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Tri-C announces plans to bring students back to campuses for Fall Semester

CLEVELAND: Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) will resume in-person classes on a limited basis this fall, with most courses being offered online given ongoing uncertainties created by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Up to 40% of Tri-C's Fall 2020 courses will take place at its campuses and training locations. Most of these courses involve hands-on training that require face-to-face instruction and access to specialized equipment.

The return will come with noticeable changes to campus life, including social distancing protocols and health monitoring to safeguard students, faculty, staff and the community.

The majority of fall courses, however, will take place online — a decision that allows most Tri-C students to limit their potential exposure to the coronavirus while continuing to work toward graduation.

"Our goal is for students to progress in their studies safely and without disruption," Tri-C President Alex Johnson said. "With this mix of

in-person and online courses, we've tried to balance an on-campus college experience with necessary precautions."

The College shifted all classes online for the final months of spring semester as Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine declared a State of Emergency. Tri-C followed that by moving summer classes online to build upon efforts to halt the COVID-19 outbreak.

The College expanded its technological infrastructure to meet those online academic demands, creating more robust platforms that will enhance future e-learning.

Fall semester online courses will be offered in a variety of formats, including:

- Online classes with set meeting times. Days



and times will be posted in the course registration system and will appear on the schedule. Attendance and participation in these virtual sessions is important and required.

- Online classes with no set meeting times. These classes do not require virtual sessions with the instructor. This option is the most flexible, allowing students to complete coursework within deadlines based upon their schedules and availability.

- Online classes with some on-site components. These classes take place primarily online but

require some on-campus sessions in order to use specialized equipment or lab facilities.

Registration is open for Tri-C's Fall 2020 semester. Such classes begin Aug. 24, 2020. Visit tri-c.edu or call the Enrollment Center at 216-987-6000 for more information.

More details on the phased reopening of College campuses and sites will be made available to students and the community later this summer. Adjustments may be made if deemed appropriate by public health officials.

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Sweeping change in US views of police violence

By KAT STAFFORD and HANNAH FINGERHUT, Associated Press

DETROIT (AP): A dramatic shift has taken place in the nation's opinions on policing and race, as a new poll finds that more Americans today than five years ago believe police brutality is a very serious problem that too often goes undisciplined and unequally targets black Americans.

The new findings from *The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research* suggest the death of *George Floyd* and the weeks of nationwide and global protests that followed have changed perceptions in ways that previous incidents of police brutality did not.

About half of US-American adults now say police violence against the public is a "very" or "extremely" serious problem, up from about a third as recently as September last year. Only about 3 in 10 said the same in July 2015, just a few months after *Freddie Gray*, a black man, died in police custody in Baltimore.

In the latest poll, roughly 3 in 10 said police violence is a moderately serious problem. Those who say it is not a serious problem has declined from a third in 2015 to about 2 in 10 today.

Floyd, a black man, died in late May after a police officer in Minneapolis pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for several minutes. Experts say the dramatic change in opinion about police violence that has followed is an indication the country is grappling with how to confront centuries of structural racism and inequity.

"I have long argued that we cannot have a racial reconciliation in the United States because there's not been an admission of what has gone on," said *Wornie Reed*, director of the Race and Social Policy Research Center at Virginia Tech. "The nation is constructed on (racism). It's not an accident

or something that America decided to do on the way to its greatness. It's the means by which it became great."

The new AP-NORC poll finds that more US-Americans now think police in most communities are more likely to use deadly force against a black person than a white person, 61%, up from 49% in July 2015. Only about a third say the race of a person does not make a difference in the use of deadly force against them, compared with roughly half in 2015.

And Americans are far more likely now than they were five years ago to say that police officers who cause injury or death in the course of their job are treated too leniently by the justice system, 65% vs. 41%, rather than too harshly or fairly. Fewer now think they're treated either fairly or too harshly.

Changes in opinions about social issues are more often slow and incremental, said *Jennifer Benz*, the deputy director of the AP-NORC Center. Benz said such significant changes can often indicate meaningful or lasting change has taken place in public awareness and attitudes.

"The data show noteworthy changes of a magnitude we don't see very often, especially on longstanding cultural or social issues," Benz said. "While this poll was certainly conducted at a moment of tremendous attention on racism in our society, we have empirical signals from other data to suggest that these changes are not purely a reaction to the current events."

Among white Americans, 39% call police violence against the public a very serious problem, up from 19% in 2015, while 35% say it's moderately serious. Most black Americans continue to say police violence is a very



Photo by Joshua Ball

serious problem.

The poll also found that 51% of black Americans say they have been unfairly treated by a police officer because of their race, compared with just 6% of white Americans.

That includes Mississippi resident *Sandra Smith*, who said she and many others she knows have had uncomfortable encounters with police over the years. Smith also feels many white Americans are unaware of the fear or anxiety black Americans experience in those interactions.

"I think it has reached its boiling point and I say that it's like a volcano that was waiting to erupt," said Smith, a 61-year-old black woman. "And looking back on 400 years of oppression of African Americans and the atrocities that we had to face to try to even make it in this country, when you look at all those things, the rights that were not given to the black man, those things build up."

The poll finds about 6 in 10 US-Americans say racism is a "very" or "extremely" serious problem in this country. Nine in 10 black Americans, and about 6 in 10 white Americans, say that.

Majorities of US-Americans across racial groups say police use of deadly force is more common against a black person, including 92% of black Americans and 54% of white Americans. Five years ago, just 39% of white Americans said police were more likely to use deadly force against a

black person.

Separate from use of deadly force, the poll also finds about 7 in 10 Americans say white people are treated more fairly in dealing with the police in general, while about a quarter say the race of a person does not make a difference. Nine in 10 black Americans and 7 in 10 white Americans say white people are treated more fairly.

"My eyes have been opened in the last month of how serious the problem really is," said *Jeffrey Boord-Dill*, a 62-year-old white man, who lives in Kentucky. "I think it was a problem before now, but not nearly on the level that I see today, and having people of color tell their stories and putting myself in their shoes from those stories, I can't imagine how damn tired everybody is of walking out the door and wondering if they're going to come home or not. That, in this country, is inexcusable."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Fingerhut reported from Washington. AP video journalist Noreen Nasir in Chicago contributed to this report.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,301 adults was conducted June 11-15 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.7 percentage points.

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Supreme Ct. decision spotlights GOP divide over LGBT rights

By ALAN FRAM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, June 17, 2020 (AP): Democrats flooded Twitter and email inboxes this week with praise for the watershed Supreme Court decision shielding gay, lesbian and transgender people from job discrimination. Republicans not so much.

The court's 6-3 ruling came just two days after an event that played out in the opposite direction. Freshman GOP Rep. *Denver Riggleman*, who'd officiated at a same-sex wedding, lost his party's nomination in a conservative Virginia district.

The two developments underscored an election-year challenge facing the GOP: to reconcile broad national support for LGBT protections, even among many Republicans, with fervent opposition from some of the party's die-hard conservative voters.

On Election Day, that question will be easily overshadowed by the moribund economy, the coronavirus pandemic, the interaction between race and violent police tactics and by Trump himself. Still, the week's events point to a culture-war schism in the GOP that Democrats are happy to exploit, even as Republicans struggle to prevent moderate suburban voters from deserting them.

"This is something suburban voters support," said GOP pollster *Glen Bolger*. "And that is a group that Republicans are having challenges with."

Polling illustrates the GOP's dilemma.

In a December survey by *The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research*, 62% of Americans overall said they backed banning discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender people in workplaces, housing and schools.

That included around 3 in 4 Democrats and nearly half of Republicans. That's a turnaround from more negative feelings people had two decades ago.

"Wake up, my Republican friends, the times, they are a-changing," Senate Minority Leader *Chuck Schumer*, D-N.Y., said Tuesday.

Yet just 33% of white evangelical Protestants said they supported prohibiting broad LGBT discrimination. In a September 2019 survey by the nonpartisan *Pew Research Center*, 61% of Americans said making same-sex marriage legal was good for society while 72% of white evangelical Protestants said it was bad.

Those voters are a crucial GOP bloc, especially in rural districts, and party leaders cross them at their own peril. The Supreme Court ruled in 2015 that the Constitution ensures a right for same-sex couples to marry.

"It's decided law" but some Republicans are using same-sex marriage as a "divisive political tool," said *Jeri Ann Henry*, who resigned last year as executive director of *Log Cabin Republicans*, which represents LGBT members of the party.

Henry, a GOP strategist, said the battle over the issue is "the exact thing that will further alienate suburban and independent voters."

Within hours of Monday's Supreme Court ruling, Democratic lawmakers unleashed a flood of statements hailing it. GOP reaction was harder to find, with top Republicans like Senate Majority Leader *Mitch McConnell*, R-Ky., mum.

Notably, praise came from two moderate GOP senators, Alaska's *Lisa Murkowski* and Maine's *Susan Collins*.

"All Americans deserve a fair opportunity to pursue the American dream," tweeted *Collins*, a four-term senator in her toughest reelection race. She called the decision "a major advancement for LGBTQ rights."

Collins' likely Democratic opponent, *Sara Gideon*, tweeted that the decision showed *Collins* "will continue to be a reliable vote for Trump's anti-LGBTQ+ nominees." *Gideon's* focus was *Collins'* pivotal 2018 vote to confirm *Brett Kavanaugh*, which Democrats consider a major vulnerability for *Collins*. *Kavanaugh* voted against this week's court ruling.

Other Republicans were less receptive to the court's decision.

Carrie Severino, president of the conservative *Judicial Crisis Network*, suggested the ruling would motivate conservative voters eager to ensure that Congress, not courts, control the law.

"The Supreme Court is always a hugely important issue to conservatives," *Severino* said Tuesday.

If the court's ruling wasn't painful enough for Republicans, the opinion was written by Justice *Neil Gorsuch*, Trump's first Supreme Court appointee. Trump administration lawyers had argued on the side of employers who opposed lifting the discrimination ban.

