



# City of Carson COVID-19 Update

Monday, February 8, 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)

<b>02/08/2021</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>
<b>CARSON</b>	<b>8,561</b>	<b>174</b>
West Carson/Unincorp.	1,949	95
County of Los Angeles	1,146,951	18,044
California	3,425,528	44,275
United States	27,319,269	468,679
Global	106,444,833	2,324,146

## 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)
  - COVID-19 Vaccinations CVS Pharmacy (Starting February 11, 2021) - [CVS.com](https://CVS.com)
  
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Virtual Town Hall Meeting To Be Held On Thursday, February 11, 2021 From 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.** The presentation will be provided by Evelyn Curls, MD, MBA of UCLA Health via a live broadcast via your local cable station on Channel 35(Spectrum) or Channel 99(AT&T), or at <https://carsonca.gov/vaccinetownhall/>. Please Pre-Register at <https://carsonca.gov/registration/>.
  
- **Support To California For COVID-19 Relief Programs Has Been Increased By The Biden-Harris Administration And FEMA** by extending the federal cost share to now fully reimburse California and other states dating back to the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Programs eligible for full reimbursement include: Project Roomkey; the purchase of personal protective equipment; Great Plates Delivered; National Guard deployments; the California Healthcare Workers Program; Housing for the Harvest; and Project Hope. To view Governor Gavin Newsom’s February 5, 2021 News Release, please go to: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/02/05/governor-newsom-statement-on-increased-federal-support-from-biden-harris-administration-for-covid-19-relief-programs-in-california/>
  - **The White House:** Memorandum to Extend Federal Support to Governors’ Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID-19 and to Increase Reimbursement and Other Assistance Provided to States  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/21/extend-federal-support-to-governors-use-of-national-guard-to-respond-to-covid-19-and-to-increase-reimbursement-and-other-assistance-provided-to-states/>
  
- **FEMA To Reimburse COVID-19 Funeral And Burial Costs For Up To \$7,000 to Low-Income Families** through a retroactive program that currently includes funerals that took place from Jan. 20, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2020. Families will be required to apply for the funding and provide documentation of funeral expenses, in addition to a death certificate showing that their family members died from COVID-19. An application for the program is not currently active although should be within the next couple of months but FEMA will establish a hotline for the time being while families assemble documentation of funeral costs, according to CBS. The FEMA program is similar to funds that were made available for families following Hurricane Sandy in 2012. To view the CBS News Report, please go to: <https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2021/02/08/schumer-aoc-fema-covid-funeral-reimbursements/>
  
- **Over 1,100 Active-Duty Troops Will Be Deployed By The Pentagon To California To Support The State's COVID-19 Five Vaccination Centers** at two vaccination sites - one at California State University, Los Angeles and the other in Oakland, which are set to open on Feb. 16 and will be “predominantly” federally run according to FEMA, in what will be the first wave of increased military support for the White House campaign to get more Americans inoculated. FEMA has asked the Pentagon to supply as many as 10,000 service members to staff 100 centers and the defense secretary approved the initial five teams, but the others will be approved in separate tranches as FEMA identifies the other site locations. Each of the five military teams includes 222 personnel, including 80 who will give the vaccines, as well as nurses and other support staff. The teams are expected to provide about 6,000 shots a day. To view the USA Today via MSN February 6, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/in-california-troops-to-support-states-covid-19-vaccination-sites-and-new-rules-for-booze/ar-BB1drRX4>



- **UK B.1.1.7 COVID-19 Highly-Contagious Variant Is Spreading Rapidly Through US, Doubling Around Every 10 Days** and likely become the dominant variant in many US by March 2021, leading to further surges of COVID-19 on a similar trajectory as other countries where B.1.1.7 rapidly became the dominant SARS-CoV-2 variant, requiring immediate and decisive action to minimize COVID-19 morbidity and mortality, according to a study by scientists at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, CA. Researchers found that the mutation had doubled in frequency about every week and a half since first believed to have been in the US in November, and now estimated to be responsible for around 4 percent of all cases in Florida, with the national rate between 1 and 2 percent, with transmission rate estimated between 35 and 45 percent higher than other strains. The CDC has detected at least 611 cases of the strain in 33 stat-es, though likely far more widespread since genetic sequencing is not a standard practice. To view the New York Post February 7, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://nypost.com/2021/02/07/uk-covid-19-variant-spreading-rapidly-through-us-study/>

  - **MedRxiv The Preprint Server For Health Sciences:** Genomic Epidemiology Identifies Emergence And Rapid Transmission Of SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7 In The United States <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.02.06.21251159v1>
- **CDC Director Suggested COVID-19 Tests For U.S. Domestic Flights To Help Reduce Transmission** by requiring travelers to receive a negative coronavirus test before boarding domestic flights as “another mitigation measure,” during a press briefing on Monday, a policy which the Biden administration is actively considering. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg told Axios Editorial that the discussion is ongoing and the decision will be “guided by data, by science, by medicine, and by the input of the people who are actually going to have to carry this out.” This came as federal health officials expect the U.K. variant to become the dominant strain in the U.S. by the end of March. Walensky advised state and local officials against loosening restrictions despite a decline in COVID-19 cases asking everyone to please keep your guard up because the continued proliferation of variants remains a great concern and also urged patience as COVID-19 vaccines are rolled out. To view the Bloomberg L.P. via MSN February 8, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/cdc-director-says-covid-tests-for-us-flights-could-ease-spread/ar-BB1dvi67>

  - To view the Axios Editorial News Clip, please to: <https://www.axios.com/axios-hbo-pete-buttigieg-interview-514df62c-ccel-4deb-b9d2-f8094b6da5be.html>
- **COVID-19 Vaccine May Soon Be Available In Pill Form** according to Nadhim Zahawi, Vaccines Minister of United Kingdom, who spoke to Telegraph News Website stating that there are technologies with pills and others being developed around the world. Chief Executive Wayne Channon of the British biotech company iosBio (ImmunityBio, Inc.) which was granted worldwide exclusive rights to OraPro™, a COVID-19 oral vaccine platform technology, has already turned the vaccines into a tablet form that reportedly produced “outstanding” results protecting monkeys against the coronavirus. “You catch COVID in your mucosal cells but with jabs, you get injected into the arm which goes into the muscles and blood cells. Our tablets go straight into mucosal cells to elicit mucosal immunity so we hit the virus where it is.” Channon added that the tablets could also speed up the race to vaccinate people across the world because people wouldn’t need medical professionals to administer it. To view the February 8, 2021 New York Post News Report, please go to: <https://nypost.com/2021/02/08/covid-19-vaccine-may-soon-be-available-in-pill-form/>

  - **iosBio Pharma January 12, 2021 Press Release:** iosBio Signs Exclusive Worldwide Licensing Agreement Granting ImmunityBio rights To OraPro™ Oral Vaccine Platform Technology For COVID-19 <https://iosbio.com/iosbio-signs-exclusive-worldwide-licensing-agreement-granting-immunitybio-rights-to-orapro-oral-vaccine-platform-technology-for-covid-19/>



- **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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