M. Bernal, Jessica Cruz, Juan Martinez, Juanita Bocanegra, Monica B. Reyes y Sonya Hernández.*

Por otra parte, el Director Ejecutivo de la Comisión dijo que este año se integró al equipo nuevamente Ana Manzano, anteriormente había apoyado a

HLCOM como pasante y asistente de programas, pero ahora que ya se graduó de la Maestría en Trabajo Social por la Universidad de Michigan, regresa como Coordinadora. “Ana será de gran ayuda, la estábamos entrenando para este momento y ahora podemos extender nuestro trabajo en la comunidad gracias a su apoyo”, agregó el entrevistado.

Asimismo, *López-Sustaita* comentó que el 2020 fue un año diferente, pero lograron salir adelante, apoyando arduamente con información sobre la importancia del voto en la comunidad latina, el Censo, orientación y pruebas sobre *el Covid-19* a trabajadores del

campo y por supuesto, realización de juntas y eventos virtuales, entre ellos destaca la entrega de 35 becas a estudiantes de todo el Estado. “Recibimos 200 solicitudes y pudimos otorgar 35 becas de mil dólares cada una. La necesidad de nuestra comunidad es muy grande en estos momentos, por lo que estamos trabajando para tener más fondos en este 2021 y poder ampliar nuestra ayuda”.

Cabe destacar que Felipe López es miembro de la Comisión Bipartidista de Protección de Michigan por lo que trabajará arduamente para llevar información a la comunidad sobre la importancia de la vacuna del *COVID-19*.

Un mensaje importante de Medicare

## La vacuna contra la gripe es más importante que nunca.

### Las vacunas contra la gripe son cubiertas por Medicare.

La gripe puede tener complicaciones graves, en especial para las personas con diabetes, enfermedades cardíacas, y otras afecciones médicas. Vacunarse ahora puede ayudarlo a mantenerse saludable, proteger a otros, y detener la propagación.



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- Servicios de administración de dinero / representante del beneficiario para personas con enfermedades de salud mental severa y discapacidades físicas
- Línea telefónica de información y de referidos en español 211
- Línea de navegación de salud mental y adicción (440-240-7025)
- Interpretación médica y de salud mental (por teléfono) para agencias con contratos
- Difundir información a la comunidad sobre COVID-19
- Distribución de Comida
- Seminarios para compradores de vivienda por primera vez

**Tutoría gratuita - 231Go!** El programa colaborativo de escuelas intermedia de El Centro está ofreciendo tutoría y sesiones de ayuda con la tarea con cita previa. Contamos con tres tutores bilingües disponibles durante todo el año escolar. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Verónica González al 440-277-8235 Ext. 7014.

**10, 11, 17, 18, 24 y 25 de febrero** - Clases de participación de los padres / Padres Comprometidos. Estas clases virtuales son en colaboración con Lorain County Community College y UnidosUS. Las clases serán todos los miércoles y jueves a partir de las 5:00 p.m. a las 6:30 p.m. a través de Zoom y los padres aprenderán habilidades de alfabetización digital, cómo trabajar con sus escuelas para preparar a su hijo para la universidad y más allá, así como otras herramientas importantes. Los talleres se ofrecen en español y terminarán con una celebración familiar. Los padres pueden unirse en cualquier momento durante el período de 4 semanas. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Verónica González al 440-277-8235 Ext. 7014 (folleto adjunto).

**20 y 27 de febrero:** talleres bilingües de educación para compradores de vivienda certificados por HUD: estas clases ayudarán a mejorar la educación financiera de los residentes del condado de Lorain. El Centro está ofreciendo a los compradores de vivienda dos cursos (cuatro horas por clase) enfocados en: Conocimientos financieros (presupuestación y ahorro) y el proceso de propiedad de vivienda para preparar a los participantes en el proceso de compra de vivienda. Las clases se llevarán a cabo a través de Zoom. Para registrarse o para obtener más información, llame a *Maria Carrion* al 440-277-8235.

## Tri-C hosts Three days of COVID-19 Testing Week of March 1

CLEVELAND: Drive-thru COVID-19 testing will be offered three days next week at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) campuses through a partnership with Care Alliance Health Center.



Free testing will take place at Metropolitan Campus in Cleveland on Monday, March 1, and Wednesday, March 3, 2021. Testing will also be offered at Westshore Campus in Westlake on Thursday, March 4.

