



City of Carson COVID-19 Update

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

To help keep the community informed, the City of Carson is providing COVID-19 (coronavirus) news updates related to health, safety recommendations, and informational links to meet the needs of the community and protect public health.

The coronavirus outbreak began in China and has since spread across the globe with the first case reported in the U.S. by the CDC in January 2020. COVID-19 is commonly spread among people who are in contact with an infected person. Some people who are infected may not exhibit symptoms but can still spread the virus according to Public Health Experts. Although less common, COVID-19 can also spread through a person's contact with coronavirus contaminated objects and surfaces where respiratory droplets have landed and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes.

Transmissions can overall be significantly reduced if everyone always wears a face covering securely over their nose and mouth, maintains six feet distance from anyone outside of their household, washes their hands regularly, and stays home as much as possible. People are also urged to avoid public gatherings where people are in close proximity, unable to remain six feet apart, cheering and shouting, especially without face coverings. If you are even mildly sick or think you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, stay home and away from others, and consider being tested for the virus.

The above recommendations are essential to prevent you from unintentionally spreading COVID-19 to other people.

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

(Numbers May Vary Depending on Time of Day)

12/2/2020	CASES	DEATHS
CARSON	2,805	67
West Carson/Unincorp.	652	50
County of Los Angeles	414,185	7,700
California	1,263,927	19,394
United States	14,044,244	276,361
Global	64,433,937	1,490,725

John Hopkins University & Medicine Coronavirus Resource Center

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

State of California Coronavirus Statewide Update

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

County of Los Angeles Public Health

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

- **COVID-19 Testing In Carson And The County Of Los Angeles:**
 - Carson Community Center: To make an appointment, please log on to: <https://ushealthfairs.org/carsonform/>
 - Los Angeles County: For locations and appointments, please log on to: <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>
- **Small Business Assistance Grant Program Continues To Be Available With Funding Now Increased To Up To \$30,000 For Carson Businesses** that have suffered adverse impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, qualification requirements and instructions on how to apply, please go to: http://ci.carson.ca.us/content/files/pdfs/housing/SBGrant/SmallBusinessAssistance-ERA_101320.pdf
- **Emergency Rental Assistance Program Continues To Be Available With Funding Now Increased To Up To \$10,000 For Carson Residents** who have suffered adverse economic impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic through job loss, furloughs or reduction of work hours or pay. For more information, qualifications requirements and instructions on how to apply, please go to: <http://ci.carson.ca.us/content/files/pdfs/housing/rental/Emergency%20Rental%20Assistance%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>
- **Keep L.A. County Dining Grant Program In The Amount Of \$30,000 Is Available To Small Businesses Located In Los Angeles County** that can demonstrate adverse economic impacts by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds must be used for working capital only such as employee payroll expenses, capital to continue operations, payment of outstanding business expenses, and adaptive business practices needed to remain open. The application period opens Thursday, December 3, 2020, at 12:00 a.m. and is available through Sunday, December 6, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. For more information, qualifications requirements and instructions on how to apply, please go to: [Keep LA County Dining \(lacda.org\)](http://www.lacda.org)
- **Immediate Assistance For Businesses Impacted By Covid-19 Including Temporary Tax Relief And \$500 Million In New Covid-19 Relief Grant Funding From California For Small Businesses** was announced by California Governor Gavin Newsom. The immediate, temporary tax relief will support businesses impacted by COVID-19. Applications begin December 1, 2020. To view the November 30, 2020 Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release, please go to: [Governor Newsom Announces Immediate Assistance for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 Including Temporary Tax Relief and \\$500 Million in Grants | California Governor](http://www.sos.ca.gov/governor/newsroom/news-releases/governor-newsom-announces-immediate-assistance-for-businesses-impacted-by-covid-19-including-temporary-tax-relief-and-500-million-in-grants-2020-11-30)
- **The California Rebuilding Fund Offering Flexible, Affordable Capital And Free Advisory Services Through Community-Based Lenders To Help Small Businesses That Face The Economic Crisis And Challenges Brought On By The Covid-19 Pandemic Was Launched.** This program is built to be a resource in the market for the next year as businesses pivot and recover. To view the Nov 20, 2020 Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release, please go to: [Governor Newsom Announces Launch of California Rebuilding Fund to Help State's Smallest Businesses Protect their California Dream | California Governor](http://www.sos.ca.gov/governor/newsroom/news-releases/governor-newsom-announces-launch-of-california-rebuilding-fund-to-help-state-s-smallest-businesses-protect-their-california-dream-2020-11-20)
- **\$908 Billion Legislative Framework Coronavirus Aid Compromise Was Offered By A Bipartisan Group Of Lawmakers** to try to break a months-long impasse between congressional leadership and the White House on a new round of pandemic-related relief measures. \$560 billion of the package is repurposed money from the CARES Act enacted in March, with \$348 billion in new spending. The measure includes \$180 billion in additional unemployment insurance that would provide an extra \$300 weekly benefit for 18 weeks; \$288 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program to assist small businesses; \$16 billion for testing, vaccine development and distribution; \$45 billion for airlines and mass transit; an extension of existing student loan payment deferrals and rental housing assistance; and a new liability provision to block pandemic-