Trump has voiced support for LGBTQ rights and

appointed openly gay *Richard Grenell* to be acting director of national intelligence, though he's since been replaced.

But Trump has also appointed numerous federal judges who opposed LGBTQ rights and rolled back federal protections for transgender people. And the GOP has embraced its 2016 party platform anew for this year's campaign, a document that "condemns the Supreme Court's lawless ruling" that legalized same-sex marriage.

"Donald Trump has racked up some firsts, and that sets the tone in the Republican Party," said *Charles Moran*, managing director of *Log Cabin Republicans*. But he added, "There are definitely battles we still need to fight in some heartland areas" of the country.

Riggleman learned that firsthand last weekend. His short-circuited attempt to be renominated to Congress demonstrated that while religious conservatives have gotten more attention lately for opposing abortion, battling same-sex marriage resonates for many.

A member of the hard-right *House Freedom Caucus*, *Riggleman* was endorsed by Trump and evangelical leader *Jerry Falwell Jr.*

But he was defeated Saturday at a GOP nominating convention in rural Virginia that, amid the pandemic, was conducted by delegates who voted by driving up to a church near his opponent's home. It was the only polling location in a district that sprawls from northern Virginia to the North Carolina border.

Riggleman officiated at a wedding last summer of two of his male friends and campaign aides. He said that during Saturday's voting, a constituent asked him to repent for conducting that wedding. He said he responded he had nothing to repent for.

Riggleman said younger Republicans and those who've served in military like himself don't see gay marriage as an issue. He said if the GOP wants religious liberties protected, it must embrace civil liberties, too.

"If we can't get over how other people live, I think the Republican Party is dead in Virginia," *Riggleman* said. And he voiced no regrets for officiating at the wedding.

"I wouldn't change a damn thing," he said.

AP writers *Emily Swanson* in Washington, *Alan Suderman* in Richmond, Virginia, and *Elana Schor* in New York contributed to this report.

EEUU amonesta a 3 compañías sobre pruebas caseras de COVID

Por MATTHEW PERRONE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, 17 VI 21 (AP): Reguladores de salud de Estados Unidos le enviaron cartas de advertencia a tres compañías por vender pruebas caseras de sangre para detectar el coronavirus, diciéndoles que no se ha demostrado que los productos diagnosticuen el COVID-19 de forma segura y precisa.

En las misivas, la Administración de Alimentos y Medicamentos (FDA) por sus iniciales en inglés les dijo a las empresas que sus productos son ilegales porque la agencia no los ha revisado para su uso en casa. A pesar de que la FDA ha aprobado algunas pruebas de diagnóstico que permiten a los pacientes recolectar muestras de saliva en su vivienda, no ha otorgado permisos para que alguno de estos análisis sea utilizado

exclusivamente en forma casera.

Las pruebas en casa conllevan riesgos debido a que los usuarios podrían manejar mal la muestra o interpretar erróneamente los resultados.

Entre las compañías que recibieron la advertencia de la FDA están: *Medakit Ltd.* de Hong Kong, *Antibodiescheck.com* de Emiratos Árabes Unidos y *Sonrisa Family Dental* de Chicago.

En la misiva dirigida a la empresa de Chicago se hace referencia a publicaciones en internet en las que promueve "pruebas de diagnóstico de COVID en 15 minutos para toda la familia!" Entre otras violaciones, la compañía afirmó falsamente que sus productos estaban "aprobados por la FDA" y utilizó el logotipo de la agencia sin autorización, informó ésta.

"La FDA no tolerará dicha conducta, y seguiremos monitoreando

las pruebas que se venden en Estados Unidos", dijo el doctor *Jeffrey Shuren*, director de dispositivos médicos de la FDA, en un comunicado.

Las compañías no respondieron de inmediato a correos electrónicos y llamadas telefónicas para solicitarles sus comentarios.

Las cartas de advertencia no son legalmente vinculantes, pero el gobierno puede demandar a las empresas que las ignoren. Las misivas les otorgan a las compañías un plazo de 48 horas para reportar la manera en que corregirán las violaciones.

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Businesses, colleges plead with Trump to preserve work visas

By PHILIP MARCELO, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP): Gregory Minott came to the U.S. from his native Jamaica more than two decades ago on a student visa and was able to carve out a career in architecture thanks to temporary work visas.

Now a U.S. citizen and co-founder of a real estate development firm in Boston, the 43-year-old worries that new restrictions on student and work visas expected to be announced as early as this week will prevent others from following a similar path to the American dream.

"Innovation thrives when there is cultural, economic and racial diversity," Minott said. "To not have peers from other countries collaborating side by side with US-Americans is going to be a setback for the country. We learned from Americans, but Americans also learn from us."

Minott is among the business leaders and academic institutions large and small pleading with President Donald Trump to move cautiously as he eyes expanding the temporary visa restrictions he imposed in April.

They argue that cutting off access to talented foreign workers will only further disrupt the economy and stifle innovation at a time when it's needed most. But influential immigration hardliners normally aligned with Trump have been calling for stronger action after his prior visa restrictions didn't go far enough for them.

Trump, who has used the coronavirus crisis to push through many of his stalled efforts to curb both legal and illegal immigration, imposed a 60-day pause on visas for foreigners seeking permanent residency on April 22. But the order included a long list of exemptions and didn't address the hundreds of thousands of temporary work and student visas issued each year.

Republican senators, including Tom Cotton of

Arkansas and Ted Cruz of Texas, argue that all new guest worker visas should be suspended for at least 60 days or until unemployment has returned to normal levels.

"Given the extreme lack of available jobs," the senators wrote in a letter to Trump last month, "it defies common sense to admit additional foreign guest workers to compete for such limited employment."

Trump administration officials have been debating how long the forthcoming order should remain in place and which industries should be exempted, including those working in health care and food production.

But the White House has made it clear it's considering suspending H-1B visas for high-skilled workers; H-2B visas for seasonal workers and L-1 visas for employees transferring within a company to the U.S.

In recent weeks, businesses and academic groups have also been voicing concern about possible changes to *Optional Practical Training*, a relatively obscure program that allows some 200,000 foreign students—mostly from China and India—to work in the country each year.

Created in 1947, OPT authorizes international students to work for up to one year during college or after graduation. Over the last decade, the program has been extended for those studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics so that they can now work for up to three years.

While congressional Republicans have been some of the strongest supporters of eliminating the program, 21 GOP House lawmakers argued in a letter to the Trump administration this month that OPT is necessary for the country to remain a destination for international students. They said foreign students and their families pump more than \$40 billion annually into the economy even though the students represent just 5.5% of U.S. college enrollments.

Michael Crow, president of Arizona State University, which has one of the largest international student populations in the country at more than 13,000, said opponents of OPT are simply anti-immigrant.

"They don't believe the data. They don't believe the facts," he said. "It's a narrow view. It's an incomplete view about how to drive economic growth."

Critics counter that OPT gives companies a financial incentive to hire foreigners over Americans because they don't have to pay certain federal payroll taxes.

The program also lacks oversight and has become a popular path for foreigners seeking to gain permanent legal status, said Jessica Vaughan, policy director at the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington group advocating for strict immigration limits.

"The government does not require that there be actual training, and no one checks on the employer or terms of employment," she said. "Some of the participants are career 'students,' going back and forth between brief graduate degree programs and employment, just so they can stay here."

Xujiao Wang, a Chinese national who has been part of the program for the past year, said she doesn't see any fault in trying to build her family's future in the U.S.

The 32-year-old, who earned her doctorate in geographic information science from Texas State University, is working as a data analyst for a software company in Milford, Massachusetts.

She's two months pregnant and living in Rhode Island with her husband, a Chinese national also working on OPT, and their 2-year-old US-American-born daughter. The couple hopes to eventually earn permanent residency, but any change to OPT could send them back to China and an uncertain future, Wang said.

"China is developing fast, but it's still not what

our generation has come to expect in terms of freedom and choice," she said. "So it makes us anxious. We've been step-by-step working towards our future in America."

In Massachusetts, dismantling OPT would jeopardize a fundamental part of the state's economy, which has been among the hardest hit by the pandemic, said Andrew Tarsy, co-founder of the Massachusetts Business Immigration Coalition.

The advocacy group sent a letter to Trump last week pleading for preservation of the program. It was signed by roughly 50 businesses and colleges, including TripAdvisor and the University of Massachusetts, as well as trade associations representing the state's thriving life sciences industry centered around Harvard, MIT and other Boston-area institutions.

"We attract the brightest people in the world to study here, and this helps transition them into our workforce," Tarsy said. "It's led to the founding of many, many companies and the creation of new products and services. It's the bridge for international students."

Minott, the Boston architect, argues that the time and resources required to invest in legal foreign workers, including lawyers' costs and visa processing fees, exceeds any tax savings firms might enjoy.

DREAM Collaborative, his 22-person firm, employs three people originally hired on OPT permits who are now on H-1B visas—the same path that Minott took early in his career.

"These programs enabled me to stay in this country, start a business and create a better future for my family," said the father of two young American-born sons. "My kids are the next generation to benefit from that, and hopefully they'll be great citizens of this country."

Associated Press reporters Collin Binkley in Boston and Jill Colvin in Washington contributed to this story.

EEUU pretende aranceles más bajos en otros países

Por PAUL WISEMAN, Associated Press

178 VI 20 (AP): El gobierno de Trump planea proseguir con su enfoque beligerante en el comercio mundial, presionando a otros países para que reduzcan aranceles sobre los productos estadounidenses y quizás dificultar que las importaciones entren en Estados Unidos sin pagar impuestos.

En testimonio ante el Congreso el miércoles, el representante comercial de Estados Unidos Robert Lighthizer dijo que el gobierno estadounidense presionará por más cambios en la Organización Mundial de Comercio, el árbitro del comercio global al que Washington ha acusado de predisposición contra Estados Unidos.