Testing begins at 11 a.m. each day. No testing will be done after 2 p.m. It is recommended that individuals arrive at least an hour before the site closes in order to get through the line. Testing is completed on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment is necessary.

The testing service is available to area residents as well as Tri-C students, faculty and

staff. The program offers testing to individuals regardless of their symptom status, insurance status or ability to pay. Individuals will not be charged for the test.

A government-issued ID with name and address is required for testing. Those with health coverage are asked to bring their insurance card.

Visit [tri-c.edu/covidtest](http://tri-c.edu/covidtest) or call 216-317-1250 for more information. Metro Campus is located at 2900 Community College Ave. in Cleveland. Westshore Campus is located at 31001 Clemens Road in Westlake.

Individuals can also

call the above number to schedule testing appointments at the Care Alliance Central Clinic, located at 2916 Central Ave. in Cleveland.

Test results are communicated to individuals by phone within approximately one week. Reporting could take longer during periods of high-volume testing.

The opportunities for testing come amidst the continued spread of COVID-19 in Northeast Ohio, the state and the nation. The collaboration with Care Alliance reflects Tri-C's commitment to meeting community needs during the pandemic.

## LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATES

**Story Stop on Facebook Live**  
Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; 6:30 to 7 p.m.  
**Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26; 10:30 a.m.**  
Enjoy stories, songs, and activities from the comfort of your own home. Our songs may feature shaky eggs, rhythm sticks, or scarves. There's a lot of things around your home that you can use to sing and dance. Our storytellers will even recommend some easy and accessible props.

**Tech Troubleshooting While Working or Learning from Home (on Zoom)**  
Tuesday, March 2; 6:30 p.m.  
Learn tips and work-arounds for technology issues with audio, video quality, internet, Zoom and more.

**Cooking with Charlie for Kids (on Facebook)**  
Wednesday, March 3; 10 a.m.  
Learn how to make kid-friendly snacks!

**Baby and Me Story Time on Facebook Live**  
Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 10:30 to 11 a.m.  
This story time is intended for babies, birth through 18 months, or early walkers, with their caregivers.

**Family Food for Thought - How to Read a Recipe (on Zoom)**  
Monday, March 8; 4 to 5 p.m.  
Join us virtually via Zoom from the Main Branch's Culinary Literacy Center as we help build culinary skills for the entire family. This session will teach the basics of food safety. Preregistration required.

**Résumé Writing and Cover Letters (on Zoom)**  
Tuesday, March 9; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Learn about a new free online legal help resource that can make accessing legal information easier for everyone. This is an informational introduction and is not to be used as legal advice. Preregistration required.

**LPLS Zoom Book Discussion - A Gentlemen in Moscow by Amor Towles**  
Wednesday, March 10; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Connect with other readers to discuss great books via Zoom. Registrants are asked to include their email addresses so that Zoom invitations can be sent for this event. Preregistration required.

**Cooking with Charlie for Adults-Pi Day Pie! (on Facebook)**  
Sunday, March 14; 10 a.m.  
In this demonstration, learn how to make a wonderful



no-bake pie, in honor of Pi Day! It's not rational, but certainly delicious!  
**Tuesday, March 16; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom Cookbook Discussion - Delish: Eat Like Every Day's the Weekend by Joanna Saltz**  
If you love to read, cook learn and share recipes, this group is for you. Join us via Zoom to discuss and feel free to virtually "share" a dish from the month's selected cookbook. Hosts will be logging in from the beautiful new Culinary Literacy Center at the Main Library. Registrants are asked to include their email addresses so that Zoom invitations can be sent for this event. Preregistration required.

To join any of our Facebook programs, visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/LorainPublicLibrarySystem>.

Patrons can register for programs offered on Zoom at <https://www.lorainpubliclibrary.org/> events Registrants are asked to include their email addresses so that Zoom invitations can be sent for the event.

## United Way of Greater Lorain County invites community to play in Middle School Themed Competitions to raise funds for Education Initiatives

LORAIN, Feb. 4, 2021: *United Way of Greater Lorain County* is expanding its annual *Spelling Bee* fundraiser to include a history, art, and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) competition.

The event, titled "A Week at the Bee," will feature teams of up to three adults will compete for cash prizes. The gameplay will be pre-recorded virtually and premiere on YouTube during the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>.

