



City of Carson COVID-19 Update

Monday, December 21, 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 wears a face always 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)

12/21/2020	CASES	DEATHS
CARSON	4,268	67
West Carson/Unincorp.	950	54
County of Los Angeles	623,875	8,875
California	1,910,120	22,820
United States	18,083,146	321,158
Global	77,296,379	1,700,399

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/>
- **Carson City Hall Is Open To The Public For Business By Appointment Only Through December 31, 2020.** Please contact the department of choice directly to make an appointment. For online business and information on city services, and citywide as well as COVID-19 updates, please go to: <https://ci.carson.ca.us/>
- **The Food And Drug Administration (FDA) Authorized The Emergency Use Of A COVID-19 Vaccine By Moderna** on Friday, doubling the nation's immunization capacity allowing for potentially 20 million people to receive their first dose by the end of the month, and up to 100 million could get it by the end of March, officials say. The two-dose 94.5% effective Moderna vaccine to be used in adults ages 18 and up was created using the similar technology as the already authorized Pfizer and BioNTech vaccine although Moderna's vaccine gives a clear advantage over Pfizer. Moderna's vaccine is more stable and doesn't need to be kept at a frigid minus-94 degrees Fahrenheit but instead can be stored for six months at a mere minus-4 degrees, and it can last 30 days at a 36 to 46 degrees (regular refrigerator temperature) so it will be shipped to many more locations. About 6 million doses of the Moderna vaccine will be sent to more than 3,000 locations across the country, said Army Gen. Gus Perna, who is overseeing the distribution for Operation Warp Speed. To view the December 18, 2020 Los Angeles Times News Report, please go to: <https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2020-12-18/fda-authorizes-covid-vaccine-moderna-nih>
- **U.S. In Negotiations To Secure Additional Pfizer-BioNTech Coronavirus Vaccines By Spring** after being warned that other countries have rushed to buy most of the supply leaving the U.S. probably having to wait until summer for additional doses after the Trump Administration had previously turned down an opportunity to double its purchase of 100 million doses. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said he is "very optimistic" about negotiations in which federal officials are trying to help Pfizer ramp up production to meet the government's demand for the second quarter of 2021. An additional 2 million Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine doses are scheduled for delivery next week, and 5.9 million Moderna vaccines have been allocated if the vaccine clears regulatory hurdles in the coming days. He also noted that the federal government has been more heavily involved in the development and manufacturing of the other five coronavirus vaccines that accepted government research funding, which Pfizer declined. Officials said they are on track to meet initial vaccine delivery targets this week, with deliveries to 636 facilities so far and an additional 886 planned Thursday. To view the December 16, 2020 Washington Post News Report, please go to: https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/pfizer-vaccine-doses-us/2020/12/16/9d63848c-3fc1-11eb-8bc0-ae155bee4aff_story.html
- **High-Quality COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing Solutions Provider To Begin National Distribution And Commercialization Of CareStart™ Line Of COVID-19 Testing Products** to the US market. Access Bio, Inc. is expanding Intrivo's family of authorized distributors through McKesson Medical-Surgical. McKesson joins Concordance Healthcare Solutions and NDC, Inc. as key national partners within the Healthcare Supply Chain to help bring the CareStart™ line of COVID-19 testing products to the US market, according to a newswire from GLOBE NEWSWIRE via COMTEX. As Access Bio's exclusive US commercialization partner, Intrivo's new channel agreements will expand the supply chain for the CareStart™ line of COVID-19 testing products across the country ensuring greater access to testing supplies for healthcare providers and organizations. To date, Access Bio has received FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for its RT-PCR test, IgM/IgG antibody test and most recently, a rapid point-of-care (POC) antigen test. The CareStart™ COVID-19 antigen test is a lateral-flow immunochromatographic assay capable of producing results within 10 minutes of being administered with 88.4% sensitivity and 100%



specificity. The test is a self-contained, single-use product. To view the December 17, 2020 MarketWatch News Department News Report, please go to: <https://www.marketwatch.com/press-release/intrivo-diagnostics-secures-national-distribution-agreement-with-mckesson-medical-surgical-for-access-bio-carestartm-covid-19-tests-2020-12-17>

