



City of Carson COVID-19 Update

Monday, January 25, 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.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Self-Checker Interactive Clinical Assessment Tool

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/coronavirus-self-checker.html>

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)

01/25/2021	CASES	DEATHS
CARSON	7,837	140
West Carson/Unincorp.	1,805	82
County of Los Angeles	1,073,533	15,260
California	3,200,931	37,349
United States	25,374,301	432,611
Global	99,655,985	2,138,251

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 Vaccinations - For information, locations and appointments, please log on to: [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://vaccinatelacounty.com)

- **A Carson City Council Regular Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021 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 Meeting Minutes, please go to: <https://carson.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

- **California Health Officials Ended The State's Regional Stay-At-Home Order On Monday** applying to the Southern California, San Joaquin Valley and Bay Area, allowing all counties now return to the state's tier-based system which indicates which activities and businesses are allowed based on local case rates and test positivity. According to the order, most indoor businesses remain closed although many can open outdoors with modifications, including restaurants, movie theaters, places of worship, and family entertainment like mini golf. Personal care services, like barbershops, hair and nail salons, tattoo parlors, and piercing shops, can open indoors with modifications. Retail businesses are limited to 25% capacity indoors and schools in the purple tier must offer remote learning only. Counties have the authority to set their own restrictions based on their data. While new cases may be declining on average, the death toll in California remains high and in Los Angeles County, about 1 in 10 people are confirmed coronavirus positive although health officials speculate that the actual numbers may be about 1 in 3. To view the CNN News January 25, 2021 News Report via MSN, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/california-coronavirus-state-lifts-regional-stay-at-home-orders/ar-BB1d4LNB?return-to-referrer=true>

- **L.A. County Lifts Stay-At-Home COVID-19 Rules Starting Friday** after the statewide Stay-At-Home Order is lifted, setting the stage for a significant reopening of certain sectors of the economy easing restrictions beginning with Curfew Rules; Private Gatherings; Family Entertainment Centers: Card Rooms; Miniature Golf/Go Karts/Batting Cages; Hotels/Motels; Personal Care Services; Faith-based Operations; Malls/Shopping Centers although food courts and common areas must remain closed; and Fitness Facilities. The move comes as coronavirus cases and hospitalizations are beginning to decline. To view the Los Angeles Times January 25, 2021 News Report via MSN, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/what-you-need-to-know-as-l-a-county-lifts-stay-at-home-covid-19-rules/ar-BB1d5rhd>

- **Travel Restrictions And Rules To Be Reinstated Due To COVID-19 Concerns On Non-U.S. Travelers** from Brazil, Ireland, the United Kingdom along with 26 other European countries, including South Africa with a variant of the virus that has spread beyond that nation by President Biden according to White House officials while Dr. Anthony Fauci called the decision “prudent.” The South Africa variant has not been discovered in the United States, but another variant originating in the United Kingdom has been detected in several states, while Dr. Fauci warned that more mutations are possible and said scientists are preparing to adapt the vaccines if necessary. Biden moved to expand on the CDC requirement and direct that federal agencies require international travelers to quarantine upon arrival in the U.S. and obtain another negative test to slow the spread of the virus. To view the January 25, 2021 Associated Press News Report, please go to: <https://apnews.com/2eaff294a44771b7ebc62118bf4f69ba>



- A Study Suggests Researchers Found Cal.20C, A New Variant Of The Coronavirus That Originated In California And May Be Driving Virus Surge.** Scientists began searching samples for the Britain variant identified in December but in the process discovered that California had produced its own variant. That mutant which belongs to a lineage known as CAL.20C, popped up in July but lay low until November, reaching 36 percent of the samples from Cedars-Sinai in December, and 50 percent last week. It accounted for more than half of the virus genome samples collected in Los Angeles laboratories on Jan. 13, according to a new study that has not yet been published. There's no evidence that CAL.20C is more lethal than other variants and scientists have to conduct more research to determine whether it is in fact more contagious than other forms of the virus. Dr. Charles Chiu, a virologist at the University of California, San Francisco, said that across the state, he and his colleagues are finding the variant in roughly 20 percent to 30 percent of samples being sequenced. Researchers have so far found CAL.20C in Arizona, Connecticut, Maryland, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, as well as the District of Columbia, but it is not yet clear how common it is outside of California. The researchers are going to observe how well antibodies produced by vaccines work against CAL.20C. To view the New York Times January 19, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/19/health/coronavirus-variant-california.html>
- White House To Resume COVID-19 Regular Briefings With Health Experts Focusing On The Response To The Coronavirus Pandemic** that will include members of the administration's COVID-19 response team, according to press secretary Jen Psaki. President Biden will be briefed regularly. The former administration was largely disengaged from the pandemic response in the final months and largely refrained from bringing health officials to update the public on the virus. Other changes include masks being widespread among White House aides and the administration, in partnership with the White House Correspondents' Association, have implemented stricter protocols limiting the number of journalists allowed in the complex at a given time, and those inside must test negative on the same day to gain access. The president, vice president, first lady and senior staff have already been vaccinated. To view The Hill News January 25, 2021 News Report via MSN, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/biden-white-house-to-resume-covid-19-briefings-with-health-officials/ar-BB1d5726>
- Another Breakthrough With A New COVID-19 Therapy Drug Treatment And Could Be '30 Times More Potent Than Remdesivir'** A UCSF-led science team may have found. Studies have shown that small concentrations of Aplidin, a drug created using an extraction from a marine creature called Aplidium albicans, killed the virus in both infected human lung cells and analogous cells from monkeys. The study shows that the "sea squirt" found off the coast of Ibiza could be "almost 30 times more potent than Remdesivir. While not yet approved, if proven effective this treatment would be a welcome addition to the still small amount of antiviral drugs available to treat the disease. The drug also known as plitidepsin, owned by Pharma Mar - a Spanish company founded by a scuba-diving scientist, isn't commercially available in much of the world but has already been approved in Australia to treat a type of blood cancer called multiple myeloma. In a Spanish clinical trial, Pharma Mar reported that 27 patients who were given Aplidin saw a reduced amount of time in the hospital recovering from COVID-19, with 81% of patients returning home within 15 days, typical rate of return is 47%. Unlike Remdesivir, rather than attacking the virus, the drug could prevent a specific protein inside human cells from replicating the virus. More trials are planned for the U.S. and Spain. To view the SF GATE News January 25, 2021 News Report via MSN, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/new-covid-19-therapy-could-be-30-times-more-potent-than-remdesivir/ar-BB1d55tw>