"We're excited to be able to take *Spellebrate* to the next level. This annual event is as entertaining as it is impactful, so we're hoping to expand upon both by giving more people an opportunity to participate," said United Way of Greater Lorain County's campaign chair, *Kyle Maurer*. "Some people were hesitant about spelling, so they may have missed out in the past. Now, we have three other ways for people to join the

fun, including History, my personal favorite. Which means one fun day has turned into an entire week, and all for a great cause!"

Team registration is \$60 per competition or \$200 to play in all four competitions. Individual competitions offer a \$240 prize for first place and teams that play in all four competitions will compete to win an additional \$960. Teams will also have the opportunity to crowdfund to earn additional advantages in the competition such as bonus points, hints, and extra time.

All proceeds from the event will be used to support the local United Way's six community collaboratives focused on kindergarten readiness and middle school success in communities throughout Lorain County. In total, the agency's collaborative model combines the efforts and expertise of over 150 cross-sector partners in the areas of health, education, and financial stability.

"Now, more so than ever, collaboration and wrap around services for education are imperative. Our collective impact approach allows us to partner with school districts, social service agencies and physical and mental health providers alike, all in an aligned way to ensure our students are getting all the services they need to thrive," said United Way of Greater Lorain County's president and CEO, *Ryan Aroney*. "The Bee will not only be a lot of fun, it's also a crucial fundraiser that will support our critical work in helping kindergarten and middle school students succeed in school and in life."

For more information about team registration and event sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.loraincounty.org/thebee](http://www.loraincounty.org/thebee) or call 440-277-6530.

To learn more about United Way's education initiatives, visit [www.loraincounty.org/education](http://www.loraincounty.org/education).

## CPL announces closures and community meetings about upcoming construction projects

FEBRUARY 16, 2021: Cleveland Public Library's promise to the



community is coming to fruition. This year, it will renovate or rebuild our branches to improve the Library user experience in each neighborhood.

Construction will begin this Spring. To prepare for the building projects, West Park, Woodland, and Jefferson branches will not reopen for browsing on February 22 with the rest of the Library system. Curbside and walk-up services will be available until 6 p.m. on Friday, April 2. At that time, West Park, Woodland, and Jefferson will close for construction. Patrons are encouraged to visit another Cleveland Public Library location or utilize our books by mail service, Words on Wheels.

"The Facilities Master Plan has been years in the making. Cleveland Public Library is excited to see these much-anti-

ciated projects take shape," remarks John Lang, Chief Operating Officer at Cleveland Public Library.

As part of the process to reimagine our neighborhood branches, Cleveland Public Library is hosting a series of community meetings to learn what people want to see in their future branches and how they plan to use the facilities. The virtual meetings will focus on the design and construction of the following branches: Brooklyn, Eastman, Lorain, Rockport, and Sterling. All community sessions will be held online. The first meeting is for the Eastman Branch project on Thursday, February 18 at 6 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to register.

"Cleveland Public Library wants everyone to be a part of the design process. It's important to us that each branch reflects the needs of the

neighborhoods it serves," Lang adds.

### COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETINGS

**Brooklyn Branch**  
Tuesday, March 2, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Tuesday, March 16, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**Eastman Branch**  
Thursday, February 18, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Thursday, March 4, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Lorain Branch**  
Tuesday, February 23, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Thursday, March 11, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Rockport Branch**  
Thursday, February 25, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Tuesday, March 9, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Sterling Branch**  
Tuesday, March 2, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.; Tuesday, March 16, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Representatives from Vocon, Moody Nolan, CBLH Design, and HBM Architects will be on hand to discuss their research on the community and their inspirations for their respective Library projects.

For the latest information on the Facilities Master Plan, visit [cpl.org](http://cpl.org) or our [coUrbanize project site](http://coUrbanize.com/collections/cpl) [coUrbanize.com/collections/cpl](http://coUrbanize.com/collections/cpl).

## Tri-C President Alex Johnson to chair Achieving the Dream Board

Feb. 24, 2021: Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) President Alex Johnson is taking a lead role in national efforts to close equity gaps and accelerate student success as the new chair of the Achieving the Dream (ATD) board of directors.

ATD leads a network of more than 300 community colleges committed to helping students — particularly low-income students and students of color — meet their academic, career and personal goals.

The nonprofit organization reaches more than 4 million students while working with colleges across the country to advance its comprehensive reform movement for student success.