- **UC Irvine Medical Center Constructing Field Hospital To Handle Surge Of Covid-19 Patients** as it is running out of beds in its intensive care unit like hospitals across the Southland. The field hospital, which is expected to be completed by Wednesday, will provide UCI Medical Center with 50 extra beds and it is equipped with running water, air purifiers and lighting, but does not have ICU capabilities. The county’s ICU bed availability remained zero in the “adjusted” metric, and was 12.1% in the unadjusted number (reflects the difference in beds available for COVID-19 patients and non-coronavirus patients). On Sunday, 1,682 coronavirus patients were hospitalized across all O.C. hospitals, 375 were in ICUs, and a reported record-breaking 4,606 new daily coronavirus cases, totaling a recorded 124,428 coronavirus cases and 1,775 deaths. TO view the CBSLA News December 21, 2020 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/uc-irvine-medical-center-constructing-field-hospital-to-handle-surge-of-covid-19-patients/ar-BB1c6Rgw>
- **San Francisco Issued A Travel Order Requiring A 10-Day Quarantine To Anyone Visiting The City** from outside the Bay Area or after returning from travel of more than 150 miles effective Friday, December 18 - essential workers are exempt. Violating the order is a misdemeanor. The rise in coronavirus cases in the Bay Area is “staggering” and “that catastrophe could still be avoided if residents refrain from traveling.” According to Health Officer Colfax who also indicates that “we still have time to turn this dire situation around, and as a result, save hundreds of lives.” Coronavirus cases have risen by 50% in San Francisco since Thanksgiving. To view the Daily News December 18, 2020 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/san-francisco-announces-mandatory-10-day-quarantine/ar-BB1c2q70>
 - **To view the NO. C19-17 ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO** requiring people who have arrived in the city and county of San Francisco after travel, moving, or returning to the county to quarantine, to help reduce the impact on transmissions and hospitalizations of the current covid-19 surge (“Travel Order”), please go to: <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/files/Order-C19-17-Surge-Related-Travel-Quarantine.pdf>
- **Traveling? U.S. College Student Gets 4 Months In Prison For Violating COVID-19 Measures In Cayman Islands** along with her boyfriend (Cayman Islands resident), and have been in prison since Tuesday. She arrived on Nov. 27 and was supposed to undergo a two-week mandated quarantine for anyone arriving in the British Caribbean territory which is electronically tracked with a wristband, however, on Nov. 29 her boyfriend picked her up to attend a water sports event. They were arrested and initially ordered 40 hours of community service and pay a \$4,400 fine, while her boyfriend was also ordered a two-month curfew but a higher court ruled immediate imprisonment. The Cayman Islands Judge stated that the decision to violate safety measures was born of selfishness and arrogance and entirely deliberate and planned, reported the Cayman Compass newspaper. The couple is the first to be sentenced under an amended law targeting COVID-19 violators while under the original law, a Canadian couple was ordered to pay a \$1,200 fine each. The Cayman Islands, a territory of nearly 62,000 people, has reported more than 300 coronavirus cases and two deaths. To view the KTLA News Report, please go to: <https://ktla.com/news/local-news/u-s-college-student-gets-4-months-in-prison-in-cayman-islands-for-violating-covid-19-measures/>



