



## City of Carson COVID-19 Update

Thursday, January 11, 2021

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. Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the etiologic agent of coronavirus disease 2019 (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 covering always 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)

<b>01/11/2021</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>
<b>CARSON</b>	<b>6,636</b>	<b>97</b>
West Carson/Unincorp.	1,535	67
County of Los Angeles	920,560	12,250
California	2,745,197	30,125
United States	22,732,280	378,777
Global	90,839,382	1,943,024

**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 FREE 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/>
  
- **A Carson City Council Regular Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2021 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 Meeting Minutes, please go to: <https://carson.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
  
- **\$600 Stimulus Check Distribution In 2 Phases and 80% Of The Way by IRS before the Friday’ Deadline of January 15** to those who meet the requirements provided by either of two primary payment ways: Direct deposit and in the mail as either a paper check or an EIP debit card. Those who don't receive their stimulus payment will need to first confirm they are qualified and see which payment group they were placed in by the IRS and where to look for their payment, or claim a “Recovery Rebate Credit” (make-up payment) when they file their taxes. If the amount received seems lower than expected, you might want to investigate further. To view the CNET January 11, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.cnet.com/personal-finance/stimulus-check-sending-in-2-phases-will-your-payment-come-before-or-after-the-deadline/>
  - IRS Economic Impact Payments Website: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>
  
- **Additional Cases Of MIS-C, Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome In Children, Were Reported In L.A. County** bringing the countywide case count to 54, including one death. MIS-C is an inflammatory condition associated with COVID-19 and symptoms include fever that does not go away and inflamed body parts, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs, according to Public Health. Parents of children displaying symptoms of MIS-C are urged to call their primary care provider or calling 211 to be connected to one. Also, Los Angeles County on Saturday surpassed 900,000 coronavirus cases on January 9 and reported a cumulative number of 906,171 cases and 12,084 fatalities throughout the pandemic. To view the CBS January 10, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/los-angeles-county-surpasses-900000-coronavirus-cases/ar-BB1cCl8y>
  
- **Public Health Officials Issue Urgent Plea As Every Minute 10 People In L.A. County Test Positive For COVID-19** and 10-12% of those end up hospitalized while more than 1% of people diagnosed end up dying. Since this surge began in early-November, deaths have increased by more than 1,000% from 12 a day to more than 200. There are 7,910 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized going from an average of 791 two months ago to an average of around 8,000 patients, 22% of those in ICU. To date, L.A. County Public Health identified 932,697 positive cases and a total of 12,387 deaths, and the 15,000 who test positive each day are capable of infecting others for two days before they had any symptoms or knew they were positive. Health officials stressed that now is the time to be extremely cautious and very careful and to avoid as much as possible, contact with others that aren't in your household. When you must go out, to work or for essential services, always wear a mask, keep your distance from others, wash your hands frequently, and bring sanitizing wipes with you to wipe down your cell phone, your car keys, your workstations, the door handles and anything you touch and anything other people are touching. Adding that the end of the surge only happens when more people and businesses take control and do the right thing. The biggest single factor contributing to the surge comes down to the actions individuals are taking. Hospitals have vaccinated 160,000 healthcare workers; about 75% completion rate. To View the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health January 11, 2020 News Release, please go to: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2908>



- L.A. Unified School District Students Must Get COVID-19 Vaccine To Return To Campus Once Vaccines Are Available To Children**, says Superintendent Austin Beutner, adding that the state should set the standards for reopening schools, explain the reasoning behind the standards, and then require campuses to open when these standards are achieved. A COVID-19 vaccine requirement would be "no different than students who are vaccinated for measles or mumps," Beutner said, also comparing students, staff and others getting a COVID-19 vaccine to those who are tested for tuberculosis before they come on campus "That's the best way we know to keep all on a campus safe." Teachers and other essential workers who are slated to be part of the next phase of immunization which could begin as soon as early February however student vaccinations are probably many months away according to county officials. Children and young adults also are likely to be among the last to be vaccinated because they face a lower risk for a severe case of COVID-19. Beutner said he hoped all students would be vaccinated "by this time next year" and "Families who don't want their children to take the vaccine will always have the option for a child to stay in online learning and therefore not have to go back to campus." To view the January 11, 2021 Los Angeles Times News Report, please go to: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-11/beutner-says-students-must-be-vaccinated-to-return-to-campus>
- COVID-19 Oral Swab Test Used In L.A. County Made By Curative May Be Producing Inaccurate Results** and carries a "risk of false results, particularly false negative results" according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA guidance issued on Monday repeats the instructions of when the test was first granted an emergency use authorization stating that it should be used only on "symptomatic individuals within 14 days of COVID-19 symptom onset" to reduce the risk of false negatives, and should be observed and directed during the sample collection process by a trained health care worker at the specimen collection site. The Curative study conducted to validate its test in its application for emergency authorization excluded patients who were asymptomatic and that the test is "limited to patients with symptoms of COVID-19" although it has been provided daily to tens of thousands of residents, symptomatic or not, in Los Angeles and other parts of California. The test is an oral swab that can be self-administered and patients are required to cough three times, swish the spit in their mouths, and then rub a cotton swab around their gums, cheeks and tongue. It has been supplied at L.A.'s 10 drive-through testing sites has administered more than 11 million tests nationwide, including in other major cities such as Chicago, San Francisco, Houston, Atlanta, Miami and Seattle. On a subsequent report on Sunday, officials stated that they will discontinue use of Curative at pop-up locations by Monday, January 11, 2021. To view the January 7, 2021 Los Angeles Times News Report, please go to: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-07/fda-warns-that-curatives-covid-19-test-used-by-the-city-of-l-a-may-be-inaccurate>
- L.A. To Turn Dodger Stadium Into A COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Center By The End Of This Week** with officials hoping to vaccinate up to 12,000 people daily when the site is fully operational. City and county officials also plan to end testing at the Veterans Affairs Lot 15 site near Jackie Robinson Stadium to shift personnel, equipment and other resources to vaccine distribution. "Vaccines are the surest route to defeating this virus and charting a course to recovery, so the city, county, and our entire team are putting our best resources on the field to get Angelenos vaccinated as quickly, safely, and efficiently as possible," Mayor Garcetti said. The county's testing capacity will be reduced temporarily during the transition at the sites, but the change will more than triple the daily number of vaccines available. On Friday, Gov. Gavin Newsom set a goal of administering vaccines to 1 million additional people over the following nine days, acknowledging that the state's effort to distribute the lifesaving supplies has been "not good enough." California has received more than 2 million doses of vaccine, as of Friday less than a third had been administered to those who are eligible in the first round of inoculations. Dodger Stadium is the largest testing site in the country and has administered more than 1 million tests since May but testing operations will end Monday although free testing for residents, with or without symptoms, at eight permanent sites and six mobile sites across L.A. will increase. To view the January 10, 2021 Los Angeles Times News Report, please go to: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-10/dodger-stadium-coronavirus-vaccination-site>