"From an organization focused on individual students to one concerned with the success of all students through pronounced faculty engagement and whole-college transformation, ATD's evolution has been nothing short of miraculous," Johnson said. "I look forward to working with the outstanding leaders who serve on the Board

of Directors and to helping move the organization forward."

Johnson has served as Tri-C president since 2013 and reshaped the student experience with a strong focus on access, equity and success. Graduation rates and totals have reached record numbers and continue to climb under his guidance.

In 2019, ATD named Tri-C a Leader College of Distinction for achieving higher student outcomes and narrowing equity gaps. It is the highest designation offered to colleges in the ATD network.

Johnson's new leadership role with ATD expands his work on a national level. He recently completed a one-year term as chair of the American Association of Community Colleges board of directors.



Alex Johnson

In addition, he serves on the board for League for Innovation in the Community College, the President's Advisory Committee of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and on a national panel evaluating career and technical education programs for the U.S. Secretary of Education.

Johnson's term as ATD board chair begins Feb. 24. He succeeds Pam Eddinger, president of Bunker Hill Community College in Massachusetts.

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## Cleveland Public Library teams up with Legal Aid to host a series of legal sessions

FEBRUARY 19, 2021: Cleveland Public Library is partnering with The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland to provide free legal advice and education seminars.

The Legal Aid at the Library sessions will be on Facebook Live. Legal Aid attorneys, Cleveland Public Library staff, and special guests will tackle a different topic each month. The first Facebook Live seminar on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 5 p.m. will focus on Immigration with the Refugee Response and Catholic Charities.

### LEGAL AID AT THE LIBRARY

**Immigration**  
Tuesday, February 23 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Guardianship and Mental Health** Tues-



day, March 30 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Record Sealing**  
Tuesday, April 27 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The March 30 seminar on guardianship and mental health will include guests from NAMI Lorain and the Reminger law firm.

The Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office and the Office of Reentry will join the April 27 conversation on record sealing. We will highlight changes to record sealing law that go into in early April and the new application process

through the Office of Reentry.

"Knowing your rights makes our communities stronger. These seminars will help people understand our legal system, learn which questions to ask to seek meaningful answers, as well as, how to fight for better treatment," remarks Aaron Mason, Director of Community Engagement at Cleveland Public Library. "We invite everyone to join us."

For more information on programming at Cleveland Public Library, visit [cpl.org/events/classes/](http://cpl.org/events/classes/).

## CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY REOPENS TO VISITORS FOR BROWSING

**WHAT** Most Cleveland Public Library locations will reopen their doors to visitors for browsing. Curbside and walk-up services will still be provided. West Park, Woodland, and Jefferson branches will only offer curbside and walk-up services until 6 p.m. on Friday, April 2 when all operations will cease for construction. The Public Administration Library (PAL) will remain closed due to limited hours at City Hall. Due to the public health threat of COVID-19, patrons are required to wear face coverings and maintain social distance. Our neighborhood branches will limit capacity and seating, as well as require visitors to limit their visits to one hour and 15 minutes to ensure everyone has access to the Library.



**WHERE** All Cleveland Public Library locations

**WHEN** Monday, February 22, 2021

## Online Workforce Training Course offered through Tri-C Access Centers

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) is offering an online *Workforce Success* course this spring to expand community access to education and job training during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The course is designed to sharpen skills necessary to succeed in the workplace while providing an introduction to the College and its resources. It is part of the ongoing Tri-C Access Center initiative. The session begins March 17, 2021.

**Participants will:**

- Earn college credit;
  - Identify and boost employable skills;
  - Get help with career planning, resumé writing and job searching;
  - Improve study, time management and problem-solving skills.
- Instruction materials will be available



online for self-paced review, with morning and evening instructor-led sessions at designated times during the week.

The Workforce Success course is open to the community and offered in partnership with Tri-C Access Center hosts. The course is offered at no cost to participants through scholarship funding. Visit [tri-c.edu/accesscenters](http://tri-c.edu/accesscenters) to register or learn more.

to bring education and job training to neighborhoods gripped by poverty. The sites open doors to opportunity by bringing the college experience into the community.

