



City of Carson COVID-19 Update

Monday, January 4, 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. 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)

01/04/2021	CASES	DEATHS
CARSON	5,767	86
West Carson/Unincorp.	1,291	60
County of Los Angeles	818,959	10,773
California	2,440,535	26,640
United States	20,933,546	355,836
Global	85,596,589	1,851,016

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 COVID-19 Vaccine Educational Town Hall Will Be Hosted On Thursday, January 7th From 6pm-8pm** by Assembly Member Mike A. Gipson via Facebook Live on Assembly Member Gipson's page, as well as through Zoom, in partnership with over 15 trusted organizations and a panel of professional medical personnel that will answer questions and concerns regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information or to RSVP and receive the link, please go to: <https://a64.asmdc.org/event/upcoming-event>
- **A Revised Regional Health Officer Order Effective December 30, 2020 Has Been Released For The Southern California Region** as a response to the sustained and substantial rise in covid-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, and will remain in effect for as long as the State Public Health Officer's Regional Stay at Home Order remains in effect. To view the December 30, 2020 Temporary Targeted Safer At Home Health Officer Order for Control of COVID-19: Tier 1 Substantial Surge Updated Response revised order, please go to: http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/HOO/HOO_SaferatHome_SurgeResponse.pdf
- **Mandatory Quarantine Order For Travelers Is Now Official In L.A. County as of December 30, 2020** as part of an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 after the unprecedented surge in both cases and deaths since November has emerged in the county making it one of the nation's leading hot spots. Mandatory quarantine affects anyone traveling for leisure or recreation, or to visit a family member for a nonessential reason, who enters L.A. County from anywhere outside the Southern California region defined as the counties of Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura. People need to quarantine for 10 days to avoid contact with others by staying at home or finding lodging, and not go out to grocery stores or restaurants. Exempted will be: licensed healthcare professionals, essential government or infrastructure reasons, people transiting through L.A. County and not staying overnight, members of professional or collegiate sports teams and film or media production personnel operating within the county, among others. To view the Los Angeles Times January 3, 2021 news report, please go to: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-03/>
 - County of Los Angeles Public Health December 30, 2020 Appendix W: Mandatory Directive On Travel: http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Directive_Travel.pdf
 - California Department of Public Health November 13, 2020 Travel Advisory: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Travel-Advisory.aspx#:~:text=Californians%20are%20encouraged%20to%20stay,tourism%20or%20recreational%20in%20nature.>
- **L.A. County Surpasses 800,000 Covid-19 Cases As Of Sunday, January 2, 2021** while hospitalizations continue to increase reported the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, totaling 806,210 confirmed COVID-19 cases across Los Angeles County and a total of 10,682 deaths. Cases in the county have doubled in a little over a month to an additional 400,000 cases, the fastest acceleration of new cases than at any other time during the pandemic. Southern California Region continues to have 0% ICU capacity remaining having 7,627 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19 with 21% of those people in the ICU. This is an increase of more than 850 patients since last Saturday, December 26. To view the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health January 2, 2021 News Release, please go to: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubdetail.cfm?unit=media&ou=ph&prog=media&cur=cur&prid=2894&row=25&start=1>