related lawsuits temporarily with the intent to give individual states time to develop their own legal response, among others. To view the December 1, 2020 NPR News Report, please go to: [Lawmakers Offer \\$908 Billion Coronavirus Compromise, But Path Is Unclear : NPR](#)

- **Options To Reduce Quarantine For Contacts Of Persons With Sars-Cov-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring And Diagnostic Testing Were Released By The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention (CDC).** A quarantine period of 14 days is currently recommended, however, based on local circumstances and resources, the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable alternatives according to the CDC.
 - Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring. With this strategy, residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 1% with an upper limit of about 10%.
 - When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available, then quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7. With this strategy, the residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 5% with an upper limit of about 12%.In both cases, additional criteria (e.g., continued symptom monitoring and masking through Day 14) must be met. To view the CDC December 2, 2020 updated report, please go to: [Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with SARS-CoV-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing | CDC](#)
- **Pfizer/Biontech Data Is Currently Under Review In The Uk To Determine Whether Its COVID-19 Vaccine Meets Standards Of Quality, Safety And Effectiveness** at 94%, in protecting people over 65 years old from COVID-19, with trials suggesting it works equally well in people of all ages, races and ethnicities by their Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). Based on current projections, Pfizer expects to produce up to 50 million vaccine doses globally in 2020. As the first country to pre-order the vaccine from Pfizer/BioNTech, the UK is expected to receive a total of 40 million doses by the end of 2021 and has secured early access to over 355 million doses of 7 of the most promising vaccine candidates, enough to vaccinate up to a third of the population. The vaccine will be manufactured in BioNTech's German sites, as well as Pfizer's Belgium site. Interim advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization (JCVI) is to vaccinate homecare residents and staff first, followed by people over 80 and health and social workers, then to the rest of the population in order of age and risk. To read the United Kingdom's November 23, 2020 Press Release, please go to: [Government welcomes the MHRA review into Pfizer and BioNTech vaccine - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Britain Gave Emergency Use Approval To The Vaccine Developed By Pfizer And German Partner Biontech SE**, the first country to do so. Britain said it would start inoculating high-risk people early next week, a move that could make Americans more confident about the prospect of an expected mass vaccination campaign reminiscent of the anti-polio campaigns of the 1950s and 1960s. Although China and Russia also have moved ahead with inoculation campaigns with their own vaccines, Britain's medical standards more closely align with those of the United States. A U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) panel will meet on Dec. 10 to discuss emergency use authorization of the Pfizer vaccine. Moderna's vaccine is expected to be reviewed a week later. Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca Plc already began manufacturing their vaccines and say distribution could begin almost immediately after approval. To view the December 2, 2020 Thomson Reuters News Report, please go to: [As coronavirus soars, U.S. cheers Britain's vaccine approval | Reuters](#)