- **United Airlines Warns Passengers Of Possible Covid-19 Exposure During A Flight to Los Angeles From Orlando** on Monday, December 14 after the death of a passenger who went in to cardiac arrest during an Orlando-to-Los-Angeles flight, and is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help contact passengers. The man was seen board the plane with his head down breathing according to a passenger who also heard the man's wife say he had been experiencing COVID-like symptoms. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead, according to United Airlines. The passenger filled out a required checklist before boarding the flight, indicating he had not tested positive for COVID-19 and did not have symptoms but it's apparent that he "wrongly acknowledged this requirement," the airline said. To view the NBC News December 19, 2020 News Report, please go to: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/united-airlines-warns-passengers-exposure-after-possible-covid-related-death-n1251814>
- **New Coronavirus Variant In UK Prompts Lockdown, Travel Bans** due to fears that a new variant is behind a rise in infections in London and parts of southeast England which has caused international alarm and dozens of countries around the world have introduced travel bans to the U.K. France, Germany and several other European countries have suspended flights, while similar measures have been taken around the world – as far as Canada and Hong Kong. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has called on the federal government to impose restrictions in light of the new variant., but there is still a great deal that is not known about the new variant, according to several experts. The variant, which was first detected in the U.K. months ago, has also been found in patients in Australia, Denmark and the Netherlands. "Although there is considerable uncertainty, it may be up to 70% more transmissible than the old variant," Prime Minister Johnson added, citing an early analysis from NERVTAG, the advisory group on New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threats. French President Emmanuel Macron said, "All this shows the complexity of the virus, its aggressiveness, dare I say its inventiveness and the humility that we must always have." There is so far no evidence the variant would prove resistant to vaccines, and the data, which has been shared with the World Health Organization, Johnson said, was "early" and "subject to review," but he had "to act on information as we have it because this is now spreading very fast." The general rule in virology is that higher transmission is associated with a less severe infection." To view the ABCNews December 21News Report, please go to: <https://abcnews.go.com/International/coronavirus-variant-uk-prompts-lockdown-travel-bans-evidence/story?id=74842248>
 - **British Airways And Delta Air Lines Will Only Allow Passengers Who Test Negative For The Coronavirus To Fly To New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport** following the emergence of a highly infectious new strain, New York's governor and the airlines said on Monday According to Reuters News in a most recent December 21, 2020 report. To View the Reuters News Report, please go to: <https://www.reuters.com/article/health-coronavirus-usa-new-york/update-3-british-airways-delta-will-screen-jfk-bound-passengers-from-britain-for-coronavirus-idUSL1N2J11HQ>
- **A Second Stimulus Check And Expanded Unemployment Benefits Agreement Has Been Reached** by the Senate and House leadership valued at \$900 billion and it includes the following: \$600 direct payments to eligible people; \$300 weekly supplemental unemployment payments; Extended unemployment coverage and benefits for freelance workers; \$284 billion for Paycheck Protection Program loans; \$13 billion in nutrition assistance; Extended eviction moratorium and emergency rental assistance; and \$10 billion for child care assistance, but it doesn't provide direct aid to state and local governments. "It's a relief knowing the package helps put food on the table, pay rent and avoid eviction for millions of families," says Angelo McClain, chief executive officer for the National Association of Social Workers. The distribution timeline hasn't been announced. To view the U.S. News & World Report December 21, 2020 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/savingandinvesting/second-stimulus-check-and-expanded-unemployment-benefits-who-qualifies-and-when-does-it-start/ar-BB1c7wMc>



