



## City of Carson COVID-19 Update

Thursday, December 10, 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)

<b>12/10/2020</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>
<b>CARSON</b>	<b>3,276</b>	<b>65</b>
West Carson/Unincorp.	758	54
County of Los Angeles	487,917	8,075
California	1,480,503	20,592
United States	15,715,231	295,450
Global	69,524,946	1,580,727

**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/>
- **A Regular Meeting of the Carson City Council Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 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>
- **L.A. County's First COVID-19 Death In A Child From Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome Known As MIS-C, 74 New Deaths And 12,819 New Positive Cases Of Confirmed COVID-19 In Los Angeles County** following new record-breaking numbers of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations and high number of deaths, Public Health confirms, just two weeks after the Thanksgiving holiday, which public health officials warned could lead to a surge in virus transmission. In the past two days, the number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 increased by more than 300, with 3,433 people currently hospitalized, 23% of whom are in intensive care units. The county continues to experience high numbers of new deaths and new COVID-19 cases each day, more than at any point during the pandemic. “We are two weeks out from Thanksgiving, and we are witnessing the devastating impact of the actions people took over the holiday,” county Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said. “We are running a risk that could have catastrophic consequences, with hospitals becoming overwhelmed and severely ill patients not able to get the care they need.” To view the December 10, 2020 Department of Public Health News Release, please go to: [LISTING OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRESS RELEASES \(lacounty.gov\)](#)
- **Latinos Are Contracting Coronavirus At More Than Double Rate** of whites underscoring the racial and economic inequities the pandemic has had in California, particularly in Los Angeles County, according to data. Latino communities are at higher risk of contraction because they tend to be essential workers who must go to retail stores, manufacturing plants and other sites rather than working from home. Some Latino neighborhoods are more densely populated, making the virus easier to spread. Compared to white residents, in mid-November Latino residents were more than double the case at about 274 cases per 100,000, and disproportionately higher rates of hospitalization at nearly three times. Latino death rate is 3 deaths per 100,000; Black residents is 1.7; Asian Americans it was 1.2; and among white residents, 0.91 death. Death rates are also worsening among people in impoverished areas and are at a 65% higher rate of contracting the virus. Nearly half of Latino residents account for California’s over 20,000 COVID-19 recorded deaths even though they represent only 38% of the state’s population, and represent 58% of total coronavirus cases, according to state data. To read the December 8, 2020 Los Angeles Times News Report, please go to: [L.A. County Latinos getting coronavirus at higher rate than whites - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)
- **A U.S. Government Advisory Panel Endorsed Widespread Use Of Pfizer’s Coronavirus Vaccine** and depending on how quickly the FDA signs off, the country could be days away from launching an epic vaccination campaign against the outbreak that has killed close to 300,000 Americans. Government advisers concluded that the vaccine from Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech appears safe and effective for emergency use in adults and teenagers 16 and over despite questions about allergic reactions in two people in Britain. While there are a number of unknowns about the vaccine, in an emergency, “the question is whether you know enough” to press ahead, said panel member Dr. Paul Offit concluding that the potential benefits outweigh the risks. The FDA is set to review a second vaccine next week from Moderna and the National Institutes of Health, and a third candidate Johnson & Johnson, with AstraZeneca and Oxford University right behind. Dr. William Moss of Johns



Hopkins University welcomed the outcome, saying, “Given how bad the pandemic is now, we need to move.” To read the AP News December 10, 2020 News Report, please go to: [US panel endorses widespread use of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine \(apnews.com\)](#)

- **U.S. Marshals Will Protect A COVID-19 Vaccine As It Travels From Manufacturing Facilities To Distribution Sites Nationwide** after federal advisory panel recommended Pfizer's vaccine for emergency authorization to the Food and Drug Administration for approval and together with Moderna Inc.'s vaccines, 40 million doses will be distributed if those are approved as well. Deputies will be stationed at several points in the distribution process to protect storage stockpiles, manufacturers, transports, and receiving facilities. Shipments of vaccine kits containing syringes, masks and a diluting agent for the Pfizer vaccine, which will be used to administer the drug have already been delivered. To read the December 10, 2020 CBS News Report, please go to: [U.S. Marshals will protect COVID-19 vaccine during rollout - CBS News](#)
- **More Americans Have Now Died From Covid-19 As Of Evening December 10, Than The 291,557 Us Soldiers Killed In Battle During World War II**, the bloodiest war in human history; and equivalent to almost half of the total death toll in the Civil War at approximately 620,000 which was considered the bloodiest war in American history; and more Americans than the Vietnam War by late April; and by around mid-May, the U.S. death toll had already surpassed the combined number of Americans killed in battle in every major US war since 1945 at nearly 87,000 according Department of Veterans Affairs records. The US has consistently had the highest numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatalities in the world with the national caseload surpassing 15.5 million. To view the December 10, 2020 Business Insider News Report, please go to: [More Americans dead from COVID-19 than US battle deaths in WWII - Business Insider](#)
- **US Customs And Border Patrol Officers Intercept Hundreds Of Non-FDA Approved COVID-19 Test Kits** at San Diego International Airport arriving aboard a flight from Mexico on Dec 1. The FDA determined that the shipment did not have an Emergency Use Authorization from the agency and violated the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, because the kits were misbranded. Officers notified Homeland Security Investigations. CBP San Diego Director of Field Operations Anne Maricich, said in a statement “They stopped the entry of unauthorized, unproven and potentially unsafe goods into the United States. This is a perfect example of the great investigative work by our officers to protect our country from goods that could do us harm.” To view the December 10, 2020 New York Post News Report, please go to: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-officers-intercept-non-fda-approved-covid-19-test-kits>
- **U.S. Stocks In The Dow Jones Industrial Average Lower As Covid-19 Cases Rise As Investors Worry That Elevated Covid-19 Infection And Hospitalization Levels Hit Another Record high In The U.S.** fearing it could weigh on economic growth after new restrictions intended to slow the spread of the virus in California went into effect Sunday night. Stocks had rallied to record highs in recent weeks on brightening economic prospects due to the development of Covid-19 vaccines. The blue-chip index fell 165 points, or 0.6%, in morning trading. The S&P 500 declined 0.2%, while the technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite rose 0.5%. To view December 7, 2020 The Wall Street Journal News Report, please go to: [U.S. Stocks Edge Lower as Covid-19 Cases Rise - WSJ](#)
- **California Superior Court Judge Tentatively Rules That The Los Angeles County Department Of Public Health’s Restrictions By Health Officials Banning Outdoor Dining Were Arbitrary But Will Not Immediately Reinstate Outdoor Restaurant Dining** due to Governor Gavin Newsom's recent regional stay-at-home order which took effect Sunday night. Under the most recent order, restaurants have been required to revert to takeout and delivery service only. The judge limited the ban to three weeks so that it would end December 16, but the