- U.S. COVID-19 Cases Surpass 20 Million On Friday, January 1** as deaths mount while officials seek to speed up vaccinations and a more infectious variant surfaces in Colorado, California and Florida. The U.S. has seen a spike in daily COVID-19 fatalities since Thanksgiving with 78,000 lives lost in December. A total of 345,000 have died of COVID-19, or one out of every 950 U.S. residents, since the virus first emerged in China late in 2019. An analysis of Reuters data shows it took 200 days to reach the first 5 million cases, 93 days to go from 5 million cases to 10 million, 31 days from 10 million to 15 million cases and only 25 days to go from 15 million to 20 million cases. California leads in total cases of any state with about 2.28 million infections, followed by Texas with 1.76 million, and Florida with 1.32 million cases. The U.S. is averaging 186,000 cases a day, down from a peak in mid-December of over 218,000. Currently there are more than 125,000 COVID-19 hospitalized patients in U.S., up 25% in the last month. Vaccine rollout is going more slowly than the government hoped with only about 2.8 million Americans having received a COVID-19 vaccine by Dec. 31, falling short of a 20 million target. U.S. infectious disease specialist Dr. Anthony Fauci said he expects Americans to achieve enough collective COVID-19 immunity through vaccinations by autumn 2021. The government’s goal is 100 million shots administered by March 1. To view the Reuters News January 1, 2021 news report, please go to: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa-cases-idUSKBN2962N8>
- Los Angeles County Is The No. 1 Most Dangerous Area In The Us As It Relates To COVID-19** according to Fema (Federal Emergency Management Agency), of more than 3,000 counties surveyed. FEMA calculated the risk for every county in America for 18 types of natural disasters, including earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, volcanoes and even tsunamis and the pandemic was not counted, but Los Angeles has now been called “ground zero” for the coronavirus. The calculations are made in an index determining how often disasters strike, how many people, and how much property are in harm’s way, how vulnerable the population is socially, and how well an area can return to normal. That determines its risk, which evaluates how bad the resulting carnage would be. Los Angeles, as a dense urban environment, is a prime target. FEMA’s top 10 riskiest places, in addition to Los Angeles, are three counties in the New York City area – Bronx, New York County (Manhattan) and Kings County (Brooklyn), along with Miami, Philadelphia, Dallas, St. Louis and Riverside and San Bernardino counties in California. To view the Deadline News January 3, 2021 news report, please go to: <https://deadline.com/2021/01/los-angeles-county-number-one-in-danger-fema-says-1234664157/>
- 1 In 5 Angelenos Now Tests Positive For COVID-19 As Test Positivity Rate Is 21% In The County** reported Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer saying “Community transmission rates are so high that you run the risk of transmission whenever you leave your home,” adding that “Everyone should just stay home whenever possible and avoid any non-essential activities. We suggest you take a break from shopping.” Ferrer noted that the current 7-day average of daily cases is about 15,000 and “The anticipated surge from the holiday gatherings has begun,” which means that in two weeks the number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized will rise from the roughly 7,600 now to as high as 9,000 a day meaning, per the formula previously used and proved accurate, that more than 175 deaths per day are expected. “We may very well be on our way to weekly death tolls of 1000 or more,” said Ferrer. “The worst is almost surely ahead of us,” agreed Los Angeles County Health Services Director Dr. Christina Ghaly. To view the January 4, 2021 Deadline News Report, please go to: <https://deadline.com/2021/01/los-angeles-county-covid-19-1-in-5-angelenos-infected-weekly-death-toll-may-top-1000-or-more-1234664676/>
- The Los Angeles Area Is Hit With A Holidays Coronavirus Surge** after Christmas following its already devastating Thanksgiving Holiday travel and gatherings cases and the New Years’ numbers are coming in. The weekly average of new cases per day in the county, the largest in the United States, is at its highest yet, 16,193 which is about 12 times the weekly average of Nov. 1, of 1,347. More than 21,000 people were in the hospital on New Year’s Day in California, according to a New York Times database, a 26 percent increase from two weeks earlier. Gov.



Gavin Newsom said on Monday that the state of the virus in California had made it “self-evident” that stay-at-home orders for the state’s southern and central regions, which were set to expire, would remain in place. To view the January 3, 2021 New York Times news report, please go to: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/03/us/los-angeles-covid-coronavirus-surge.html>

- **New Mutant Strain Of The Coronavirus Is Detected In Six People In Southern California And Is Considered More Contagious** reported Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday during a news conference. Of the six cases with the new strain, four people are from San Diego and two in San Bernardino, one person is in the hospital, and contact tracing is underway. The variant of the virus was first detected in the United Kingdom. "This new strain, this new variant, is more contagious" Newsom said, "It underscores the importance of our preventative measures." While experts remain optimistic that current COVID-19 vaccines will protect against the new variant, research is underway to make sure. To view the KCRA News January 4, 2021 news report, please go to: <https://www.kcra.com/article/southern-california-new-virus-strain-detected/35121840>
- **Dodger Stadium Covid-19 Testing Site Reopened Monday January 4** after an over-the-weekend restructuring after complaints by neighborhood Residents about traffic at what is described as the largest testing site in the nation which operates Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fire Department personnel and Los Angeles Department of Transportation engineers used traffic cones to create meandering lanes for cars to travel through, “which takes the traffic off city streets and puts it on the Dodgers property,” said Los Angeles Fire Department Public Information Officer David Ortiz. Officials estimate the changes will result in more than 600 vehicles being rerouted each day. The site, operated by the city of L.A. in partnership with the L.A. Fire Department, the Dodgers, Curative and the nonprofit Community Organized Relief Effort, has administered more than 1 million tests since May according to Mayor Eric Garcetti, and it now has the ability to perform 13,300 tests a day, Ortiz added. To view the Los Angeles Times January 4, 2021 news report, please go to: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-03/dodger-stadium-coronavirus-testing-site-reopen-monday-complaints-neighbors>
- **A "Temporary Hold On In-Person Production" For All Television And Movie Projects Has Been Recommended** in Southern California by SAG-AFTRA, the Joint Policy Committee (JPC) and the Producers Guild Of America (PGA) through a joint press release as coronavirus cases and deaths continue to surge. “This is not a safe environment for in-person production right now,” said SAG-AFTRA President Gabrielle Carteris. SAG is encouraging its members to stay inside for the "next several weeks." To view the January 3, 2021 Joint Press Release by SAG-AFTRA, JPC, and PGA, please go to: <https://www.sagaftra.org/joint-statement-regarding-production-hold-southern-california>
- **Street Sweeping Service Within The City Of Carson Remains In Operation** on regularly scheduled street sweeping days and routes. Parking Enforcement will not cite vehicles while parked during street sweeping scheduled days and times but will continue to do so for any other parking violations until further notice. All other parking rules and regulations and laws must still be adhered to. For more information, please go to: <http://ci.carson.ca.us/>
- **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
- **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>
- **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://carelifegrant.com/>
- **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>
- **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>



- **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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