



City of Carson COVID-19 Update

Thursday, January 14, 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)

01/14/2021	CASES	DEATHS
CARSON	6,821	108
West Carson/Unincorp.	1,572	69
County of Los Angeles	959,156	12,955
California	2,858,025	31,828
United States	23,380,992	389,304
Global	92,993,666	1,991,206

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/>
- **US COVID-19 Deaths Hit Another One-Day High At Over 4,300 Coronavirus Deaths In The U.S. on Tuesday** with the nation's overall death toll at 380,000 and confirmed infections topping 22.8 million, while new cases at nearly a quarter-million average per day. Deaths have been rising sharply over the past 2 1/2 months with Arizona and California have been among the hardest-hit states with the country now in the most lethal phase of the outbreak yet, even as the vaccine is being rolled out. More than 9.3 million Americans have received their first shot of the vaccine but it is less than 3% of the population, well short of the hundreds of millions who experts say will need to be inoculated to vanquish the outbreak. Large-scale drive-thru vaccination sites have already opened and an increasing number of states have begun offering vaccinations to senior citizens as the next group in line after health care workers and nursing home residents had been priority. Plans to release the whole supply of doses to speed up the vaccination drive by were announced. To view the January 13, 2020 Associated Press News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/us-covid-19-deaths-hit-another-one-day-high-at-over-4300/ar-BB1cIORa?ocid=BingNews>
- **Hospitalizations of People 19 And Under For Covid-19 Has Increased Dramatically** offering reasons of concerns as conversations of in-person education continue, said researchers in a report published in JAMA Pediatrics, indicating that hat more than 5,300 children or teenagers in 22 states were hospitalized between May and November with dramatically varying rates of growth between states. The debate over whether children should attend school in-person hinges heavily on whether the academic and developmental harms tied to the absence of face-to-face instruction outweigh the potential spread of COVID-19 within schools and within surrounding communities. While data has shown that children are less susceptible to severe illness from COVID-19 compared with older people and those with preexisting medical conditions, the study notes they are not immune. The average hospitalization rate per 100,000 children or teens was 2.0 at the start of the study but had increased to 17.2 by the end of the period examined. To view the Us News January 12, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2021-01-12/more-than-5-300-pediatric-hospitalizations-for-covid-in-22-states-study-shows>
 - JAMA Pediatrics of the American Medical Association Research Report: <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2775008>
- **Warnings Of Huge New Spike In US Covid-19 Cases As The UK Highly Contagious B.1.1.7. Variant Officially Reached 10 States In The US**, but infectious disease experts say the true extent of its spread is unclear due to a lack of monitoring but it is likely to be present in more. *California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Texas, and New York* are among the states that have detected the variant. The variant probably accounts for about 1% of cases in the United States today, estimates Eric Topol of the Scripps Research Translational Institute in California. To View the January 12, 2021 News Scientist News Report, please go to: <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2264672-warnings-of-huge-new-spike-in-us-covid-19-cases-as-uk-variant-spreads/#ixzz6jN8gEOZJ>
- **Japan Identifies A New Coronavirus Variant Making It the Third Of Strains** adding to the U.K. and South Africa strains previously documented that are believed to be more contagious than the original strain, but it is not clear whether this strain is more transmissible or more severe. The variant was documented in four people who traveled to Japan from Brazil at the airport so it might have originated outside of Japan, according to Japan's health ministry. Japan declared a state of emergency in the greater Tokyo area last week saying that additional measures were needed to address the "increasingly troubling" third wave of infections. The World Health Organization (WHO) leader said that increased



opportunities for transmission can result in more mutations. To view the January 12, 2021 U.S. News & World Report, please go to: <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2021-01-12/japan-identifies-a-new-coronavirus-variant>