Partners include: *Esperanza Inc.; The MetroHealth System; Olivet Housing and Community Development Corp., an arm of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church; and Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority.*

## El Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Lorain brinda una oportunidad de recuperación

Los familiares, amigos y compañeros de trabajo de alguien que usa drogas opioides deben tener a la mano un kit de rescate Narcan, al igual que cualquier persona que se esté recuperando de un problema de opioides. Narcan (naloxona) es un medicamento que detiene y revierte una sobredosis de opioides.

“Salvar la vida de alguien con Narcan brinda una oportunidad para que esa persona busque la recuperación”, dijo David Covell, MPH, RS, Comisionado de Salud de Lorain County Public Health (LCPH). “Obtener el apoyo de otras personas ayuda a alguien con adicción a buscar y alcanzar la recuperación”. En 2020, LCPH distribuyó 932 kits de rescate de Narcan a los residentes del condado de Lorain para prevenir las sobredosis de opioides. Los informes muestran que esos kits de rescate de Narcan salvaron a 140 personas de morir por una sobredosis. Estos kits salvaron la vida de la hija, la madre, el padre, el hijo o el amigo de alguien. En 2020, 120 seres queridos perdieron la vida como resultado de una sobredosis de opioides.



La pandemia de COVID-19 deja vulnerables a las personas con trastornos por abuso de sustancias. LCPH mantiene su compromiso de frenar la propagación de COVID-19 en el condado de Lorain mientras continúa sirviendo de manera segura a las personas más vulnerables. Para seguir brindando oportunidades de recuperación, LCPH ahora ofrece capacitación Narcan virtualmente y kits de rescate Narcan disponibles por correo.

**Quienes deseen prevenir una muerte por sobredosis de opioides pueden solicitar un kit de rescate Narcan sin costo en [LorainCountyHealth.com/opioids](http://LorainCountyHealth.com/opioids).** Recibirán entrenamiento de Narcan en línea y deberá enviar una solicitud para obtener por correo un kit de rescate de Narcan. **O visita LCPH para recibir entrenamiento Narcan y recoger un kit de rescate Narcan. Acude a 9880 Murray Ridge Road en Elyria de lunes a viernes de 8a.m. a 4p.m. Comunícate al 440-322-6367** para programar una cita fuera del horario de atención.

Otro recurso durante este tiempo de interacciones sociales limitadas incluye la línea de llamada “Never Use Alone”. Si tienes un ser querido que usa drogas, infórmale sobre la línea telefónica “Never Use Alone” al marcar 800-484-3731. Un operador permanece en la línea y se comunica con los servicios de emergencia si la persona que llama no responde. Este recurso proporciona otra forma de salvar vidas y brindar oportunidades de recuperación.

En este momento, más personas se quedan en casa y trabajan desde ahí. Protege a tus seres queridos y compañeros de casa, guarda los analgésicos recetados de forma segura. Guarda los medicamentos en el envase original y fuera de la vista. Mantén el medicamento en un recipiente con llave, en un armario o cajón seguro para medicamentos, fuera del alcance de los niños y las mascotas. Si tienes medicamentos sobrantes, desecha de manera segura las píldoras restantes. Consulta con la comisaría de policía local para encontrar un lugar para dejar los medicamentos no utilizados.

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## Lorain County Public Health provides a chance for recovery

Family members, friends and coworkers of someone who uses opioid drugs should have a Narcan rescue kit on hand, as should anyone in recovery from an opioid problem. Narcan (naloxone) is a medication that stops and reverses an opioid overdose.

“Saving someone’s life with Narcan provides a chance for that person to seek recovery,” said David Covell, MPH, RS, health commissioner at Lorain County Public Health (LCPH). “Getting support from others helps a person with addiction seek and reach recovery.” In 2020, LCPH distributed 932 Narcan rescue kits to Lorain County residents to prevent opioid overdoses. Reports shows that those Narcan rescue kits saved 140 individuals from dying from an opioid overdose. These kits saved the life of someone’s daughter, mother, father, son or friend. In 2020, 120 loved ones lost their lives as a result of an opioid overdose.

The COVID-19 pandemic leaves people with substance abuse disorders especially vulnerable. LCPH remains committed to slowing the spread of COVID-19 in Lorain County while continuing to safely serve people that are most vulnerable. To continue providing chances for recovery, LCPH now offers Narcan training virtually and Narcan rescue kits available by mail.