- **Expert-Approved Items To Have Ready To “Ease” COVID-19 Symptoms At Home** although if you test positive, your very first course of action should be to contact your primary healthcare provider for guidance because even if you don't require immediate emergency room aid, you may have pre-existing health conditions and the severity of symptoms can vary greatly from person to person. Dial 911 if you are experiencing life-threatening symptoms, especially if they were to worsen after receiving guidance from your healthcare provider. For some, COVID-19 symptoms will become too severe for you to remain at home, and you will need to seek immediate care from health providers in an emergency room, hospital, or clinic while others will self-isolate and recover at home. With the help of a pair of leading infectious disease doctors, Good Housekeeping Magazine reviews ways in which you can ease a myriad of COVID-19 symptoms at home to help your body overcome an initial infection, and the best tools available to help such as: Which medications are best for COVID-19; Which medication to avoid; What foods to avoid; Which tools can help ease symptoms; What to do if your child is dealing with symptoms; When to go to the hospital. Everyone's COVID-19 treatment recommendations will be different, and there isn't a single drug that can speed up your recovery. Theodore Bailey, MD, says that antiviral drug or anti-inflammatory medications can be prescribed, but over-the-counter medications are only intended to "make the process of being sick more comfortable" and can help reduce the severity of the most common symptoms. The guide generalizes care recommendations prescribed by health officials and it is not intended to replace or substitute medical or treatment advice from a licensed healthcare professional. The views reflected in the article are educational in nature. To view the January 11, 2021 Good Housekeeping News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/5-expert-approved-items-to-have-ready-to-ease-covid-19-symptoms/ar-BB1cEGA0>
- **Gorillas Test Positive For COVID-19 At the San Diego Zoo Safari Park** in the first known instance of natural transmission to great apes, said officials of San Diego Zoo Global, which operates the park, in a press release. The testing process was initiated after two of the gorillas began coughing on January 6 and the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Veterinary Services Laboratories confirmed the positive results. Aside from some congestion and coughing, the gorillas are doing well," said Lisa Peterson, executive director, San Diego Zoo Safari Park, adding that those gorillas remain quarantined together and are eating and drinking. The Park has been closed to the public since Dec. 6, 2020 and officials noted that it's suspected the gorillas acquired the infection from an asymptomatic staff member. Research studies have verified that some non-human primates are susceptible to infection with SARS-CoV-2, but this is the first known instance of natural transmission to great apes and it is unknown if they will have any serious reaction." U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) noted that there is risk of people spreading the virus to animals and the first case in the U.S. was a tiger at a New York zoo. There have been reports of animals being infected worldwide. To view the Star News January 11, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/world/2021/01/12/gorillas-at-us-san-diego-zoo-test-positive-for-covid-19>
  - To view the San Diego Zoo Global Media News Release, please go to: <https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/pressroom/news-releases/gorilla-troop-san-diego-zoo-safari-park-test-positive-covid-19>



- **Carson Emergency Rental Assistance Program For Up To \$30,000 is available to Residents.** Application deadline is Wednesday, January 13, 2021. 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>
- **Carson Small Business Assistance Grant Program For Up To \$30,000 Is Available To Businesses.** Application deadline is Wednesday, January 13, 2021. 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](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>
- **Department Of Public Social Services (DPSS) Offers Assistance** 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>
- **Meal Programs And Assistance For Carson Residents**, 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) Health Program 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) Provides Financial Assistance** to 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>

**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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