- **U.S. Will Require Coronavirus Test For International Travelers Arriving In The Country beginning on January 26** when the order is set to go into effect with travelers being required to show proof they have tested negative for the coronavirus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). However, the CDC does not support using testing as a substitute for quarantines but to do so in combination. Travel restrictions imposed by the U.S. in March on Most foreign nationals who had been in the United Kingdom, several countries in Europe and Brazil in the previous 14 days are still in place. More than 100 countries already require visitors to show proof of a negative coronavirus test. The aviation industry has pushed for countries to embrace testing in place of quarantines and the trade group Airlines for America endorsed the order instead of the blanket travel restrictions, but did request a 14 days period to implement a testing program. Many airports around the world offer on-site testing with results in as little as 30 minutes. Airlines, too, have set up programs that allow customers to be tested for the virus before they board flights. Even so, countries have not rushed to do away with quarantine requirements as new waves of infections have swept the globe. To view the January 12, 2021 Washington Post News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/us-will-require-coronavirus-test-for-international-travelers-arriving-in-the-country/ar-BB1cHtAn>
 - CDC Negative COVID-19 Test Requirement to All Air Passengers Entering the United States News Release: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0112-negative-covid-19-air-passengers.html>
- **California’s Disneyland To Become A Mass COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Site** having the capacity to vaccinate thousands daily as the first of five “super point-of-dispensing” sites as the coronavirus surge overwhelms hospitals in the state. The state is also planning to transform baseball stadiums and fairgrounds into vaccination hubs including Dodger Stadium, Petco Park, CalExpo Fairgrounds, the Oakland Coliseum and Levi’s Stadium. That effort will require what Newsom called an “all-hands-on-deck approach”, including having vaccinations dispensed by pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, dentists, paramedics and emergency medical technicians, and members of the California National Guard. The state’s governor, Gavin Newsom, and public health officials are counting on widespread vaccinations to bring new infections under control, starting with medical workers and the most vulnerable elderly, such as those in care homes. Newsom acknowledged the rollout of vaccines has been too slow and he pledged 1M shots to be administered this week, more than twice what’s been done so far. To view The Guardian January 12, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/jan/12/california-disneyland-covid-vaccine-distribution-site>
- **“Wear A Mask At Home To Avoid Further Spread Of Covid-19 Within Your Own Household”** was the advice for Essential Workers or household members running errands regularly for their family “because things are so bad,” said Los Angeles County Director of Public Health Barbara Ferrer on Monday. An average of 10 people test positive for the virus every minute totaling more than 932,600 countywide and more than 7,900 hospitalizations, 22% of whom are in ICU. There has been a more than 1,000% increase of hospitalization averages in just two months. Health officials reported last week that a person was dying every eight minutes, totaling more than 12,300 deaths. Citations and business closures have been insufficient because appropriate action is not being taken on an individual level "failing to protect each other" Ferrer said in a statement, adding that "All it takes is one mistake and soon, five, 10 or 20 other people become infected, many of whom could be your friends, family members, or colleagues." To view the January 12, 2021 Los Angeles Times News Report, please go to: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-12/wear-covid-masks-at-home-los-angeles-county-officials-say>
 - Los Angeles County Public Health January 12, 2021 News Release: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2909>