**Someone who wants to prevent an opioid overdose death can place an order for a no-cost Narcan rescue kit at [LorainCountyHealth.com/opioids](http://LorainCountyHealth.com/opioids).** Then, you’ll get online Narcan training and submit a request to get a Narcan rescue kit mailed to you. **Or, visit LCPH to get Narcan training and pick up a Narcan rescue kit. Come to 9880 Murray Ridge Road in Elyria on weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 440-322-6367 to make an appointment after hours.**

Another resource during this time of limited social interactions includes the “Never Use Alone” call line. If you have a loved one that uses drugs, tell them about the “Never Use Alone” call line, available at 800-484-3731. An operator stays on the line and contacts emergency services if the caller becomes unresponsive. This resource provides another way to save lives and provide chances for recovery.

At this time, more people are staying home and working from home. Protect loved ones and housemates - store prescription pain medications safely. Store medications in the original container and out of sight. Keep medication in a locked container, drug-safe cabinet or drawer – out of reach of children and pets. If you have leftover medication, safely dispose of the remaining pills. Check with your local police station to find a drop-off location for unused medication.

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## Xochitl Güel: 2nd generation assists *Tessera and Associates* in bilingual tax preparations

By La Prensa Staff

*Tessera and Associates*, 3237 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, will continue to offer bilingual [English and Spanish] tax preparation services this year, but there's a new face supplementing the accounting and tax needs of Spanish-speaking clients.

Xochitl Güel is the daughter of *Tessera's* office manager—she has assumed the bilingual tax preparation assistance, at least until she gives birth to her second child. Ms. Güel called it an office in transition, between wrapping up year-end duties for business clients and preparing for another busy tax season.

She has some early advice for a good start to the tax preparation process: "As soon as you get W-2's and other related tax documents, get them in order, keep them in a folder...and then come to us for final preparation," advises Ms. Güel.

But the biggest change this tax season for clients won't be personnel. Instead, it will be changes in services necessitated by the *coronavirus pandemic*. There will be fewer, if any, in-person client appointments to keep everyone safe. Instead, *drop-off services* will be used.

"It's unfortunate we won't be able to take as



Xochitl Güel and Maria Rangel

many in-person clients this year, but it's a necessary precaution because of *COVID-19*," says Ms. Güel. "What we're really going to need is for clients to have their paperwork and proper I.D. ready and prior to dropping-off the documents for our final tax preparation. Because of the pandemic, we will be using telephone communication more with the client."

*Tessera and Associates* realizes clients may be more desperate for their tax refund in 2021 as the pandemic continues to cost people jobs and income. The \$600 assist from the second federal relief package is a lot less than the first package passed by Congress, so making ends meet will continue to be a struggle.

"I would say it's more crucial than in previous years, because we don't have the luxury of being able to be flexible in meeting with people in person," said Ms. Güel. "If any questions come up, we'll try to take them as they come. Not as easy as

when you're not doing things face-to-face."

Her mom *Maria Rangel* will be on hand occasionally as a part-time bilingual tax preparer and to provide any additional translation services. But she'll retreat to play grandma and daycare provider when Ms. Güel returns from a few weeks of maternity leave.

Ms. Güel looks forward to assisting the clients of *Tessera* so that the needs of Spanish-speaking taxpayers will be realized.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

As a side note, Ms. Güel and her two sisters are named after Aztec goddesses. "*Xochitl*" means "flower." There is even a symbol on the Aztec calendar. The name is not common in Mexico, but is well-recognized in Central America, because it is part of the Aztec Indian language (*Nahuatl*), not Spanish. Her two sisters are named after the goddesses of the Earth and moon and stars.

## Democrats consider piecemeal approach to immigration reform

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, Feb. 18, 2021 (AP)—After decades of failed attempts to pass comprehensive immigration legislation, congressional Democrats and President Joe Biden are signaling openness to a piece-by-piece approach.

They unveiled a broad bill Thursday that would provide an eight-year pathway to citizenship for 11 million people living in the country without legal status. There are other provisions, too, but the Democrats are not talking all-or-nothing.

"Even though I support full, comprehensive immigration reform, I'm ready to move on piecemeal, because I don't want to end up with good intentions on my hands and not have anything," said Texas Rep. *Henry Cuellar*. "I'd rather have progress."

The Democrats' legislation reflects the broad priorities for immigration changes that Biden laid out on his first day in office, including an increase in visas, more money to process asylum applications, new technology at the southern border and funding for economic development in Latin American countries.