 - American Association for the Advancement of Science Research Article: Plitidepsin has potent preclinical efficacy against SARS-CoV-2 by targeting the host protein eEF1A <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/early/2021/01/22/science.abf4058>



- **First Round Of COVID-19 Vaccination At About 8,000 U.S. Skilled Nursing Facilities Are Complete** according to CVS Health Corp., and administration of second doses is expected to be completed within four weeks. Vaccinations in the 40,000 long-term care facilities that have contracted with the CVS are expected to be completed by mid-February and has already given nearly 2 million shots through the federal program, and can eventually administer 20 to 25 million shots a month through its retail locations once vaccines are more widely available. Some of its locations in New York, Indiana, and Massachusetts are already giving shots. As of Sunday, just over 18.5 million had received one or more doses of the vaccine, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While the government had earlier expected 20 million people to have been vaccinated by the end of 2020, the new administration has said it will give 100 million vaccinations in U.S. President Joe Biden's first 100 days in office. To view the Reuters News January 25, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-cvs-health-vaccine-idUSKBN29U1CL>
- **Google Maps Will Soon Display Covid-19 Vaccination Sites** beginning in four states: Arizona, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas in the coming weeks, and will roll out to other states and countries later, after searches for "vaccines near me" have increased fivefold since the beginning of the year. Search results will include details about whether an appointment is required, if the vaccine is only available to certain groups and if there's a drive-thru. Google said it's working with "authoritative sources" for the information, including local governments and retail pharmacies. Google and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai also said Monday that the company is donating \$100 million in ad grants to CDC Foundation, the World Health Organization (WHO) and other nonprofits to run "critical public service health announcements" about the virus. "We recognize that getting vaccines to people is a complex problem to solve, and we're committed to doing our part," he said. Certain parts of Google facilities, including parking lots and open spaces, in California, New York and Washington will also be opened for vaccination efforts and administration. It's the latest corporate conglomerate to help improve the vaccine roll out. To view the CNN January 25, 2021 News Report, Please go to: [Google Maps will soon display Covid-19 vaccination sites - CNN](#)
- **Hospitals And Are Unable To Tap Into Foreign-Educated Highly Skilled Professionals Amid COVID-19 Healthcare Worker Shortage** due to licensing and credentialing barriers. According to the Migration Policy Institute , some 165,000 foreign-trained immigrants: doctors, nurses and other health practitioners, many with experience treating infectious diseases, who hold degrees in health-related fields but are unemployed or underemployed in the midst of the health crisis, are largely going untapped. The pandemic highlights licensing barriers that predate COVID-19, but already, five states: Colorado, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey and New York, have adapted their licensing guidelines to allow foreign-trained health care workers to lend their lifesaving skills amid pandemic-induced staff shortages. Colorado eased the requirement for a residency during the pandemic so they created a temporary licensing program allowing medical school graduates to begin practicing under supervision extending it through June 2021. Officials created a similar pathway to temporary licensure for foreign medical school graduates who lacked the minimum year of residency and temporary licenses for foreign-trained nurses, certified nurse's aides, physician assistants and many other health professionals and are valid only as long as the governor's public health emergency declaration remains in effect. The state relaxed the scope-of-practice rules for those health workers, too, allowing them to perform any task their supervisors assign to them. To view the Kaiser Health News January 25, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://khn.org/news/article/amid-covid-health-worker-shortage-foreign-trained-professionals-sit-on-sidelines/>



- **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/>
- **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 Service 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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