- **Seniors 65 And Over Are Now Eligible To Receive COVID-19 Vaccine** joining the already eligible tier of emergency workers, teachers, childcare providers and food and agriculture workers, to effectively and efficiently increase the pace of vaccine distribution, reduce hospitalizations and save lives. Health care workers and long-term care residents – remain the highest priority to receive vaccines. CDC announced the increase of its vaccine supply plan to making it available to all states and encouraged states to expand the pool of those eligible to receive the vaccine to individuals 65 and older. Community vaccination events are only one way for eligible Californians to receive their vaccines so a new system to let people know when they are eligible to receive it is expected to be launched next week, announced Governor Newsom. When available, the public can also go to their doctor or pharmacy to receive the vaccine. To view the California Department of Public Health January 13, 2021 News Release, please go to: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-015.aspx>
- **1.25 Million Additional Doses Of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals' COVID-19 Antibody Cocktail Will Be Purchased By The United States Government** for about \$2.63 billion, bringing the total supply to more than 1.5 million doses, and will be delivered in the first half of 2021 to treat non-hospitalized, high-risk COVID-19 patients. Regeneron's therapy, a combination of two antibodies casirivimab and imdevimab cocktail, will likely be effective against new variants of the coronavirus identified so far in a handful of countries, the company said earlier this week. The Regeneron treatment, which was given to U.S. President Donald Trump during his COVID-19 infection, is part of a class of drugs known as monoclonal antibodies, which are manufactured copies of antibodies created by the human body to fight infections. To date, the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has allocated more than 127,700 treatment courses of the therapy, the agency said on Tuesday. To View the January 12, 2021 Reuters News Report, please go to: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa-regeneron-phar/us-to-buy-125-million-additional-doses-of-regenerons-covid-19-antibody-cocktail-idUSKBN29H2ZY>
- **Tougher Unruly Passenger Policy Is Adopted By The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)** effective immediately and remaining through March 30, after the agency saw a "disturbing increase in incidents" of passengers disrupting flights stemmed both from people's refusals to wear masks and from the recent violence at the U.S. Capitol, according to the Press Release. It is taking a "zero tolerance policy" without a warning, including fines of up to \$35,000 and imprisonment, and will pursue legal enforcement action against any passenger who assaults, threatens, intimidates or interferes with airline crew members. Some airlines have already banned people for refusing to wear masks and for harassing crew members after the recent D.C. riots. "We continue to work with our airlines, the FAA, the TSA and law enforcement to keep our skies safe" said Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA. To view the ABC News January 13, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/faa-toughens-unruly-passenger-policy-flight-disruptions-wake/story?id=75235619>
 - Federal Aviation Administration Adopts Stricter Unruly Passenger Policy Press Release: https://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=25621
- **L.A. County Sheriff's Superspreader Task Force Arrested Nearly 200 In A "Superspreader" Operation Against Underground Parties** on Saturday enforcing COVID-19 restrictions which every county in Southern California is currently under. L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva stated the goal of the department's is to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and the risk to vulnerable populations, and he will seek out and take action against "all underground party events occurring anywhere within Los Angeles County." Residents are advised to stay home as much as possible, gatherings with people outside your household are prohibited and all indoor dining establishments and gyms are closed. To view the CBS News January 12, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/nearly-200-arrested-by-police-superspreader-task-force-in-la/ar-BB1cHbQ9>



- Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine Generates Lasting Immune Response In An Early-Stage Clinical Trial** with more than 90 percent of the study's in trial had neutralizing antibodies offering protection against COVID-19 29 days after receiving a single dose of the vaccine with the antibodies having had stuck around for at least 71 days among the participants ranging in age from 18 to 55 years old, according to interim results published in the New England Journal of Medicine. Johnson & Johnson said it will have data on the durability of immunity in people older than 65. Johnson & Johnson said it expects to announce results from its key late-stage vaccine trial later this month and then then ask the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to clear the shot for emergency use if the data show it is safe and effective. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine requires only one dose and delivers the spike proteins through a disabled common cold virus that can't infect the recipient. It also studied a two-dose regimen of its vaccine and found that the second dose, given 56 days apart, "triggered more than a two-fold increase in antibodies against COVID-19," the company said. To view the January 14, 2021 New York Post News Report, please go to: <https://nypost.com/2021/01/14/johnson-johnson-covid-vaccine-generates-immune-response-in-trial/>

 - New England Journal of Medicine Publication: Interim Results of a Phase 1–2a Trial of Ad26.COV2.S Covid-19 Vaccine
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2034201>
- A Study Finds COVID-19 Infection Gives Immunity To Some For At Least Five Months, But Virus Can Still Be Spread.** Preliminary findings by scientists at Public Health England (PHE) showed that reinfections in people who have COVID-19 antibodies from a past infection are rare - with only 44 cases found among 6,614 previously infected but experts cautioned that the findings mean people who contracted the disease in the early months of 2020 may now be vulnerable to catching it again. They also warned that people with so-called natural immunity - acquired through having had the infection - may still be able carry the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in their nose and throat and could unwittingly pass it on. "We now know that most of those who have had the virus, and developed antibodies, are protected from reinfection, but this is not total and we do not yet know how long protection lasts," said Susan Hopkins, senior medical adviser at PHE and co-leader of the study. "These data reinforce the message that, for the time being, everyone is a potential source of infection for others and should behave accordingly," said Eleanor Riley, a professor of immunology and infectious disease at Edinburgh University. To view the Reuters News January 14, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.reuters.com/article/idUSKBN29J01P>