- **Officials Lift Ban On Indoor Worship Places And Can Now Open Indoors** in response to recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings after months of legal battles. The new orders: Places of worship will now be permitted to offer faith-based services both indoors and outdoors, with strict guidance and mandatory physical distancing and face coverings over both the nose and mouth that must be worn at all times while on site; and Places of worship must also assure that attendance does not exceed the number of people who can be accommodated, while maintaining a physical distance of six feet between separate households, officials said. Public health officials were still “strongly” recommending that such services be held outside. To view the Daily News December 19, 2020 News Report, please go to: <https://www.dailynews.com/2020/12/19/as-la-county-tops-600000-cases-officials-lift-ban-on-indoor-worship/>
 - To view the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of The Health Officer Appendix F: Reopening Protocol for Places of Worship Page 1 of 9 Revised 12/19/2020, please go to: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_PlacesofWorship.pdf
- **U.S. Surgeon General Calls For COVID-19 Survivors To Donate COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma (CCP)** which may contain antibodies to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the disease. Current research shows that convalescent plasma is safe and it contains a high concentration and when it’s given early and it contains a high level of antibodies that can help prevent severe consequences and can help improve a newly diagnosed patient’s chances of recovery. More than 250,000 courses of CCP have been administered, yet, a steady, reliable supply of plasma urgently need. While studies are ongoing, the Food and Drug Administration has authorized the emergency use of CCP based on review of the available scientific facts. To see if you are eligible to donate and locate a CCP donation center near you, or to learn more about how to participate in clinical trials for vaccines, therapeutics, and convalescent plasma, visit combatcovid.hhs.gov. To view the December 21, 2020 Health and Human Services (HHS) Surgeon General News Release, please go to: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/12/21/statement-us-surgeon-general-calls-for-covid-19-survivors-to-donate-plasma.html>
- **Twitter Bans Harmful False Claims About COVID-19 Vaccinations and will require** users to remove tweets that advance harmful false or misleading claims such as suggesting that vaccines are used to intentionally cause harm to or control populations; invoke deliberate conspiracy theories; claims that the pandemic is not real or serious; and vaccinations are unnecessary; as well as other false claims which have been disproven. Twitter may also label or place a warning on tweets that advance "unsubstantiated rumors, disputed claims, as well as incomplete or out-of-context information" about the vaccines starting early next year. Twitter would determine with public health partners which vaccine misinformation was harmful enough to warrant its removal. Both Facebook Inc. and Alphabet Inc (Google owned) recently announced similar actions. To view the December 16, 2020 Wall Street Journal News Report, please go to: https://www.wsj.com/articles/twitter-to-take-down-false-claims-about-covid-19-vaccines-11608149594?mod=hp_list_pos3
- **Emergency Rental Assistance Program For Up To \$10,000 is available to Carson Residents.** For more information, eligibility, 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>
- **Small Business Assistance Grant Program For Up To \$30,000 Is Available To Carson Businesses.** For more information, eligibility, 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



- **California Rebuilding Fund Is Available to Small Businesses.** For more information, eligibility, qualification requirements, and instructions on how to apply, please go to: <https://www.connect2capital.com/p/californiarebuildingfund/>
- **Small Business Hiring Tax Credit Program** from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA). Deadline to apply is January 15, 2021. For more information, eligibility requirements and instructions on how to apply, please go to: <https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/taxes-and-fees/SB1447-tax-credit.htm>
- **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>
- **SoCal Gas Company Utility Programs for Residents:**
 - **Gas Bill Relief Grant** (877) 238-0092
<https://www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/assistance-programs/gas-assistance-fund>
 - **RES DI FREE Home Weatherization Program** ACS Group (562) 464-0880 (Lic. No. 667206 Authorized Contractor)
 - **Medical Baseline Allowance Program** (800) 427-2200
<https://www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/assistance-programs/medical-baseline-allowance>
- **Southern California Edison Utility Programs For Residents:**
 - **FERA Program** Reduced Monthly Bill <https://www.sce.com/residential/assistance/care-fera>
 - **CARE Program** Reduced Monthly Bill <https://www.sce.com/residential/assistance/care-fera>
 - **EAF Program** Bill Payment Assistance Grant <https://www.sce.com/residential/assistance/energy-assistance-fund>
 - **LIHEAP** Home Weatherization and Appliance Program (800) 736-4777 <https://www.sce.com/residential/assistance/energy-saving-program>



- **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 and also offer 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>

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.

If You Are Experiencing High Fever, Along With Dry Cough And Fatigue, Call Your Health Provider Immediately for professional advice and recommendations, especially those with underlying health conditions, the elderly and pregnant women.

Please continue to follow the recommendations of public health experts to avoid the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a face mask, washing your hands often; clean and disinfect surfaces regularly; stay a safe distance from one another; stay home if you are ill; avoid others who are or if you are ill; and cover coughs and sneezes.

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