



City of Carson COVID-19 Update

Thursday, December 24, 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)

12/24/2020	CASES	DEATHS
CARSON	4,544	70
West Carson/Unincorp.	1,016	58
County of Los Angeles	665,035	9,153
California	2,023,808	23,679
United States	19,633,794	329,491
Global	79,194,606	1,738,736

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/>
- **Carson City Hall Will Be Closed Beginning Thursday, December 25, 2020 And Will Resume to regular schedule on January 4, 2021.** For information on all city services, please go to: <https://ci.carson.ca.us/>
- **California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program** for small businesses impacted by COVID-19 through the State of California. The first of two rounds of applications opens December 30, 2020 at 8:00 AM and Closes January 8, 2021 at 11:59 PM with grant amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. For more information, qualifications and to apply, please go to: <https://careliefgrant.com/>
- **California Passes 2 Million COVID-19 Cases Late Wednesday, Doubling In Just Six Weeks After Taking More Than Nine Months To Reach 1 Million** and hundreds of people are dying daily. The state was averaging about 7,000 new cases daily on Nov. 12 but now averaging more than 45,000 cases per day while hospitalizations climbed past 19,000 with just 1.1 percent of ICU beds available across California according to Governor Newsom. Local health officials fear that Christmas and New Year's, like Thanksgiving, will fuel another devastating surge as people unwittingly spread the virus among their friends and family members. Acting State Health Officer Erica Pan warned that with so many people newly infected, the situation in California's hospitals "might get worse before it gets better." A County Health Officer warned people away from a false sense of security when planning Christmas get-togethers. Health care workers began receiving the vaccine, to be followed nursing homes and assisted living facilities residents and staff, and now the state has zeroed in on three categories of front-line employees to be next- educators, first responders and essential workers in the farming and grocery industries. To view the Mercury News December 24, 2020 news report, please go to: <https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/12/23/california-passes-2-million-coronavirus-cases-doubling-its-total-in-just-six-weeks/>
- **A Statement On Worshipping Safely During Holiday Season Strongly Urging People To Refrain From Attending In-Person Services to prevent the spread of COVID-19** was released by the County of Los Angeles Public Health reminding that although many houses of worship will be holding services indoors on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day after the ban on **indoor services** was lifted by per a judge's order, precautions should be taken. "No matter what a Superior Court judge says and given what's happening now, it is simply too risky to gather indoors with other people who do not live with you," the statement said. "Public Health urges you to continue to more safely worship as you have during the pandemic by attending remotely via streaming service or at outdoor services only." The County of Los Angeles is in the midst of its highest surge of COVID-19 cases. The required modifications help to reduce the risk, but do not eliminate it. Approximately 14,000 of the County's residents are testing positive for COVID-19 every day. Hospitals are currently admitting 1,000 new COVID-19 positive patients each day, and there is almost no available capacity at the Intensive Care Units across the County. To view the County of Los Angeles Public Health December 24, 2020 News Release, please go to: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2876>
- **Grocery Stores In Los Angeles County See Rising Numbers Of COVID-19 Outbreaks** (three or more cases within a two-week period), and health officials are now investigating nearly 500 businesses compared with 173 a month ago, many of them grocery stores which have continued to stay open throughout the pandemic and essential workers risk daily exposure. Food 4 Less, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and Sprouts Farmers Market are among those under investigation as well as large food distributors such as Contessa Premium Foods in Vernon, Mission in



Commerce, Costco Warehouse in Marina Del Rey, Santa Clarita, and Woodland Hills according to county health officials. The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), is calling on health officials to answer the urgent need to distribute vaccines to these workers as cases continue to increase adding that hundreds of these essential workers have already died and thousands more are infected daily as they serve our country by keeping our food supply secure. To view Patch News December 22, 2020 news report, please go to:

<https://patch.com/california/los-angeles/coronavirus-outbreaks-slam-grocery-workers-la-county>

- **U.S. State Health Departments Are Facing A Backlog In Administering Coronavirus Vaccines And Are Seeking Volunteers** to help give the shots and free up healthcare workers battling a raging pandemic at overcrowded hospitals. Health departments are recruiting medical and nursing students and even firefighters, some are partnering with local universities or nursing schools offering incentives such as tuition discounts and hands-on training, others are teaching first responders to administer shots. As of Wednesday, nearly 10 million doses have been delivered across the country, but only about 1 million administered which threatens the federal government's goal of inoculating nearly 20 million people by year's end. Medical and nursing student volunteers receive 90 minutes of online and hands-on training. Indiana is in talks to turn universities into vaccine distribution hubs, a spokesman said. California fire department paramedics have been trained to administer the vaccine, initially to fellow employees. To view the Reuters News December 24, 2020 news report, please go to:
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-vaccine-nurses-idUSKBN28Y124>