But advocates for expansive immigration say they could pursue smaller bills focused on citizenship for groups such as young immigrants brought to the U.S. by their parents as children, for agricultural workers and other essential labor.

"I know what it's like to lose on big bills and small bills. The fear that people have experienced in the last four years deserves every single opportunity, every single bill to remedy," said *Greisa Martinez Rosas*, executive director for *United We Dream*, an immigration advocacy group.

"The biggest thing here is that we're going to get something across

the finish line, because not doing so is not an option."

The broad legislation—which includes a pathway to citizenship, but not much in the way of the enhanced border security that's typically offered to win Republican votes—pfaces long odds with Democrats holding only a slender majority in Congress.

Even before the new bill was unveiled, Democrats were reining in expectations for their final result. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman *Dick Durbin* has said that any final Senate bill likely "will not reach the same levels" as Biden's proposal.

Indeed, comprehensive bills negotiated by bipartisan teams of lawmakers failed multiple times during Republican George W. Bush's administration and again in 2013 during Democrat Barack Obama's.

Republican Donald Trump signed legislation that increased border security, and took executive action to restrict legal immigration to the U.S. and remove some protections for immigrants living in the country set by Obama. Biden has signed a number of executive orders rolling back some of the Trump restrictions, but he promised throughout his campaign and transition that immigration overhaul would be a top priority.

Cuellar, who was in office for most of those early, failed attempts, said many in the *Congressional Hispanic Caucus* are still committed to a comprehensive overhaul. He said the White House reached out to him and he advised them to start with a broad bill, but he added that "reality is going to hit people, hopefully," and more lawmakers will get on board with a more incremental approach.

*Tom Jawetz*, vice president for immigration policy at the *Center for American Progress*, said that Biden's decades of experience in the Senate have given him a realistic view of what's possible.

"He also knows how to

count votes, and he knows what it takes to get legislation across the line," he said. "And so I think there is real energy behind pressing forward on all fronts and seeing what shakes out."

Democrats have a third option: using a parliamentary maneuver to attach some immigration items to a budget bill, which would then require just 51 votes to pass. Advocates have been pressing the new administration to consider attaching a pathway to citizenship for some to an economic stimulus package that they're expected to introduce after they've passed the *COVID-19* bill. That approach would almost certainly face a strong procedural challenge.

"The ultimate goal is to make sure that 2022 doesn't come around, and we have done nothing on immigration for another Congress," said *Jawetz*.

Democrats have expressed optimism that this time will be different not just because of the shift in strategy, but also because they say the politics of the issue have changed. They point to support from business groups for reform, and they note that Latinos are not a monolithic Democratic voting bloc, given that Trump improved his showing with Latino voters in the 2020 election.

*Martinez Rosas* said that if Congress fails to take action on reform, it will "absolutely" be a problem for Democrats in elections in 2022 and beyond.

"This will be the fight, the defining fight," she said. "The difference between now and in 2013, is that the progressive movement is unified around the acknowledgment that immigration is a must-fix issue."

AP writer *Alan Fram* contributed reporting.

## Air Force awards UToledo \$12.5 million

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University of Illinois at Chicago on a U.S. Department of Energy-funded project to improve the voltage and power produced by cadmium-telluride-based solar cells.

UToledo's Wright Center for Photovoltaics Innovation and Commercialization is a founding member of an organization called the U.S. Manufacturing of Advanced Perovskites Consortium, which is focused on moving a breakthrough new technology out of the lab and into the marketplace to enhance economic and national security. Partners include the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo.; Washington Clean Energy Testbeds at the University of Washington;

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and six domestic companies that are working to commercialize the technology.

The University created the Wright Center for Photovoltaics Innovation and Commercialization in January 2007 with an \$18.6 million award from the Ohio Department of Development in response to a proposal led by *Dr. Robert Collins*, Distinguished University Professor and NEG Endowed Chair of Silicate and Materials Science. Matching contributions of \$30 million from federal agencies, universities and industrial partners helped to launch the center, which works to strengthen the photovoltaics and manufacturing base in Ohio through materials and design innovation.

"Solar electricity now competes economically with fossil-fueled and nuclear electricity while avoiding significant atmospheric carbon emissions which drive climate change," Ellingson said.

