



City of Carson COVID-19 Update

Friday, July 17, 2020

The coronavirus outbreak began in Wuhan, China, and has since spread across the globe impacting many countries including the United States. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 14, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

To help keep the community informed, the City of Carson is providing COVID-19 news updates related to health and safety tips, and informational links to meet the needs of the community and protect public health. To slow the spread of COVID-19, public health officials urge residents to practice social distancing, wash their hands regularly, wear a face covering and stay home as much as possible and avoid the “Three C’s”: Crowded places, Confined Spaces and Close Contact with others not in your household.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CITY OF CARSON MUST ADHERE TO ANY AND ALL ORDERS SET FORTH BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

COVID-19 CASES

	CASES	DEATHS
CARSON	971	36
County of Los Angeles	150,424	3,947
California	373,259	7,603
United States	3,647,715	139,266
Global	14,108,240	602,695

John Hopkins University & Medicine Coronavirus Resource Center

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

State of California Coronavirus Statewide Update (7.16.2020)

<https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

County of Los Angeles Public Health

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

- **LA County Continues to See Record Numbers of COVID-19 Cases** and hits new highs reported in a day - 59 New Deaths and 4,592 new cases of confirmed COVID-19, as reported by the County of Los Angeles Public Health via a Press Release on Thursday, July 16, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2510>
- **U.S. Military Deploys Doctors, Nurses And Specialists To California** and Texas in support of COVID-19 operations at the request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and state officials, to assist overwhelmed hospitals as cases continue to spike, according to a Friday, July 17 report by the U.S. Army North Public Affairs on the official website for Military Health System (Health.mil). <https://www.health.mil/News/Articles/2020/07/14/U-S-military-deploys-to-Texas-and-California-in-support-of-COVID-19-operations>
- **The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Application Deadline is August 8, 2020** and is being offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration. For more information and to download the application, please go to: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program#section-header-0>
- **Nearly a Thousand COVID-19 Cases Reported in Day Cares Throughout California.** Data shows 998 COVID-19 cases in childcare facilities across California according to the California Department of Social Services. To read NBC Bay Area's Investigative Unit full report which also includes State and County data, please go to: <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/investigations/nearly-a-thousand-covid-19-cases-reported-in-california-daycares/2326813/>
- **L.A. County Expands COVID-19 Testing Capacity by 65%** to address disparities in high-need communities according to a County of Los Angeles Media News Release. To view the News Release, please go to: <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/covid19-news/la-county-extends-covid-19-testing-capacity-address-disparities-communities/>
- **Covid-19 Testing** in Carson and Los Angeles County:
 - Carson Community Center - Carson residents only. To make an appointment, please log on to: <https://ushealthfairs.org/carsonform/>
 - Los Angeles County - all county residents. For locations and appointments, please log on to: <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>
- **What L.A. County Residents and Employers Need to Know About COVID-19 Testing** according to a County of Los Angeles Media News Release. To view the News Release, please go to: <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/covid19-news/what-l-a-county-residents-and-employers-need-to-know-about-covid-19-testing-now/>
- **Certain School Districts Will Be Allowed To Re-open And Resume In-Person Class Instruction In The Fall**, announced Gov. Gavin Newsom providing a Pandemic Plan for Learning and Safe Schools. Guidelines consist of counties having been off the state's COVID-19 watch list for 14 consecutive days. For more information and to view the News Release, please go to: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/07/17/governor-gavin-newsom-lays-out-pandemic-plan-for-learning-and-safe-schools/>
 - COVID-19 Industry Guidance for Schools and School-Based Programs: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>

- **Los Angeles County Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Revised Order.** Moving the County of Los Angeles into Stage 3 California’s Pandemic Resilience Roadmap – Current update.
http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/HOO/2020.07.14_HOO_Safer%20at%20Home_Cessation%20of%20Indoor%20Ops.pdf
- **A Carson City Council Regular Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**
 - The meeting will be livestreamed on Cable Spectrum Channel 35 and AT&T Channel 99.
 - For public participation during “public comment”, please go to: <http://ci.carson.ca.us/publiccomments.aspx>
 - To view current and previous Agendas, Videos and Minutes, please go to: <https://carson.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
- **A COVID-19 Test Was Performed on Each City of Carson Employees** on Thursday, July 16, to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of staff and visitors to City Hall. Employees previously telecommuting have be instructed to do so once again minimizing staff physically reporting to work. More barriers have now been installed and additional measures are being taken to ensure the safety of all.

On Thursday, June 9, City Hall closed at 3:00 p.m. at the direction of City Manager Sharon Landers after a third employee reported having tested positive for coronavirus. The entire facility was treated with antibacterial disinfectant by a professional service as a precaution to all over the 3-day regularly scheduled closure of City Hall over the weekend. Some employees did not return to work after also testing positive while a few more were instructed to quarantine after contact tracing was completed. It is believed that most cases of coronavirus contraction was outside of the workplace.

City Hall had been closed to the public for about 3 months with minimal staff physically reported to work, some staff telecommuting, while the rest were on COVID-19 leave due to social distancing measures taken by management. After the Governor’s order allowing businesses to re-open, City Hall re-opened its doors to the public on June 29 with almost full staff physically reporting to work and all City facilities. Rules, regulations and precautionary measures were set in place for both visitors and employees throughout City Hall, while instructional memos and videos that included new guidelines, protocols and hygiene etiquette were also disseminated to all employees as well, to ensure the safety and well-being of all employees and visitors.

Please continue to follow the recommendations of public health experts to avoid the spread of COVID-19 by washing your hands often; clean and disinfect surfaces on a regular basis; stay a safe distance from one another; stay home if you are ill; avoid others who are who are ill; cover coughs and sneezes; wear face masks if you are ill. If you are experiencing high fever, along with dry cough and fatigue, call your health provider so they can provide you with professional advice and recommendations. Those with underlying health conditions, the elderly and those who are pregnant should consider calling sooner, as soon as feeling ill.

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