"La OMC es un desastre", dijo Lighthizer ante la Comisión de Medios y Arbitrios de la Cámara de Representantes. "La OMC le ha fallado a Estados Unidos y le ha fallado al sistema internacional de comercio".

Lighthizer se quejó de que, bajo las normas de la OMC, otros países imponen aranceles "muy por encima" de los aranceles que impone Estados Unidos.

Los comentarios de Lighthizer indican que "él quiere forzar a otros a reducir aranceles a nuestros niveles y él va a amenazar con subir los nuestros si ellos no lo hacen", dice William Reinsch, un ex funcionario comercial estadounidense que ahora trabaja en el Centro de Estudios Estratégicos e Internacionales en Washington.

Pero Reinsch apuntó que Estados Unidos aceptó los aranceles existentes en negociaciones previas.

Si el gobierno de Trump quiere cambiar las tasas arancelarias va a enfrentar decisiones difíciles. Para lograr que otros países rebajen sus aranceles tendrá que negociar y hacer concesiones. Si Estados Unidos eleva aranceles por su

cuenta, casi seguramente enfrentará represalias de sus socios comerciales.

"Nada es gratis", dijo Reinsch.

En otro intento de presionar a la OMC para cambiar, Estados Unidos ha bloqueado un nuevo nombramiento al Órgano de Apelación de la organización, su máximo tribunal comercial. Cuando los términos de dos jueces expiraron el año pasado, la corte dejó de funcionar, dejando disputas comerciales sin un árbitro final. Lighthizer les dijo a los legisladores el miércoles que a él no le molestaría si el Órgano de Apelación no vuelve a funcionar.

Lighthizer dijo además que Estados Unidos ponderaría rebajar el límite de 800 dólares para traer productos al país sin pagar impuestos. En un testimonio escrito, recalco que el límite de la Unión Europea, sobre el cual se pueden imponer gravámenes, es de 150 dólares, mientras que el de China es de solamente 7 dólares. Esa disparidad pone en desventaja a los exportadores estadounidenses.

Donald Trump llegó a la presidencia en el 2017 con promesas de cambiar siete décadas de políticas de libre mercado y de rebajar el enorme déficit comercial del país.

Trump ha impuesto aranceles sobre 360.000 millones de dólares en importaciones de China en una disputa sobre tácticas agresivas—que incluyen, de acuerdo con Washington, ciberrobo y forzar a empresas extranjeras a entregar secretos comerciales—que Beijing ha usado para retar el dominio tecnológico occidental.

En enero, Estados Unidos y China llegaron a un acuerdo comercial interino para reducir las tensiones. China acordó comprar enormes cantidades de productos estadounidenses.

Lighthizer dijo el miércoles que confía en que China respetará sus compromisos de compras aunque su economía ha sido debilitada por la pandemia de coronavirus y las cuarentenas y restricciones de viajes impuestas para contenerla.



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Benson: Voters need clear choices of how to vote in pandemic

By DAVID EGGERT, Associated Press

LANSING, June 21, 2020 (AP): Michigan's chief election officer said she is cautiously optimistic about preparations for the 2020 elections amid the coronavirus outbreak, emphasizing the state can avoid failures seen elsewhere by giving people clear choices of how to vote absentee or in person.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said her office has so far recruited at least 2,000 workers for the August and November elections to address shortages due to veteran volunteers' safety concerns and because local clerks will need extra staff to process a surge in absentee ballots. The new workers—"democracy MVPs"—also will be necessary due to social-distancing protocols.

Benson said long lines and other problems seen in primaries in Atlanta, Milwaukee, and Los Angeles show that elections, particularly prominent ones, "are not the time to test new technology." The second and more significant lesson, she told The Associated Press in a recent interview, is that "voters need clear choices—both vote by mail or vote in person safely."

The March presidential primary was the state's first major election in which voters could cast absentee ballots by mail or return them in person for any reason following passage of a 2018 constitutional amendment. The alternative, used by 39% of the electorate, is seen as especially crucial during the pandemic. Benson estimated that at least 1 million voters, "if not 2" million, will vote by

mail for the first time in November.

The Democrats drew Republicans' ire last month after announcing all 7.7 million voters will be mailed absentee ballot applications for the elections, not just 1.3 million already on a permanent list to get the form every time. A judge on Thursday refused to stop the mailing, saying an application is merely an application and two GOP state House candidates who sued showed no "irreparable harm."

Benson employed the strategy on a smaller scale for the May local elections, and there was record turnout. November will pose a much bigger test.

"What we've learned by observing this whole process is that you have to, especially this year, ensure that you have a robust, effective vote-by-mail system in place with consistently educating voters on how to use it and consistently supporting election administrators who are working to keep the trains running and make it all happen. But then at the same time, you cannot limit options to vote in person," she said.

There are no plans to consolidate polling locations in November. Benson said, however, that polling places may only be able to handle half their regular volume due to social-distancing and safety requirements.

"We want to have that same physical option and then enough other options in place to essentially reduce the number of people who might choose that in-person option. You have less crowding on Election Day, less lines on Election Day as result and more people voting



by mail," said Benson, who is pushing the

Republican-led Legislature to pass a bill to let clerks start processing absentee ballots the day before Election Day. The actual ballots would still stay inside secrecy envelopes until counting on Election Day.

She said the structuring of in-person voting will depend on data collected in the months ahead showing how many people request absentee ballots.

Benson recently announced she will participate in listening sessions in places with low turnout historically—precincts in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Flint, for instance. She said she is concerned that voting issues in other parts of the U.S. have sent a message to people of color and historically disenfranchised communities "that it's going to be extra hard and unsafe for you to vote this year when the reality is anything but."

Voter outreach must be "more than just about a voter registration drive or inspiring people to vote or cutting through perhaps apathy," Benson said. "It's really about delivering educational information about the nuts and bolts of how you vote and what your rights are. I think we'll see a lot of messaging transition into a how-to-vote as opposed to a you've-got-to-vote message. I think a lot of people know they've got a vote and now it's really a question of how."

Legislature approves \$880M in pandemic spending

By DAVID EGGERT, Associated Press

LANSING, June 17, 2020 (AP): The Michigan Legislature on Wednesday unanimously approved spending \$880 million in federal relief aid in response to the coronavirus pandemic, setting aside funding for frontline workers, municipalities and child care providers.

The bill would allocate more than a quarter of the \$3 billion that was sent to the state government by Congress and President Donald Trump. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, whose administration was involved in negotiations, will sign it.

"This bill is an example of what can happen when politics are put aside and all parties come together to do what is best for the people of Michigan, including our frontline workers in local communities across the state," she said in a statement.

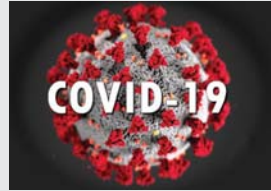
About \$2.1 billion would remain unspent as the governor and lawmakers from both parties in the Republican-led Legislature seek federal flexibility to use rescue funds to fill multibillion-dollar revenue shortfalls this fiscal year and next, not just cover additional COVID-19-related ex-

penses. Democrats want Congress to approve additional funding for states, too.

The legislation includes \$220 million to give pay raises to certain health workers (\$2 an hour) and first responders (up to \$1,000), \$200 million to reimburse local governments for virus-related spending and \$125 million to reduce child care costs.

An additional \$100 million would go to small businesses and nonprofits with 50 or fewer employees. They could get grants of up to \$20,000. Legislators also earmarked \$15 million for agricultural processors and farmers.

Other major items include \$60 million to create a rent assistance program to minimize evictions, \$25 million to reimburse water utilities that prevent residential shutoffs and \$29 million to address a backlog of jobless claims in a state with 21% unemployment as of May. There is money to make it more affordable for schools to buy devices that students can use at home and to support K-12 programs that help them catch up after in-person instruction ceased in March.



Also included is \$25 million to provide personal protection equipment and COVID-19 testing to nursing homes, dental offices, pharmacies, funeral homes and other facilities.

"Is this bill perfect? No. But does it make a difference for our families? It does," said Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Jim Stamas, a Midland Republican.

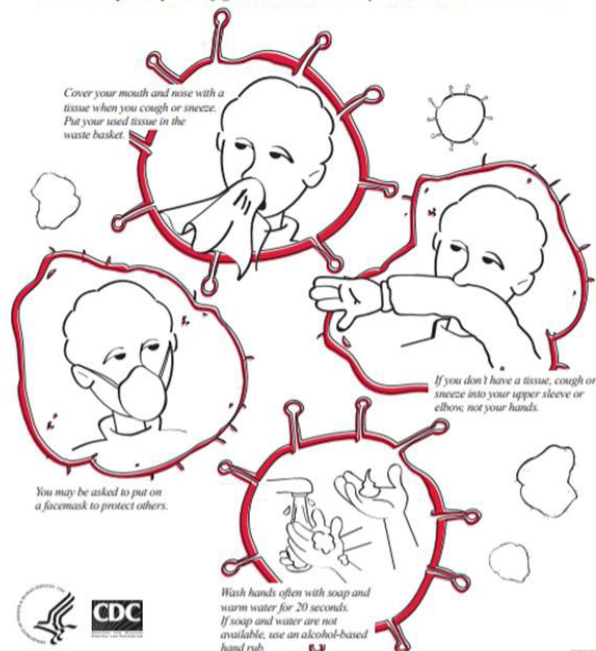
Majority Republicans rejected Democrats' proposals for additional spending that would give \$1,000 to people experiencing unemployment benefit delays and better fund the Unemployment Insurance Agency, mental health programs, local health departments and various initiatives.

But House Minority Leader Christine Greig of Farmington Hills said the bill still will give relief to residents and industries that were hit hardest by the pandemic. Its passage provides a launching point to push future initiatives, she said.

