



City of Carson COVID-19 Update

Tuesday, January 19, 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)

01/19/2021	CASES	DEATHS
CARSON	7,421	119
West Carson/Unincorp.	1,701	76
County of Los Angeles	1,032,806	14,112
California	3,071,119	34,445
United States	24,433,486	404,812
Global	96,311,790	2,060,731

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 And Vaccination in the County Of Los Angeles:**
 - COVID-19 Testing - Carson Community Center: To make an appointment, please log on to: <https://ushealthfairs.org/carsonform/>
 - COVID-19 Testing - Los Angeles County: For locations and appointments, please log on to: <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>
 - COVID-19 Vaccine - For information, locations and appointments, please go to: VaccinateLACounty.com

- **A “Special Meeting” of the Carson City Council is Scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 6:00 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>

- **The Launch Of Five New Large-Scale Vaccination Sites Open In Los Angeles County Today** for Phase 1- Frontline Healthcare Workers; Staff & Residents at Skilled Nursing Facilities; Staff & Residents at Long-Term Care Facilities; and Residents 65 and older from Phase 1B. Vaccinations are available by appointment only. The vaccine supply is extremely limited and Public Health urges patience as they work to expand capacity and supply. The Five regionally accessible sites include: Pomona Fairplex; The Forum; California State University, Northridge; L.A. County Office of Education; and Six Flags Magic Mountain; among several pharmacies and health care clinics. To view the County of Los Angeles Public Health January 19, 2021 News Release, please go to: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2923>

- **Abbott Laboratory's BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test For SARS-CoV-2 Infection Is Highly Likely To Help With Faster Detection And Isolation** even though it was less sensitive in detecting asymptomatic infection, but possibly helping limit transmission with the faster turnaround, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Several rapid antigen tests have been approved by the U.S. FDA for emergency use, but data lacks on test performance in asymptomatic people. Public health departments are scrambling to implement strategies to reduce or prevent the rapid spread of the virus. Abbott's BinaxNOW antigen test had a sensitivity of 64.2% for specimens from symptomatic people and only 35.8% for specimens from asymptomatic people. It had near 100% specificity in specimens from both groups, suggesting very few false positives and no false negatives. To view the US News January 19, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.usnews.com/news/top-news/articles/2021-01-19/abbotts-covid-19-antigen-test-may-help-with-faster-detection-isolation-cdc>
 - CDC Report on the Evaluation of Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test for SARS-CoV-2 Infection: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7003e3.htm?s_cid=mm7003e3_w

- **U.S. Surpassed 400,000 COVID-19 Fatalities As California Becomes First State With 3 Million Confirmed Cases And Over 95.9 Million Cases Globally.** Things are so dire in the Golden State that air quality regulators South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has lifted limits on cremations to help clear a backlog of bodies as the current rate of death is more than double leading to hospitals, funeral homes, and crematoriums exceeding capacity. The U.S. added at least 142,588 new cases on Monday, according to the New York Times, and counted at least 1,440 deaths with the U.S. currently averaging 3,300 deaths a day. States are having to manage the vaccine program in the biggest public health effort in decades while the Trump Administration has been widely criticized for failing to create a national plan for managing the crisis at any stage, leaving it to states to handle every aspect of the illness from testing to public information campaigns. To view the MarketWatch News Report, please go to: <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/us-edges-toward-400000-covid-19-fatalities-as-california-becomes-first-state-with-3-million-confirmed-cases-2021-01-19?mod=home-page>



- South Coast AQMD Issues Emergency Order for Crematoriums due to COVID-19:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/news-archive/2021/emergency-order-for-crematoriums-jan17-2021.pdf>

- **18-Year-Old Dies With COVID-19 After Contracting The Virus For A Second Time**, first testing positive the first week of October, and the second positive test results received two days after his passing on November 19, 2020. A Denver native was informed by his doctor on November 18 after feeling sick again, that he had a strong infection in his lungs, he then went to sleep that evening never to wake, according to family members. According to his girlfriend, after first contracting the virus in October he thought he was immune from catching the virus again but was still responsible and he quarantined for four weeks but within a week after that, he was sick again. To view the KDVR Fox News Jan 16, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://kdvr.com/news/coronavirus/18-year-old-dies-with-covid-19-family-and-girlfriend-say-he-had-it-twice/>
- **Global Scale COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Programs Are Ongoing But Governments Have Not Done Enough To Help The Global Effort** according to the World Health Organization (WHO). "Not only does this me-first approach leave the world's poorest and most vulnerable at risk, it is also self-defeating and ultimately these actions will only prolong the pandemic," said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the WHO adding "The world is on the brink of a catastrophic moral failure, and the price for this failure will be paid for with lives and livelihoods in the world's poorest countries" but even high-income countries are experiencing problems with their vaccine rollout. A retired epidemiologist from Macedonia said that it's a chronic global inequality, "Just like in the Titanic sinking, the rich have grabbed all the available lifeboats leaving the less fortunate behind." The WHO partnered with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) to develop COVAX, a global enterprise to coordinate procurement and access to vaccines in an equitable way, with a mantra that "we are only safe once we are all safe." To view the ABC News January 19, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://abcnews.go.com/International/covid-19-vaccinations-global-scale/story?id=75222028>
- **What You Can Do To Avoid The New Coronavirus Variant B.1.1.7. That Continues To Emerge Seemingly 50% More Contagious** than the original, suggesting it could take less virus and less time in the same room with an infected person for someone to become ill although it doesn't appear to cause more severe disease. Getting the vaccine is the ultimate way to reduce risk but you should double down on the same pandemic precautions. Reduce the time and number of exposures to people not from your household and consider skipping spending time indoors and closer proximity to them but if you must, wear your best mask and make sure the space is well ventilated (open windows and doors) and keep the visit as short as possible. Upgrade your mask or wear a two- or three-layer mask in higher risk situations. Cut down your time at stores and if they are crowded, come back later. The effect of the vaccine against these variants isn't known yet although Pfizer and BioNTech announced earlier this month that their COVID-19 vaccine works against one of the key mutations present in some of the variants but the variants have other potentially risky mutations that haven't been studied yet although experts are cautiously optimistic. Scientists are hopeful that even if the vaccines don't fully protect against new variations of the virus, the antibodies generated by the vaccine still will protect people from more serious illness. The COVID-19 variants circulating in Brazil and South Africa appear to have mutations that allow the virus to evade natural antibodies and re-infect someone who has already had the virus although the treatment is the same with the original strain or the variant. To view the January 19, 2021 New York Times News Report, please go to: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/19/well/live/covid-b117-variant-advice.html>



- **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/>
- **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.
- **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](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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