- **Swift Distribution Of COVID-19 Vaccines To Millions Of Americans Unveiled By U.S. Officials** after a record-breaking 4.36 million new coronavirus infections and hospitalizations reported in November. Presidential Chief Adviser of Operation Warp Speed program stated that 20 million people could be vaccinated by the end of 2020 with 60 million to 70 million doses per month by January, with vaccines from Pfizer Inc. and Moderna Inc., most Americans will have access to highly effective vaccines by mid-2021. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will meet on December 10 to discuss recommendations on whether to authorize emergency use of the Pfizer vaccine and will consider the Moderna candidate a week later, while other pharmaceutical companies also have vaccines in the works. The U.S. Transportation Department is prepared to enable the "immediate mass shipment" of vaccines and completed all necessary regulatory measures. To read the December 1, 2020 Thomson Reuters News Report, please go to: [U.S. reveals rapid rollout plan for vaccine after record coronavirus surge | Reuters](#)
- **California Department Of Public Health (CDPH) Recommends That General Acute Care Hospitals (GACH) Begin Weekly Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Testing** for patients And Health Care Personnel (HCP) by December 14, 2020 and included guidance via an All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary. The letter includes general testing guidance; recommendations of weekly screening; testing for newly admitted, newly symptomatic and exposed patients; test processing arrangements with laboratories; plans for use and follow-up of test results; and procedures for the duration of work exclusion for HCP positive cases, and recommends that hospitals include testing strategies informed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations. To read the November 25, 2020 State of California—Health and Human Services Agency All Facilities Letter (AFL) in the subject of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Testing Recommendations for Patients and Health Care Personnel (HCP) at General Acute Care Hospitals (GACHs), please go to: [AFL 20-88 \(ca.gov\)](#)
- **Health-Care Workers And Nursing Home Residents Should Be The First To Get Coronavirus Vaccines According To Recommendations By The Center For Disease Control And Prevention (CDC) Advisory Group** which if approved by the director, will become official CDC guidance to the states. Phase 1a of coronavirus vaccine doses should be given to an estimated 21 million health-care workers and 3 million residents and staff of nursing homes and other long-term-care facilities. Health-care personnel are a top priority because of their exposure to the virus and their critical role of keeping the nation’s hospitals and clinics functioning. To read the December 1, 2020 Washington Post News Report, please go to: [Vaccine schedule: Health-care workers and nursing homes should get it first - The Washington Post](#)
- **Rise In Coronavirus Cases Could Overwhelm California's Health System With The Current 90% Hospitalization Increases** and predictions of ICU beds reaching 112% capacity by mid-December, and tripling by Christmas. About 12% of COVID-19 positive cases are likely to need hospital care within the next two to three weeks with intensive care cases being the biggest concern already having increased 67% in the past two weeks currently occupied at 75%. Unless the trends slow, the surge in cases creates the potential for an order that could place further restrictions on businesses and keep the majority of people indoors in most seriously-affected counties. Warnings ignored of distancing, mask guidelines and gathering for Thanksgiving could lead to a massive surge by Christmas. To view the December 1, 2020 Associated Press News Report via U.S. News and World Report, please go to: [California Faces Possible COVID-19 Hospital Crisis, Lockdown | California News | US News](#)