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DeWine proposes outside probes of police shootings

By ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS, Associated Press

COLUMBUS, June 17, 2020 (AP) — All shootings by Ohio police officers and any deaths of individuals in custody would be investigated by independent agencies under a proposal announced Wednesday by Gov. Mike DeWine in his first major response to days of protests over police treatment of minorities.

As part of the proposal, the *State Highway Patrol*, which is under DeWine's direct supervision, will no longer investigate its own shootings, the governor said.

DeWine also wants lawmakers to create a law enforcement oversight and accountability board similar to licensing boards for professionals like doctors and lawyers, with the authority to revoke an officer's ability to work as an officer in the state if necessary.

The governor also called on lawmakers to ban police choke holds except in life-and-death cases. He ordered the state patrol and the state Bureau of Criminal Investigation to outfit all officers with body cameras, and asked lawmakers to find ways to pay for more body cameras for officers statewide.

DeWine requested that the Republican-controlled Legislature, which has recessed for the summer, to take up the measures im-

mediately. Nothing he's proposing is new, and much of it has been discussed previously, the governor said.

"These are things that have been around for a long time, and it's time for us to take action," DeWine said.

Under a bill introduced June 11 by House Republicans, Ohio would create a statewide disciplinary database for violent officers and require psychological testing for all new police officers.

That bill "is the beginning of what we expect will be a robust and thoughtful conversation," sponsors Rep. Phil Plummer and Rep. Cindy Abrams said Wednesday in response to DeWine's proposals.

Senate Republicans encouraged Ohioans to participate in upcoming legislative hearings on police proposals. Spokesman John Fortney said it was too early to say whether those hearings would happen this summer.

Rep. Emilia Sykes of Akron, the top Democrat in the House, criticized DeWine for briefing members of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus at the last minute earlier Wednesday before announcing his plan.

She said reforms must go beyond policing, and pushed for support for a pending resolution that declares racism a public health

crisis in Ohio.

"Statehouse Republicans, from the governor to the speaker, don't seem interested in truly listening to Black Ohioans," Sykes said in a statement. "They think they have the answers to hundreds of years of racism, brutality and oppression. They do not."

Thousands of people have protested racism and police brutality in multiple Ohio communities since the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis last month.

Also Wednesday, DeWine:

- Announced the state will pay for six additional hours of police training this year on how to deescalate violent situations and avoid racial bias.
- Asked lawmakers to create a database that would record all incidents of police use of force.
- Asked lawmakers to require that applicants to law enforcement agencies pass a psychological test to show they're fit to be an officer.

DeWine said the independent investigations could be done by BCI, which is run through the Attorney General's office, or another agency if needed depending on circumstances.

"It's time that this process becomes automatic and mandatory for every law enforcement agency in Ohio," DeWine said.

It's unclear what practical impact the choke hold ban would have, since many Ohio agencies already have the exact same prohibition in place, including the Toledo and Columbus police departments.

For example, a Columbus police rule stretching back several years bans the holds except "when the use of deadly force would be reasonable and when necessary to end the deadly threat and survive the encounter," said spokesman Sgt. James Fuqua.

"In layman's terms, it's an extreme scenario that you have basically no other option to survive," he said Wednesday.

Earlier this month, the governor said the state will ensure that hundreds of non-compliant law enforcement agencies meet statewide performance standards. DeWine said the state is also

adding guidelines to that list for responding to mass protests.

DeWine also is creating a new state office to recruit more black and female officers.

Dave Yost, the state's top cop as attorney general, prefaced his remarks with a video of a young black man listing off all the safety measures he was taught to take, from clothes he should avoid wearing to never leaving a store without a purchased item in a bag.

"This is not a law enforcement problem," said Yost, a Republican and former prosecutor. "This is a societal problem with a law enforcement component."

In 2015, a task force commissioned by DeWine—then attorney general—recommended Ohio should dramatically increase the amount of basic and advanced training it requires for police officers and reduce the number of police academies. Some training was

boosted but no major changes happened with academies.

The same year, an advisory board commissioned by then Gov. John Kasich created a series of standards on deadly force, recruiting and hiring, and other measures that departments must follow to receive a state certification.

As of this month, more than 440 agencies employing more than 25,000 officers, or about eight of every 10 Ohio officers, have met the state standards, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Both DeWine and Kasich's task forces were created after a series of fatal police shootings in Ohio and nationally.

Also Wednesday, the Ohio Mayors Alliance, a bipartisan group of mayors of the state's largest urban and suburban cities, announced the formation of a law enforcement support network. The committee will help Ohio cities examine, share, and support efforts to implement the best ways to address racial bias in law enforcement and improve community-police relations.



Message from Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz

June 22, 2020: According to the Toledo Mayor's Office, Toledo Police will no longer use military-style camouflage; the police internal affairs division will be moved out of the Safety Building into One Government Center, Suite 1900, on Aug. 3; and the investigation into potential actions by police officers will be completed by the end of July—Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz announced today.

Mayor Kapszukiewicz also announced that nearly three hours of police audio from May 30 would be released today. The audio encom-

passes the time period from approximately 11 a.m. until midnight. The system does not record "dead air," meaning it does not record when no one is speaking.

Mayor Kapszukiewicz added: "As I said before, it is my most sincere hope that we will emerge as a stronger community, in solidarity, dedicated to real reforms that address the longtime barriers that have existed nationwide for communities of color. To



that end, Toledo will leverage \$55 million of our federal Community Development Block Grant funding over five years to address inequities in areas such as housing, job training, and education."

"Toledo wants to be a national leader, and these reforms help move us in that direction," the mayor said. "We can support both the right to peacefully protest and good policing strategies at the same time, and that is what we are doing today."

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Con fotos y flores despiden en Cuba a Rosita Fornés

Por ANDREA RODRIGUEZ, Associated Press

LA HABANA, 16 VI 20 (AP): Rosita Fornés, la gran diva cubana, recibió el homenaje de Cuba luego de que sus restos llegaran a la isla procedentes de Miami, donde falleció la semana pasada a los 97 años.

Pese a las dificultades derivadas de la pandemia del coronavirus, el cuerpo de la popular y querida artista fue trasladado en avión desde la ciudad estadounidense para reposar en el Cementerio Colón en La Habana.

Flores y fotos de en las que aparecía sonriendo, con su armónico rostro enmarcado por su cabello rubio ondeado, adornaron el Teatro Martí, que acogió su féretro y al que llegaron colegas, amigos y admiradores pese a las restricciones del COVID-19.

Su voz de soprano en viejas grabaciones llenaba todo el espacio mientras se la recordaba en el teatro antes del entierro privado en el panteón familiar donde se encuentran los restos de sus padres y de su último esposo, Armando Bianchi.

La Fornés falleció el 10 de junio en Estados Unidos, a donde había viajado tiempo atrás y sufrió problemas de salud que le impidieron regresar a la isla. Era una leyenda y una de las últimas vedettes que con su magia atravesaron el siglo XX en Latinoamérica, inaugurando las primeras cadenas de televisión y protagonizando los años de oro de los cines de la región.

"Siento la grandeza de su vida. Se me oprime un poco el corazón", dijo a periodistas la actriz Luisa María Jiménez, quien fue al Martí a darle el último adiós a la diva. "Ella era una artista enorme, una figura gigantesca".

Nacida como Rosalía Lourdes Elisa Palet Bonavía el 11 de febrero



de 1923 de padres españoles, Fornés se mudó con su madre siendo una niña a Cuba y la acogió como su patria.

Bailarina, cantante y actriz, la Fornés era una estrella que cultivó todos los géneros y formatos, desde la zarzuela y la opereta, hasta el protagonismo de películas clásicas y programas televisivos. Incluso trabajó cuando ya estaba retirada en los dibujos animados de una canción infantil.

Su debut se produjo a los 15 años, en 1938, en un programa de concursos de talentos y rápidamente pasó al teatro musical. Un año después participó en su primer largometraje, "Una aventura peligrosa" del director Ramón Peón.

Posteriormente se mudó a México, donde compartió cartel con actores como Jorge Negrete, Pedro Infante y Tin Tan. Allí se casó con su colega Manuel Medel y tuvo a su única hija, Rosa María, que la

sobrevive.

Se la conocía por su profesionalismo, la elegancia de su vestir, el buen gusto de sus representaciones y su perfecta dicción. Además de México, Cuba y Estados Unidos, recorrió escenarios en Venezuela, Puerto Rico y la entonces Unión Soviética, entre otros.

También el Ministerio de Cultura de Cuba abrió espacio en sus medios de información en línea para que las personas que no pudieran asistir a despedirla (no hay transporte público y la movilidad está restringida), y la televisión estatal mostró en vivo el homenaje en el Teatro Martí.

"Una época se va con ella", dijo a la prensa el historiador de la Ciudad de La Habana, Eusebio Leal, durante la despedida en el teatro, ubicado en el casco histórico y uno de los muchos en los cuales Fornés se presentó. "Se le rinde tributo a una gran cubana".



OBITUARIES

Maria ESTELLA QUINTANILLA

September 18, 1966 to June 14, 2020

Maria Estella Quintanilla, 53, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away at St. Ann Mercy Hospital on June 14, 2020. She was born in Adrian, Michigan on September 18, 1966 to Ramiro and Estefania (née Durán) Quintanilla.

Maria loved crafting, puzzles and tending to her flower garden. She was a selfless woman who was always willing to help anyone. She loved to cook and be with her family, but what she cherished most was being a grandmother.

Maria is survived by her children, Carlos (Stephanie) Quintanilla, Lisa (Augie) Quintanilla, Ryan (Shatara) Quintanilla, Michael (Jessica) Hamdan, Tracy (Rodolfo) Hernández, Jennifer Hamdan; 16 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; siblings, Antonio (Mary) Quintanilla, Ramón (Angie) Quintanilla, Juan (Berta) Quintanilla, Frances (Raul) Hinojosa, María Durán; sisters-in-laws, Diana and Cindy; and many loving family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Rufugio, Manuel, Gabriel; sister, Rosalinda; and 2 nieces and nephews.