"UToledo has assisted in driving down the cost of solar," Heben said. "Over the past 15 years the cost of solar has been reduced by a factor of 10, while the amount of solar annually deployed has grown by a factor of 100, currently amounting to about 2% of the U.S. electricity supply. Importantly, the transition to clean solar electricity that is occurring also is creating tremendous new job growth opportunities in many parts of our economy."

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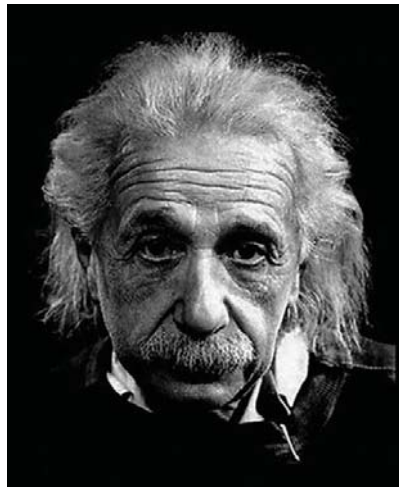
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**Invitation for Bids Lawn Care Services AMP 121 Communities IFB21 – B009**

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**LA JUNTA ELECTORAL DEL CONDADO DE CUYAHOGA  
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CLEVELAND: Habrá una elección especial que se llevará a cabo el 16 de marzo de 2021 en el municipio de *Mayfield*. Los votantes decidirán dos propuestas de enmiendas a los estatutos que crearán límites en los términos de los mandatos para el alcalde de *Mayfield* y los miembros del Consejo de *Mayfield*.

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L-V *	marzo 8 – marzo 12	8:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.
sábado	marzo 13	8:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.
domingo	marzo 14	1:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m.
lunes	marzo 15	8:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.

\*L-V denotan lunes a viernes.

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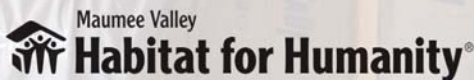
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**Calling Women Artists**

MANISTEE, MI, Feb. 25, 2021: The afterglow of the *Stay Safe Face Mask Project* and *Exhibit* inspires the *Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts* to continue engaging local and regional artists.

*Lynn Williams* and *Mary Wahr* will curate the next show, an all-woman art show titled *SOUL SISTERS*.

"This show is a call out to all women of any age who have a creative soul and would like to share their inspiration with the community. Through the arts, we can all be *Soul Sisters*."

The Ramsdell is currently accepting entries are by anyone who identifies as a woman. *Entries are due March 5, 2021*. Up to two pieces of art can be submitted for a \$20.00 fee. The exhibit launches on March 12 and runs through April 16. More details can be found at [www.RamsdellTheatre.org/SoulSisters-Exhibit](http://www.RamsdellTheatre.org/SoulSisters-Exhibit)

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**6 pies**

Mantenga al menos 6 pies (aproximadamente la longitud de 2 brazos) de distancia de otras personas.

Cúbrase con un pañuelo desechable la nariz y la boca al toser o estornudar, luego bótelos en la basura y lávese las manos.

Cuando esté en un lugar público, use una mascarilla que cubra su nariz y boca.

Evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca.

Limpie y desinfecte los objetos y superficies que se tocan con frecuencia.

Quédese en casa cuando esté enfermo, excepto para recibir atención médica.

Lávese las manos frecuentemente con agua y jabón por al menos 20 segundos.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## Mask up, Mask right

A face mask is defined as a tightly woven cloth or other multi-layer absorbent material that closely covers an individual's mouth and nose. Here are some guidelines to help you choose the most effective face mask.

### Recommended



**Masks that fit properly** (snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face)



**Masks with two or three layers**



**Masks made with tightly woven fabric** (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source)



**Masks with inner filter pockets**



**Non-medical disposable masks**



**Masks made with breathable fabric** (such as cotton)

### Not Recommended



**Masks that do not fit properly** (large gaps, too loose or too tight)



**Masks with one layer**



**Masks made from loosely woven fabric or that are knitted** (i.e., fabrics that let light pass through)



**Masks with exhalation valves or vents**



**Masks made from materials that are hard to breathe through** (such as plastic or leather)



**Wearing a scarf/ski mask as a mask**

#### Need help getting a mask?

Residents can pick up a free mask from partner sites across the state, including most local MDHHS offices and Community Action Agencies. Find a distribution site or call the COVID-19 hotline at 1-888-535-6136.



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