- **Membership In The Community Vaccine Advisory Committee With Broad Representation From Organizations Throughout California Was Announced By The California Department Of Public Health.** Committee Members Advise State on Advancing the Principles of Safety, Equity and Transparency in COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Allocation Of The COVID-19 Vaccine and will help guide the state's decision making. To view the California Department of Public Health November 23, 2020 News Release, please go to: [California Department of Public Health Announces Membership in the Community Vaccine Advisory Committee to Ensure Equity in COVID-19 Vaccine Access](#)
- **The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention (CDC) Offers A List Reflecting Data For People With Certain Medical Conditions Who Might Be At An Increased Risk, And Who Are At Increased Risk Of Severe Illness From The Virus That Causes COVID-19.** Severe illness from COVID-19 is defined as hospitalization, admission to the ICU, intubation or mechanical ventilation, or death. COVID-19 is a new disease so the list of underlying medical conditions is not exhaustive and only includes conditions with sufficient evidence to draw conclusions; it is a living document that may be updated at any time, subject to potentially rapid change as the science evolves. Notably, the list may not include every condition that might increase one's risk for developing severe illness from COVID-19, such as those for which evidence may be limited or nonexistent (e.g., rare conditions). To view the full CDC December 1, 2020 updated report that includes the list of underlying conditions, evidence, and recommendations, please go to: [Certain Medical Conditions and Risk for Severe COVID-19 Illness | CDC](#)
- **California's Master Plan For Early Learning And Care: California For All Kids, Was Released** which outlines a roadmap for building comprehensive and equitable early learning system over the next decade. The Master Plan builds on more than \$500 million in federal funds to increase access to child care vouchers, waive family fees and support the child care workforce with PPE. Recommendations include expanding access to paid family leave, providing universal preschool for all 4-year-olds and income eligible 3-year-olds and prohibiting suspensions and expulsions in subsidized early learning programs. To read the December 1, 2020 Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release, please to: [Governor Newsom Releases the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care: California for All Kids | California Governor](#)
 - To view the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care: California for All Kids, please go to: [Master Plan for Early Learning and Care: Making California For All Kids \(amazonaws.com\)](#)
- **Department Of Public Social Services (DPSS)** offers assistance to residents for Medi-Cal health insurance, CalFresh food assistance, CalWORKs cash assistance for families, and General Relief cash assistance. They also offer many other social service programs such as to individuals who are experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, substance use disorders as well as others. For more information, please go to: <https://dpss.lacounty.gov/en.html>
- **Meal Programs** and assistance for residents continue in Carson, including for seniors and the homebound.
 - **Carson Essentials to GO** – Grocery Package Purchase - delivered: (310) 952-1765
 - **Free Meal Pick-Up** for those in need, Mon. - Thurs. at 11:00 a.m. : (310) 952-1750
 - **Meals on Wheels** YMCA Program for seniors age 60 and up: (310) 602-4909
 - **Grab & Go City on the Hill Church** for children and seniors (310) 740-9363
 - **Everytable:** Homemade meals delivery subscription: COVID-19 Hotline: (323) 458-6487 Mainline: (424) 296-1619
 - **Grab & Go Food Centers**, please log on to: <https://achieve.lausd.net/resources>



- **Los Angeles Regional Food Bank** for all in need: (323) 234-3030
<https://www.lafoodbank.org/coronavirus/>
<https://www.lafoodbank.org/wp-content/uploads/Food-Resource-Guide-2-sided.pdf>
- **County of Los Angeles Food Resources**
<https://covid19.lacounty.gov/food/>
- **WIC** (Women, Infants and Children) is a health program that provides food vouchers to low income families with children 5 years old and under. For more information, please call 1-888-WIC-WORKS or go to:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DWICSN/Pages/Program-Landing1.aspx>
- **CalFresh** is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that provides financial assistance low-income families. For more information, please call (877) 847-3663 or go to: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/calfresh>

If You Feel Anxious, Stressed, Worried, Sad, Bored, Depressed, Lonely or Frustrated

due to your current circumstance possibly caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak as it is changing life for all of us, please use these valuable resources below for emotional support and well-being to help yourself and to help others by going to:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/resources-for-emotional-support-and-well-being/>

- **24-hour Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** [800-273-8255](tel:800-273-8255) or text [838255](tel:838255)
- **24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline:** [800-799-7233](tel:800-799-7233) or click [Chat Now](#)
- **Call 911** if you or the person you are helping is in immediate danger.

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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