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PAUL H. RIOS

April 2, 1948 - June 18, 2020

Paul H. Rios, age 72 of Toledo, OH, passed away Thursday, June 18, 2020 in St. Luke's Hospital. Paul was born on April 2, 1948 in San Antonio, TX to José and Eleanor (née Hernández) Rios. Paul was a truck driver for many years. He was fun loving, a jokester but a caring person. Paul loved to fish, hunt, camp, crabbing, barbacon, play euchre, watch scary movies with the grand kids, and just enjoyed family gatherings. Paul was a fan of the Michigan Wolverines.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sons Christopher Gibson and Robert James Rios.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Gloria; children Robert Timothy Rios, Paula (James) Murray, Paul Rios and Koren (Robert III) Barnes; siblings José (Socorro) Rios Jr., Antonio H. (Roxanne) Rios, Angelita Zapata, Manuel Rios, and Janie Valencia. He is also survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and other family members.

The Rios family will be receiving friends in the Urbanski Funeral Home a Life Celebration Home 5055 Secor Rd, Toledo, on Friday June 26, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. where the funeral services will begin at 5:00 p.m.



Ohio e-signature ballot case appealed to U.S. Supreme Court

By JULIE CARR SMYTH, Associated Press

COLUMBUS, June 17, 2020 (AP): Ballot campaigns in Ohio asked the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday to weigh in on whether they have the legal right to see signature-gathering rules relaxed during the coronavirus pandemic.

The move came after the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals declined Tuesday to reconsider its decision to block the campaigns from proceeding under less restrictive signature-gathering rules they'd been granted by a lower court.

U.S. District Court Judge Edmund Sargus Jr. set up the more flexible rules in a May 19 decision. They would

have allowed campaigns promoting minimum wage, voting rights and marijuana issues to collect signatures electronically. Sargus had also extended the deadline for submitting signatures by about a month, to July 31.

But he stopped short of reducing the overall number of signatures Ohio requires, which some governors, election chiefs and courts have done elsewhere amid a spate of COVID-19-related signature-gathering challenges.

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, on behalf of the states' elections chief, fellow Republican Frank LaRose, argues among other things that "wet ink" signature requirements

laid out in Ohio's Constitution cannot be changed without a vote of the people.

The ruling is another blow to three separate ballot efforts. Ohioans for Safe and Secure Elections would ask voters to approve a series of election law changes to make voting in Ohio easier.

Ohioans for Raising the Wage seeks a statewide vote to raise the state minimum wage from \$8.70 to \$13 over five years. The third effort would place marijuana decriminalization measures on more than a dozen town and village ballots across the state.

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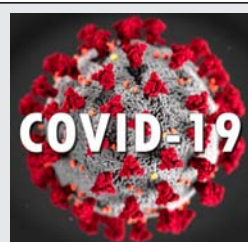
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Court rejects Trump bid to end young immigrants' protections

By MARK SHERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON, DC, June 18, 2020 (AP): The Supreme Court on Thursday rejected President Donald Trump's effort to end legal protections for 650,000 young immigrants, a stunning rebuke to the president in the midst of his reelection campaign.

For now, those immigrants retain their protection from deportation and their authorization to work in the United States.

The 5-4 outcome, in which Chief Justice John Roberts and the four liberal justices were in the majority, seems certain to elevate the issue in Trump's campaign, given the anti-immigrant rhetoric of his first presidential run in 2016 and immigration restrictions his administration has imposed since then. It was the second big liberal victory at the court this week, following Monday's ruling that it's illegal to fire people because they're gay or transgender.

The justices rejected administration arguments that the 8-year-old *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program* is illegal and that courts have no role to play in reviewing the decision to end DACA.

Trump's first reaction came on Twitter, where he retweeted a comment incorporating a line from Justice Clarence Thomas' dissenting opinion in which Thomas called the ruling "an effort to avoid a politically controversial but legally correct decision."

Roberts wrote for the court that the administration did not pursue the end of the program properly.

"We do not decide whether DACA or its rescission are sound policies," Roberts wrote. "We address only whether the agency complied with the procedural requirement that it provide a reasoned explanation for its action. Here the agency failed to consider the conspicuous

issues of whether to retain forbearance and what if anything to do about the hardship to DACA recipients."

The Department of Homeland Security can try again, he wrote. But any new order to end the program, and the legal challenge it would provoke, would take months, if not longer, immigration experts said.

The court's four conservative justices dissented. Justice Thomas, in a dissent joined by Justices Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch, wrote that DACA was illegal from the moment it was created under the Obama administration in 2012.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote in a separate dissent that he was satisfied that the administration acted appropriately in trying to end the program.

DACA recipients were elated by the ruling.

"We'll keep living our lives in the meantime," said Cesar Espinosa, who leads the Houston immigration advocacy group FIEL. "We're going to continue to work, continue to advocate."

Espinosa said he got little sleep overnight in anticipation of a possible decision Thursday. In the minutes since the decision was posted, he said his group was "flooded with calls with Dreamers, happy, with that hope that they're going to at least be in this country for a while longer."

From the Senate floor, the Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said of the DACA decision, "I cried tears of joy."

"Wow," he went on, choking up. "These kids, these families, I feel for them, and I think all of America does."

DACA covers people who have been in the United States since they were children and are in the country illegally. In some cases, they have no

memory of any home other than the U.S.

The program grew out of an impasse over a comprehensive immigration bill between Congress and the Obama administration in 2012. President Barack Obama decided to formally protect people from deportation while also allowing them to work legally in the U.S.

But Trump made tough talk on immigration a central part of his campaign and less than eight months after taking office, he announced in September 2017 that he would end DACA.

Immigrants, civil rights groups, universities and Democratic-led states quickly sued, and courts put the administration's plan on hold.

The Department of Homeland Security has continued to process two-year DACA renewals so that hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients have protections stretching beyond the election and even into 2022.

The Supreme Court fight over DACA played out in a kind of legal slow motion. The administration first wanted the justices to hear and decide the case by June 2018. The justices said no. The Justice Department returned to the court later in 2018, but the justices did nothing for more than seven months before agreeing a year ago to hear arguments. Those took place in November and more than seven months elapsed before the court's decision.

Thursday's ruling was the second time in two years that Roberts and the liberal justices faulted the administration for the way it went about a policy change. Last year, the court forced the administration to back off a citizenship question on the 2020 census.

Associated Press writers Jessica Gresko, Lisa Mascaro and Nomaan Merchant in Houston contributed to this report.

Consulado de México en Detroit anuncia nuevos costos en sus servicios

Por: Isabel Flores, corresponsal La Prensa

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Desde el pasado 1 de enero, el Consulado de México cuenta con nuevos precios para los servicios de pasaporte, matrícula consular, poderes notariales, testamentos, copias certificadas de actas de nacimiento y menaje de casa.



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Asimismo, destacó que el aumento del costo en los documentos fue poco. "Fueron unos cuantos dólares. El pasaporte de tres años costaba \$74 y aumentó \$4 dólares, el de 6 subió \$6, el que más aumentó fue el de 10 años, antes costaba \$136 y ahora cuesta \$150. Ya tenía varios años que no se actualizaban los precios".

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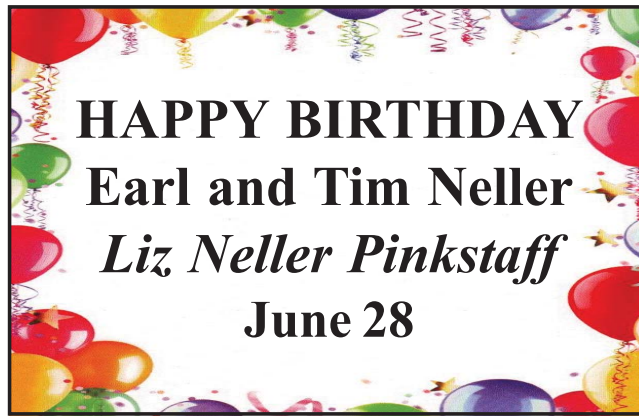
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GET KINDERGARTEN READY WITH CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library offers resources and virtual Kindergarten program for young children this summer

JUNE 22, 2020: Is your child ready for Kindergarten? Success in the classroom starts this summer at Cleveland Public Library.

The Library offers programs and resources to help parents and guardians prepare their youngest learner for school. Our resource list includes an early learning guide, kindergarten readiness assessment, and frequently asked questions about Kindergarten for families. Parents are also encouraged to check out our list of recommended reads from our Youth Services Department.

Prefer to watch a video? Families can introduce their children to the joys of reading through virtual storytime any time on cpl.org. Library staff, elected officials, journalists, and other celebrities recorded some of your favorite children's books. In partnership with the Cleveland Music Settlement, little readers can explore books and storytelling through music and singing during *Read to the Beat*, part of the Library's Summer Lit League summer reading program weekly themes.

For parents who prefer a more hands-on approach, Cleveland Public Library is offering *Kindergarten Club* this summer. Due to the threat of COVID-19,

the program is virtual this summer and there's still time to sign up. Registration for this Kindergarten readiness program is as easy as 1-2-3.

Kindergarten Club starts Monday, June 22 for children ages 4 – 6 entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2020.

The nine-week class will teach kids about caring and sharing, independence building such as how to tie their shoes, counting, alphabets, and more. Young learners and their favorite adult are expected to attend one session a week. Classes will be held online via Zoom and over the phone at the following dates and times:

Kindergarten Club Meeting Schedule
 Monday 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

There are educational activities for the adults too. Early Childhood Specialists will host discussions for families to offer tools and information on how to help their emerging scholar at home. **Each registered family will receive a Kindergarten Readiness kit containing books and support materials. Families can also earn prizes such as books, school supplies, and a Dave's gift card.**



"Kindergarten Club is designed to help children grow emotionally, physically, and mentally through a balanced curriculum of skills and engaging activities. Cleveland Public Library is giving young learners a jumpstart to the educational process," said Charles Byrd, Director of Education at Cleveland Public Library. "Our goal is to help children build a solid foundation and love for lifelong learning."