state order will remain in place until December 27. County public health officials would need to conduct a new analysis in order to extend the closures after the new deadline. To read the December 8, 2020 Newsweek News Report, please go to:

[Los Angeles Restrictions on Outdoor Dining Were Arbitrary, California Judge Rules \(newsweek.com\)](https://www.newsweek.com/los-angeles-restrictions-outdoor-dining-were-arbitrary-california-judge-rules-1481118)

- **Carson City Hall Will Revert To Partial Opening To The Public Beginning Wednesday, December 9 on Mondays And Thursdays Only** until the end of the year due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases throughout the region but may be modified or extended after the New Year depending on shifts in reported cases. All other city services will continue as normal and telecommuting procedures for employees will be re-implemented to reduce the risk of spread as much as possible, while still maintaining a high level of service to the public. In-person business will be by appointment only although phone and online business is highly encouraged to protect the health, safety and well-being of employees and the public. For information on all city services, news and COVID-19 updates, please go to: [City of Carson, California | Home](https://www.ci.carson.ca.us/)
- **COVID Test LA Is City's 1st Rapid Testing Mobile Service** that has been providing the COVID-19 testing service to local businesses, weddings and other events for groups of 10 or more. According to the company, it's a 15 minute wait to receive the results, with a cost of \$125 per test. The quick results offer an accuracy that is in the upper 80-percentile. To view the December 9, 2020 ABC7 News Report, please go to: [COVID Test LA is city's 1st rapid testing center on wheels - ABC7 Los Angeles](https://www.abc7.com/news/los-angeles/covid-test-la-is-citys-1st-rapid-testing-mobile-service-1107111/)
- **Los Angeles County Expected To Receive Its Initial Allocation Of Roughly 84,000 COVID-19 Vaccine Doses As Early As Next Week**, with priority given to health care workers and expand to include residents and staff at skilled nursing centers and long-term care facilities as Phase 1a" of the CDC-determined distribution plan that was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and guidance developed by the California Department of Public Health according to a report provided by Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer. Dr. Ferrer added that vaccine distribution will then spread to other priority locations, including dialysis centers, infusion centers, substance-abuse and mental-health facilities and primary care clinics, as well as public health clinical and field workers, home health care and in-home supportive services workers and health care workers at pharmacies, followed by clinical labs and imaging centers and specialty clinics. She also noted that it will be well into next year until vaccines are available to the general public. To view the December 9, 2020 NBC7 News Report, please go to: [LA County expected to receive first doses of COVID-19 vaccine next week - ABC7 Los Angeles](https://www.nbc7.com/news/los-angeles/la-county-expected-to-receive-first-doses-of-covid-19-vaccine-next-week-1107111/)
- **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](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>
- **California Rebuilding Fund Is A Loan Program That Offers Financial Support To Small Businesses.** The loans are flexible, transparent, and are designed to help businesses access the capital and advisory services they need but they are not forgivable and will need to be paid back over a 3- or 5-year term with a fixed annual interest rate that is currently 4.25%. Businesses that employed 50 or less full-time equivalent



employees (FTEs) and had gross revenues of less than \$2.5 million or below in 2019 are eligible to apply. A local certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) lender will work with applicants on the full loan application and throughout the life of the loan. This program is not associated with the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or any other SBA program. For more information, eligibility requirements and to apply, please go to: [California Rebuilding Fund | Connect2Capital](#)

- **\$100 Million In Funding Is Available Businesses Through The Small Business Hiring Tax Credit Program** from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to business that Employ 100 or fewer employees as of December 31, 2019, and Suffered a 50 percent decrease or more in income tax gross receipts comparing second quarter 2020 to second quarter 2019,. Qualified employers must apply with the CDTFA for a credit reservation from December 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., through January 15, 2021. Qualified California small business employer may receive a credit of \$1,000 for each net increase in qualified employees from April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, compared to July 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020, but cannot exceed \$100,000. 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 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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