- **To Boost Public Confidence In Moderna's COVID-19 Vaccine, Live On Camera, Shots Were Administered To Director Dr. Anthony Fauci Of The National Institute Of Allergy And Infectious Diseases, Health Secretary Alex Azar, And Director Francis Collins Of National Institutes Of Health.** Dr. Fauci said that getting the vaccine publicly is "a symbol to the rest of the country that I feel extreme confidence in the safety and the efficacy of this vaccine." For life to get back to normal, Fauci estimates that between 75% and 85% of Americans must be vaccinated to create an "umbrella" of immunity for all. Only 40% of Americans say they would get a vaccine as soon as it is available according to an ABC News/Ipsos poll released Monday according to a Forbes News Report. In a separate report, Vice President Mike Pence, and Surgeon General Jerome Adams were vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine developed By Pfizer on Friday Morning while Kamala Harris will do so a week after Christmas, according to a USA Today News. To view the December 22, 2020 Forbes News Report, please go to:
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/roberthart/2020/12/22/fauci-azar-become-first-public-figures-to-receive-modernas-covid-19-vaccine-on-camera/>
 - To view the USA Today News Report, please go to:
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2020/12/18/vice-president-mike-pence-karen-pence-covid-19-vaccine/3948306001/>

- **U.S. Signs A \$356 Million Supply Deal With Merck For Its COVID-19 Investigational Therapeutic MK-7110 Treatment**, a promising first-in-class fusion protein and immune modulator, to treat hospitalized patients with severe or critical COVID-19, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said. Immune modulators have the potential to minimize the damaging effects of an overactive immune response to COVID-19. Interim data from September showed that the therapy, which is administered as an injection, increased the likelihood of symptom improvement in serious COVID-19 cases and also reduced the risk of respiratory failure and death. The funding will help support its advanced development and large-scale manufacturing and also allows for completing activities required to request emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and for delivery of the doses by June 30, 2021. To view the Reuters News December 23, 2020 news report, please go to: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa-merck-co-idUSKBN28X1FX>



- **Pfizer Seals Deal With U.S. For 100 Million More Coronavirus Vaccine Doses** providing an additional 70 million doses by the end of June and another 30 million by the end of July, with the option to purchase an additional 400 million doses. This means that together with the Moderna vaccine order, there is a pledged to ship 400 million doses in the next seven months, enough doses to vaccinate roughly about 200 of the 260 million adult Americans. Pfizer and Moderna currently are the only two producers whose vaccines are approved for emergency distribution. Pfizer had asked the government's help in obtaining supplies back in September but the administration had already granted priority status to Moderna, along with Sanofi and Novavax which have yet to begin large-scale clinical trials in the United States. Vaccine maker Johnson & Johnson is expected to announce its results from trials next month. To view the New York Times news report, please go to: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/23/us/politics/pfizer-vaccine-doses-virus.html>
 - To view the Health and Human Services December 23, 2020 Press Release, please go to: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/12/23/trump-administration-purchases-additional-100-million-doses-covid-19-investigational-vaccine-pfizer.html>

- **Positive Cases Of COVID-19 In Antarctica (Pop. 1,106) Now Accounts For Every Continent To No Longer Be Coronavirus Free** after thirty-six people stationed at the Gen. Bernardo O'Higgins Riquelme Antarctic base, a permanent research station, tested positive - 26 Chilean army members and 10 are civilian maintenance personnel, Chilean officials said in a statement. No other country with a presence in Antarctica has yet publicly reported cases. It was noted that the impacts of the highly contagious virus spreading on the sparsely populated continent could be disastrous because researchers and other staff shelter in close proximity due to the harsh elements and they have limited medical capabilities and supplies. To view the USA TODAY December 22, 2020 news report, please go to: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2020/12/22/covid-19-antarctica-all-continent-infected-coronavirus/4014371001/>

- **Trump Is Holding Up The COVID-19 Stimulus Relief Package Which Was Passed By Congress** After Month-Long Bipartisan Negotiations with demands to lawmakers that direct payments be increased to \$2,000 checks (among many other allocation concerns), but it is not clear if he would veto the package which, as president, he has the power to do. To override a presidential veto, a two-thirds majority is needed in each chamber of Congress. The package had received enough votes to override it although Trump's intervention may also potentially change the vote of certain lawmakers. Bringing a veto to a vote, however, would likely delay the process of getting stimulus checks out to American households next week as was initially planned. To view the Business Insider December 22, 2020 news report, please go to: <https://www.businessinsider.com/coronavirus-relief-bill-congress-could-override-potential-trump-veto-2020-12>

- **Coronavirus Aid At Risk As U.S. Lawmakers Reject President Trump's Attempts To Alter A \$2.3 Trillion Coronavirus Aid And Government Spending Package** that took months to negotiate, a standoff that threatens desperately needed assistance for millions of Americans and raises the prospect of a partial government shutdown possibly forcing public-safety employees, federal workers and military service members to work without pay. If not signed into law, unemployment benefits will lapse starting on Saturday and stimulus checks would be delayed, as would payments to cash-strapped states that are administering the vaccine rollout, and the moratorium on tenant evictions would expire on Dec. 31, instead of being extended for another month. To view the Reuters News December 24, 2020 news report, please go to: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump/coronavirus-aid-at-risk-as-u-s-lawmakers-block-trumps-changes-idUSKBN28Y12O>



- **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 got 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.socialgas.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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