Cleveland Public Library is also helping feed the mind with a nutritious meal this summer. **Every Thursday until August 7, the Library and the Greater Cleveland Food Bank will provide Grab & Go meals for children 18 and under at four branches:**

EASTSIDE MEAL SITES
 Fleet 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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WESTSIDE MEAL SITES
 Walz 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Fulton 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Families interested in Kindergarten Club can register here or call (216) 623-7114.

El Centro de Servicios Sociales Upcoming Events June 2020



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, El Centro's offices are offering services via telephone to the community with a limited amount of staff. If services are needed and you need to come to the office, we encourage you to call the office first (440-277-8235) to receive the new procedure for office visits. To follow are services that are still in operation:

- Money Management/Representative Payee services for 236 individuals with severe mental health illness and physical disabilities
- Spanish informational and referral phone line 211
- Mental Health Navigator Line (440-240-7025)
- Medical and Mental Health Interpretations (via telephone) with contract agencies
- Disseminating information to community on COVID-19
- Census 2020

Upcoming Events

June 8 to August 7 El Centro Youth Services/231 Go! Middle School Collaborative is planning their 3rd Annual "Discover You: Survivor Series!" Youth Summer Camp for youth ages 8-14. Adhering to social distancing guidelines, this will be an on the road adventure! We will be traveling to housing complexes in our area to do activities with youth in their own front (or back) yard. Activities will take place from 9 – 1 pm Monday, Wednesdays & Thursdays. (Tuesday and Friday will be make-up days in the event of unpleasant weather.) We plan to begin the activities on Monday, June 8th. Stay tuned for more details! To register or for more information, call Monica Snipes at 440-277-8235.

Join the 2020 Census team. The U.S Census Bureau is now taking applications for temporary positions. You can earn \$17/hour in Lorain County to help collect information that determines how funds are spent on things like roads, schools and hospitals. Apply online today at [*2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs) (flyer attached).

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SUMMER KIDS' MEALS: Children 18 and under can receive Grab & Go Meals every Thursday until August 7 at four branches: Fleet, Fulton, Sterling and Walz.

The Cleveland Museum of Art announces New Dates for *Picasso and Paper*

Exhibition featuring nearly 300 works that offer new insight into the artist's diverse use of paper will be on view September 22 through December 13, 2020
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CLEVELAND, June 18, 2020: Pablo Picasso's prolonged engagement with paper is the subject of the groundbreaking exhibition *Picasso and Paper*, organized by the Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) and the Royal Academy of Arts, London, in collaboration with the Musée national Picasso-Paris. Featuring masterworks in a variety of media, including drawings, prints, photographs, sketchbooks, collages, cut-outs, paper sculpture, and book illustrations, as well as works in oil on canvas and cast bronze, *Picasso and Paper* will be on view at the CMA from September 22 to December 13, 2020, in the Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation Exhibition Hall and Gallery.

"We are excited to welcome our visitors back to the Cleveland Museum of Art for the highly anticipated, blockbuster exhibition *Picasso and Paper*," said William Griswold, director of the CMA. "The centerpiece of our fall arts season, *Picasso and Paper* presents a rare opportunity for visitors to experience the artist's creative process and artistic achievement with paper as a medium. The CMA is the only North American venue for this remarkable exhibition."

Showcasing nearly 300 works spanning the artist's entire career, the exhibition offers new insights into Picasso's creative spirit and working methods. His relentless exploration of working on and with paper is featured in the many assembled collages of cut-and-pasted papers, sculptures from pieces of torn



and burnt paper, documentary photographs and manipulated photographs on paper, and an array of printmaking techniques on paper supports.

Among the highlights are *Femmes à leur toilette* of 1937-38, an extraordinary, large collage (2.99 x 4.48 meters) of cut-and-pasted papers, which will be exhibited in the U.S. for the first time in 40 years; outstanding Cubist papers collés; artist's sketchbooks, including studies for *Les Femmes d'Alger*; constructed paper guitars from the Cubist and Surrealist periods; and an array of works related to major paintings and sculptural projects.

"Nowhere is Picasso's astonishing creativity more evident than in his lifelong engagement with paper," said William H. Robinson, senior curator of modern art. "His exploration of so many different mediums and types of paper, his formal inventiveness and range of subjects, his remarkable technical skills and disregard for conventional materials, especially when considered collectively over the eight decades of his working life, is mind boggling. Paper was often at the center of his world, crucial to his ceaseless sketching and experiments with Cubist collage. Picasso's unparalleled achievements with paper represents a major contribution to the history of art."

Picasso and Paper is organized chronologically in 11 sections, displayed in context with a limited number of closely related paintings and sculptures. For example, Picasso's seminal masterpiece of his Blue period, the CMA's *La Vie* (1903), will be presented with preparatory drawings and other works on paper exploring corresponding themes of poverty, despair and social alienation. In the Cubist section, Picasso's bronze *Head of a Woman (Fernande)* (1909) on loan from the Musée national Picasso-Paris will be accompanied by a group of associated drawings.

Picasso and Paper is curated by William H. Robinson of the CMA, Ann Dumas of the Royal Academy of Arts, London, and Emilia Philippot of the Musée national Picasso-Paris. Information about reserving tickets for *Picasso and Paper* will be announced in July. For more information about the museum programs and events, call 888-CMA-0033 or visit ClevelandArt.org.

Tri-C JazzFest announces Lineup for Virtual Festival

More than a dozen local acts will perform Aug. 21-22 during livestreamed show; Tri-C JazzFest turned to the online format after restrictions related to the COVID-19 outbreak forced a change in plans. The traditional festival typically draws tens of thousands of music lovers to Cleveland's Playhouse Square.

CLEVELAND: The best of Northeast Ohio's jazz talent will be livestreamed over two summer nights in a virtual edition of the 41st annual Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland, presented by KeyBank.

More than a dozen acts in a lineup announced today promise to keep the music pumping during this free event Friday, Aug. 21 and Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020. The performances will begin 7 p.m. each night and run approximately 90 minutes on various online platforms.

The virtual festival will feature pre-recorded and live performances by the artists, as well as drop-in interviews with jazz icons and footage of memorable moments from past Tri-C JazzFests.

The goal is to put the depth and scope of Tri-C JazzFest on display while highlighting the festival's powerful influence on the Northeast Ohio jazz scene and impact on Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) creative arts students.

"This virtual festival will share the compelling story of Tri-C JazzFest with music fans across the world," said Terri Pontremoli, the festival's director. "Once they hear these artists, they're going to know what jazz in Cleveland is all about."

The scheduled lineup of performers includes:

• **Chris Coles' Gleam:** Saxophonist Chris Coles was awarded a Knight Foundation Arts Challenge Grant for his Nine Lives project, which is dedicated to the victims of the 2015 Charleston Church shooting. He'll perform with Dave Morgan (bass), Holbrook Riles III (percussion/electronics), Anthony Taddeo (percussion/electronics), Joey Skoob (piano), Zaire Darden (drums) and Tommy Lehman (trumpet).

• **Dan Wilson Trio:** Over the past few years, Dan Wilson has toured nationally and internationally with legendary jazz figures such as Christian McBride and Joey DeFrancesco. He received a Grammy nomination for his work on Project Freedom, a 2017 release by DeFrancesco and The People. Zaire Darden (drums) and Kip Reed (bass) round out the trio.

• **Dominick Farinacci's Rhapsody in Blue: Revisited:** Trumpeter Dominick Farinacci presents his commissioned arrangement of Rhapsody in Blue, George Gershwin's groundbreaking



masterwork from 1924. He'll be joined by Jamey Haddad (percussion), Walter Barnes Jr. (bass), Jonathan Thomas (piano), Orlando Watson (spoken word) and Gabe Jones (drums).

• **Evelyn Wright Quartet:** Vocalist Evelyn Wright—recipient of a 2008 Cleveland Jazz Legends Award—has opened for the likes of Mel Torme, Harry Belafonte and David "Fathead" Newman. She'll perform with Dave Thomas (B-3) Bill Ransom (drums) and Dominick Farinacci (trumpet).

• **Hubb's Groove:** Drummer Robert Hubbard leads this all-star band mixing soul, jazz, R&B and a splash of gospel. His bandmates include Vencott Palmer (keys), Johnathan Jones (bass), Roger Maple (sax) and Stacey Richardson (vocals).

• **Jackie Warren:** Pianist Jackie Warren—recipient of a 2018 Cleveland Jazz Legends Award—has performed locally and nationally as a soloist and with groups such as the Jackie Warren Trio, DIVA Jazz Orchestra and the powerhouse 3Divas.

• **JazzWorks:** The brainchild of former Tri-C JazzFest artistic director Willard Jenkins, JazzWorks is an all-star octet playing classic jazz. The group includes Howie Smith, John Klayman, Aidan Plank, Joey Skotche, Daniel Spearman, Bob Ferrazza, Chris Anderson and Reggie Jackson.

• **Joe Hunter:** Pianist Joe Hunter—recipient of a 2019 Cleveland Jazz Legends Award—has been recognized by the rock world for his keyboard mastery. Known for his passion for Brazilian music, he has played as a solo artist and with various bands since the '80s.

• **Lafayette Carthon:** Pianist, educator and songwriter Lafayette Carthon has production

credits on projects with Michael Jackson, Celine Dion and Marvin Winans, to name a few. Carthon—who many know as senior pastor of Faith Church of Glenville—will be joined by vocalist Will Blaze.

• **Sammy DeLeon's Latin Jazz Sextet:** Percussionist Sammy DeLeon—recipient of a 2016 Cleveland Jazz Legends Award—has performed with some of the world's greatest Latin musicians and always rocks the stage.