 - Public Health England January 14, 2021 Press Release:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/past-covid-19-infection-provides-some-immunity-but-people-may-still-carry-and-transmit-virus>
- A Quick Guide Of The Various COVID-19 Vaccines In Use, Their Efficiency At Preventing COVID-19, And How They Work** was published by Live Science Editorial as dozens of coronavirus vaccines entered clinical trials during 2020, and now, a handful have been authorized for emergency use in various countries although studies are ongoing. Vaccines include: *PFIZER-BIONTECH* (Pfizer and BioNTech) at 95% effective; *MODERNA* (ModernaTX, Inc.) estimated at 94.5% effective; *OXFORD-ASTRAZENECA* (Oxford University) estimated at about 70%; *SINOPHARM* (Beijing Institute of Biological Products) estimated at more than 79%; *SINOPHARM* (Wuhan Institute of Biological Products) little known about its efficacy; *CANSINO* (CanSino Biologics and the Beijing Institute of Biotechnology), ongoing clinical trials and efficacy not yet known; *SINOVAC or CoronaVac* (Sinovac Biotech) official estimate not yet issued although Brazil suggests it about 78% but a Brazilian news outlet reported it being closer to 63% and a Reuters report indicated it a less than 60%; *BHARAT COVAXIN* (BIOTECH, Indian Council of Medical Research and the National Institute of Virology) efficacy has not been reported; *SPUTNIK V* (Russia Ministry of Health's Gamaleya Research Institute) estimated at more than 91.4% (Full details of the trials have yet to be published in a scientific journal); and *Vector Institute* (Russian biological research center, Vector Institute), efficacy is still unknown. To view the Live Science Journal News Report, please go to: <https://www.livescience.com/coronavirus-vaccines-authorized-for-use.html>



- **A COVID-19 Vaccination Digital Passport Allowing Individuals To Have Digital Access Of Their Vaccination Records Is Being Developed** so businesses, airlines and countries can check to see if people have received the vaccine in the likelihood that governments mandate people to provide proof in order to enter the nation. The hope is to that the Vaccination Credential Initiative will be used like CommonPass, a trusted globally-interoperable digital document system currently utilized by major airline that verifies a person COVID-19 negative test results and information to demonstrate their health status to safely return to travel, work, school and life while protecting their data privacy. Currently, people who have been vaccinated receive only a paper confirmation but the coalition could develop a digital certificate using electronic medical records. The Vaccination Credential Initiative expects certain businesses including event planners, universities and employers will require their consumers, students and workers, respectively, to provide proof of vaccination. To view the January 14, 2021 The Hill News Report, please go to: <https://thehill.com/policy/technology/534228-tech-coalition-working-to-create-digital-covid-19-vaccination-passport>
- **Officials Warn About Of Covid-19 Vaccine Scams** saying that scammers are using robocalls, social media posts and emails to take advantage of the fear, anxiety and confusion regarding COVID-19 and the vaccine. The Long Beach Convention Center vaccination site begins operations on Tuesday while vaccines are now opening up to people 65 and older, grocery store workers, and teachers. Appointments for vaccinations are already full and residents who have requested a vaccination but were unable to get an appointment may be placed on a waitlist. Long Beach officials say the vaccine is free and that residents should remember that employees will not contact them requesting personal identifying or insurance information and that anyone reaching out to sell a chance to jump the line, early access, a special discount or “under the table” access is a scammer, and vaccines sold online, door-to-door, or on social media are not legitimate. Residents can register for future appointments by emailing covid19vaccine@longbeach.gov or calling (562) 570-4636. To report a possible COVID-19 scam, visit the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs or call (800) 593-8222. To view the CBS Los Angeles News Report, please go to: <https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2021/01/14/long-beach-warns-residents-of-covid-19-vaccine-scams/>
- **Carson Essentials to Go 2.0 Provides Free Groceries and Delivery to Carson Seniors and Low Income Residents.** For more information, eligibility and qualification requirements, please call (310) 952-1721 or Email cetg2.0@carson.ca.us.
- **Carson Emergency Rental Assistance Program For Up To \$30,000 is available to 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>
- **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 2.0** – Free Groceries Package Delivered for Seniors and Low Income Families: (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](text: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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