• **Tri-C's Spirit of the Groove:** Spirit of the Groove is an all-star ensemble from the Tri-C JazzFest Academy. It is comprised of nine young artists from various Northeast Ohio high schools who are committed to pursuing jazz full-time in college.

• **Vanessa Rubin:** Jazz vocalist Vanessa Rubin—recipient of a 2015 Cleveland Jazz Legends Award—is a product of Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead program at The Kennedy Center and has been a national touring artist for three decades. She will be joined by Jackie Warren (piano), Reggie Jackson (drums) and Peter Dominguez (bass).

• **Walter Barnes Jr. & Friends:** Bassist Walter Barnes Jr. has recorded and performed with acts such as Yolanda Adams, The O'Jays and Kim Burrell while straddling the worlds of gospel and soul. He currently plays with Toni Braxton and Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds. He will be joined by Gabe Jones (drums), Bryan Golden (piano/keys), Jordan Wright (keys) and Willie Ross (guitar).

Aside from performing, Farinacci will co-host the virtual festival with Pontremoli. His path to becoming an international recording artist began in the classrooms of Tri-C two decades ago.

For more information or to register for the online festival visit tri-cjazzfest.com.

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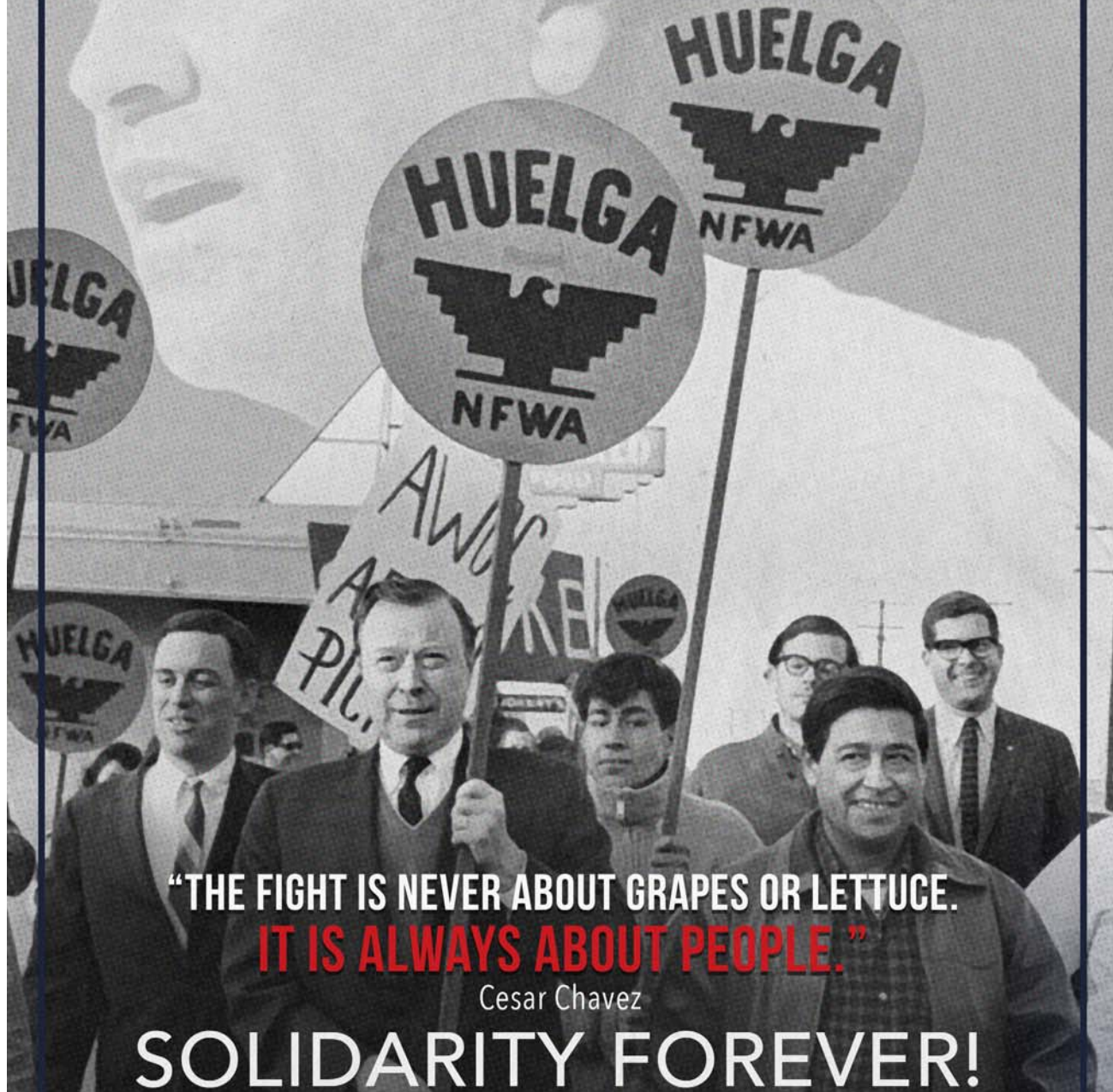
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

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GRCC expanding partnership with Hispanic Center of Western Michigan for annual Latino Youth Conference

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 18, 2020: Grand Rapids Community College is expanding its partnership with the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan, with the Hispanic Center assuming leadership in planning the annual Latino Youth Conference.



GRCC will continue hosting the event, an initiative designed to spark interest in college and careers among eighth-grade students. The next conference is planned for March 2, 2021.

About 830 students from 24 schools attended the conference this year. Participants are provided with affirming ideas about Latina/o/x culture, skills-based academic preparation, and tangible tools related to personal development and community engagement through workshops and interactive activities.

GRCC has been the lead organizer of the event for 21 years.

"We are honored to continue that legacy by serving in a supportive role to the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan," said B. Afeni McNeely Cobham, GRCC's Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer.

"After thoughtful discussions with conference

stakeholders and Hispanic Center leadership, we determined the Hispanic Center is the best organization to develop further and enhance the impact of this community-centered project."

Founded in 1978, the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan is located in the heart of Roosevelt Park, the largest Latino neighborhood in Grand Rapids. The Hispanic Center seeks to address the needs of Latinos through understanding, connection, advocacy, and achieving self-sufficiency together.

Hispanic Center Executive Director Adnoris "Bo" Torres said the conference is vitally important to inspire students, and he is excited the center can expand its role.

"One of my favorite quotes of all time comes from the book Walden; 'To know that we know what we know, and to know that we do not know, what we do not know, that is true knowledge,'" Torres said.

"Those words would

become a mantra for the rest of my life. Without mentors who exposed me to events like the Latino Youth Conference, who encouraged me, who motivated me, I would not have known the power of knowing what we know, and the humility in knowing what we don't. As we partner with the West Michigan community in the work of the Latino Youth Conference, we know that we are molding the next generation of leaders."

Grand Rapids Community College offers learners of all ages opportunities to gain credits for degrees or transfer and in-demand career skills leading to rewarding careers. GRCC was established in 1914 - Michigan's first community college - and offers affordable classes on weekdays, evenings, Saturdays and online at locations throughout Kent and Ottawa counties.

Michigan's medical schools see increase in applications

EAST LANSING, 21 VI 20 (AP): Some medical schools in Michigan are increasing their class size because they're receiving an influx of applicants during a time marked by a shortage of physicians.

The Michigan State University College of Human Medicine received nearly 9,000 applications for its next 190-student class, said Joel Maurer, assistant dean of admissions. Last year, 7,959 students applied.

At Western Michigan University's Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, 54 students graduated in 2018. Class size since then has steadily spiked from 60 to 72 and now 84 students, according to Jean Shelton, WMed assistant dean of admissions and student life.

Meanwhile Michigan State's medical school, which has a class size of about 200 students, said it's at capacity.

MSU would be required to hire more faculty and expand at its East Lansing and Grand Rapids campuses to increase their class size, Maurer said.

For the incoming class of 2019, six of Michigan's medical



schools received 43,602 applications, up 4,193 from 2018 and up 15,157 from 2014, which

likely reflect prospective students submitting applications at multiple medical schools, the Lansing State Journal reported.

The growing number of applicants is a good sign for those concerned about the coming physician shortage, said Geoffrey Young, senior director of student affairs and programs for the Association of American Medical Colleges.

"It really demonstrates a strong interest in a career in medicine," Young said. "This is what we think is critical as the nation faces a shortage of physicians."

School officials credit various reasons for the increasing number of applications.

Katherine Ruger, associate dean of Admissions and Student Life at MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine, thinks this year's applicants had more time for submissions since the coronavirus pandemic shut down reduced their opportunities to do other things like traveling.

The college received 6,653 applications in the last window, Ruger said,

which is up from the 6,169 applications in 2019.

State park visitors again will need pass starting Monday

LANSING, 21 VI 20 (AP): Michigan state parks will resume collecting admission fees Monday after a three-month break because of the coronavirus.

The recreation passport costs \$12 when renewing a license plate registration through the secretary of state or \$17 at park entrances. The cost is lower for motorcycles.

The pass is valid for one year or until the current vehicle registration expires.

The pass allows people to visit more than 100 state parks and recreation areas.

Visitors from outside Michigan can purchase the annual pass online or at state parks for \$34 or pay \$9 a day.

The Department of Natural Resources suspended the pass requirement in March to reduce personal contact between park staff and visitors and to encourage people to enjoy the outdoors during the pandemic.

Camping, overnight lodging facilities and day-use shelters in state parks also reopen Monday.

Canadá, EEUU, México cierran frontera hasta julio 21

Por ROB GILLIES, S Associated Press

TORONTO (AP): Canadá, México y Estados Unidos acordaron extender su acuerdo para mantener cerradas sus fronteras comunes a los viajes no esenciales hasta el 21 de julio debido a la pandemia de coronavirus.

El primer ministro canadiense Justin Trudeau dijo el martes que el acuerdo extiende el cierre por 30 días más. Las restricciones fueron anunciadas el 18 de marzo y extendidas en abril y mayo.

"Esta es una decisión que protegerá a las personas en ambos lados de la frontera mientras continuamos luchando contra el COVID-19", dijo Trudeau.

El secretario de Seguridad Nacional interino estadounidense Chad Wolf dijo en un comunicado que el departamento seguirá limitando los cruces no esenciales de frontera con Canadá y México.

La cancillería mexicana tuiteó a su vez que se prolongó la vigencia del acuerdo.

Muchos canadienses temen una reapertura. En Estados Unidos hay más de 2 millones de enfermos de coronavirus y alrededor de 115.000 muertos, de acuerdo con el recuento de la Universidad Johns Hopkins. Las cifras en Canadá son de más de 99.000 contagios y 8.175 muertes. En México son de más de 150.000 casos y 17.500 muertes, según la misma fuente.

Los estadounidenses que regresan de Canadá y los canadienses que regresan de Estados Unidos están exentos del cierre. Los familiares inmediatos de los canadienses también pueden ingresar a Canadá, pero deben permanecer en cuarentena durante 14 días.

Los trabajadores transfronterizos esenciales, como los profesionales de la salud, las tripulaciones de las aerolíneas y los

conductores de camiones, aún pueden cruzar. Los camioneros son críticos, ya que mueven alimentos y productos médicos en ambas direcciones de las fronteras. Gran parte del suministro de alimentos de Canadá proviene de Estados Unidos.

Canadá envía 78% de sus exportaciones a Estados Unidos y alrededor de 18% de las exportaciones estadounidenses van a Canadá. La frontera entre ambos es la más larga entre dos países.

Trudeau dijo que está abierto a la idea de que una ciudad canadiense organice juegos de la Liga Nacional de Hockey, si los funcionarios de salud locales están de acuerdo con eso. La liga planea tener campamentos de entrenamiento abiertos el 10 de julio y jugar juegos sin espectadores en un par de ciudades.

"Canadá está abierto a ello siempre que las autoridades locales de salud lo acepten", dijo.

Testing access in communities of color and other high-risk areas

In May of 2020, the Governor's COVID-19 Minority Health Strike Force issued an interim report that detailed the importance of testing access in communities of color and other high-risk areas.

As a response, the Strike Force announced a walk-up/drive-up testing initiative with the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and their affiliate members (Community Health Centers) and the Ohio National Guard. These sites will also include other local community-based organizations i.e., faith-based organizations, community centers, food pantries, etc.

Testing for this initiative will be available for individuals with or without symptoms. The test has no out-of-pocket cost to the patient and individuals of any age are able to access the test. Minors will need signed consent of a parent/guardian.

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Reapertura de la lista de espera de Vivienda Pública para 2, 3, 4, 5 y 6 dormitorios

La Autoridad Metropolitana de Vivienda de Lorain (LMHA) aceptará solicitudes previas para la lista de espera del Programa de Vivienda Pública para dormitorios de 2, 3, 4, 5 y 6. Las solicitudes previas se pueden descargar desde www.lmha.org. Los formularios en papel están disponibles en la entrada de la oficina principal de LMHA, 1600 Kansas Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052. Las pre-solicitudes deben enviarse por correo postal de EE. UU. a LMHA, P.O. Box 1010 Lorain, Ohio 44055. Las solicitudes recibidas por cualquier otro medio no serán elegibles. Sólo se acepta una solicitud previa por hogar. Sólo una solicitud previa por sobre.

Una vez recibidas, LMHA retendrá, en orden, según el tamaño del dormitorio y la fecha recibida. Cada lunes y miércoles a partir del 13 de julio de 2020, LMHA seleccionará un número predeterminado de solicitudes por tamaño de dormitorio necesario en el orden que fueron recibidas. El número seleccionado estará de acuerdo con las necesidades operativas de LMHA. LMHA se comunicará con los seleccionados **sólo por el número de teléfono o correo electrónico** proporcionado en la solicitud previa para comenzar a evaluar la elegibilidad. Los solicitantes que no califican para una unidad de 2, 3, 4, 5 o 6 dormitorios, según la composición familiar, no serán seleccionados para la evaluación previa.

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Upon receipt, LMHA will retain in order based on bedroom size and the date received. On each Monday and Wednesday beginning July 13, 2020, LMHA will select a pre-determined number of applications per needed bedroom size in order of their receipt. The number selected will be in accordance with LMHA's operational needs. LMHA will contact those selected **only by the phone number or email** provided on the pre-application to begin screening for eligibility. Applicants who do not qualify for a 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 bedroom unit based on family composition will not be selected for pre-screening.

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to return more than \$100 million to insured customers and members for medical, dental, and vision premiums

Employers, individual members, Medicare members receiving money back

All told, BCBSM puts nearly \$600 million behind response to COVID-19

DETROIT, May 20, 2020: Due to disruptions in previously anticipated health care services caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network will be returning more than \$100 million to many fully insured customers this year. The refunds are in addition to \$494 million that BCBSM has invested in expanding the availability of no-cost benefits for members and to support health providers in response to COVID-19 – bringing the BCBSM enterprise's commitment in response to the crisis to nearly \$600 million.

"For 81 years, Blue Cross has stood behind our members' care in good times and bad," said BCBSM President & CEO Daniel J. Loepp. "We've been proactive in addressing the pandemic, providing no-cost benefits for members and advancing millions of dollars to care providers. Now we can return money to our customers and members."

"We are living through a great disruption in health care economics, and there is still a lot of uncertainty about where health care spending will go this year," Loepp said. "But at this point in the pandemic, we're confident in premiums exceeding claims for the year – so we are starting to give money back to our customers. We hope these refunds

allow businesses across Michigan to better cover their employees' health care and provide our members some relief during a difficult time."

BCBSM will be providing the following relief to customers and members with Blue Cross and Blue Care Network health plans:

- Fully insured small group customers with 50 or fewer employees will receive a 30 percent credit on their July premium invoice. All told, BCBSM is providing about \$37 million back to small group customers for their medical plans.

- Low rate adjustments for small group customers. BCBSM filed 2021 small group rates last week with state regulators that average 0.9 percent more for PPO plans and 1.9 percent more for HMO plans.

- Blue Dental and Blue Vision employer group customers will be sharing a total refund of about \$10.5 million. All fully insured groups with dental and vision coverage will receive a one-month premium refund to be credited on their July invoice. BCBSM also will not increase rates for fully insured customers renewing dental and vision plans for 2021.

- Individual health plan members from 2019 will receive a one-time rebate resulting from lower than expected health care claims. Altogether, about \$45 million will be paid

directly to these 2019 individual plan subscribers in September. Rebates are determined based on each subscriber's plan and premiums paid in 2019. Rebate amounts will vary by subscriber.

- Medigap (Medicare Supplement) and individual Medicare Advantage members in a plan with a premium above \$0 will receive a 15 percent premium refund for the months of March and April to be applied to their July premium bill. This refund totals about \$15 million to Medigap and Individual Medicare Advantage members. For Individual Medicare Advantage members this includes their Optional Supplemental Buy-up (if applicable).

BCBSM is also providing \$494 million in additional support to members and providers:

- Medicare Advantage member cost share waivers will be provided through December 31 for BCBSM and BCN Medicare Advantage members. On May 7, BCBSM became the first health plan in Michigan to announce that it would waive cost sharing for Medicare Advantage members for all services provided during in-person primary care visits, for in-person behavioral health services and for telemedicine access. The projected value of these no-cost services will save BCBSM and BCN Medicare Advantage members \$10 million.

- COVID-19 testing and treatment cost share waivers and no-cost telehealth services will

continue to be provided through June 30 to enable free access to physician-directed COVID-19 testing and treatment for commercially insured members. The projected value of these no-cost services will save members \$97 million. BCBSM was the first health plan in Michigan to announce testing and treatment for COVID-19 at no cost, along with no-cost telehealth access for both medical and behavioral health services during the first wave of the pandemic period.

- Advance funding for health providers. BCBSM pulled forward \$87 million in earned incentive payments to Michigan physicians to enable them to operate, purchase testing supplies, enhance treatment services for COVID-19 patients and expand telehealth services. BCBSM also decided to continue planned payments to health systems, totaling about \$300 million, despite disruptions in claim volume. This enabled Michigan health systems to continue operating with a stable revenue stream during a time of significant disruption in their ability to deliver services.

The company's actions come amid continued uncertainty around the immediate



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future of health care spending. Typically, insurers like BCBSM base their premiums around the cost of services charged by health care providers, and the trends in utilization of services received by insured members. The pandemic has completely disrupted both cost and trend – making it very challenging to model how much will be spent on health care this year, compared to what was planned prior to the pandemic.

BCBSM will continue to monitor claims trends throughout the remainder of the year affecting potential relief for 2020 individual health plan members and fully insured larger group customers with more than 50 employees. For individual plans, BCBSM continues to work with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to seek regulatory guidance for potentially issuing some form of financial relief this year – with concern for not jeopardizing members' eligibility for Advance Premium Tax Credits

if refunds are granted. If claims trends remain lower, the company may take additional actions to provide relief this year to individuals and larger fully insured group customers.

"We are living through a time when the usual economics of health care have been upended," Loepp said. "Hospitals have delayed elective services, and people aren't visiting doctors' and dentists' offices. Thanks to the decisive leadership of our state officials and the response of our health systems, we are bending the trend of new infections – but the threat of subsequent waves of infection remains. We are being deliberate in projecting future costs given all the unknown variables. The world may return to a new normal at some point, but today, about the only thing we're certain about is the uncertainty."

Comprehensive information on the company's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is available at www.mibluesperspectives.com and www.bcbsm.com/coronavirus.

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