



CITY OF CARSON COVID-19 UPDATE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

COVID-19 GENERAL INFORMATION: <http://covid19.carson.ca.us/>

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)

02/18/2021	CASES	DEATHS
CARSON	8,838	196
West Carson/Unincorp.	1,994	103
County of Los Angeles	1,172,221	19,368
California	3,508,410	48,042
United States	28,100,922	495,180
Global	110,242,443	2,493,127

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 - City of Carson Community Center: To make an appointment <https://ushealthfairs.org/carsonform/>
 - COVID-19 Testing - County of Los Angeles: For locations and appointments <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>
 - COVID-19 Vaccine - County of Los Angeles Public Health: For locations and appointments VaccinateLACounty.com
 - COVID-19 Vaccine - California Department of Public Health: For locations and appointments <https://myturn.ca.gov/>
 - COVID-19 Vaccine - CVS Pharmacy: For locations and appointments CVS.com

- **The United States Has Administered 57,737,767 Doses Of COVID-19 Vaccines And Delivered 73,377,450 Doses** as of 6:00 a.m. ET on Thursday, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The tally of vaccine doses are for both the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines. The agency also stated that 41,021,049 people had received one or more doses while 16,162,358 people have got the second dose. A total of 6,181,996 vaccine doses have been administered in long-term care facilities. To view the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID Data Tracker, please go to: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>

- **A National Strategy For COVID-19 Response And Pandemic Preparedness Was Announced By The White House** with actions to: Expand COVID-19 testing for schools and underserved populations; Increase domestic manufacturing of testing supplies and; Rapidly increase virus genome sequencing to identify, track, and mitigate emerging strains of SARS-CoV-2. To view February 17, 2021 The White House Fact Sheet: President Biden Announces New Actions to Expand and Improve COVID-19 Testing, please go to: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/02/17/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-new-actions-to-expand-and-improve-covid-19-testing/>

- **The Affordable Care Act Health Insurance “Special Enrollment” Period Began February 15 through May 15, 2021** to ensure that all Americans have access to the quality, affordable health care that is especially critical in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, was announced by The White House. If you already have coverage, you are encouraged to help your family and friends enroll. To view The White House: Statement by President Joe Biden on the 2021 Special Health Insurance Enrollment Period Through HealthCare.gov, please go to: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/02/15/statement-by-president-joe-biden-on-the-2021-special-health-insurance-enrollment-period-through-healthcare-gov/>
 - Affordable Care Act Health Coverage Enrollment: <https://www.healthcare.gov/>

- **A \$9.6-Billion "Golden State Stimulus" COVID-19 Pandemic Economic Recovery Package Agreement Will Be Expedited For Immediate Action** next week by the Legislature providing low-income Californians with a one-time \$600 payment, and includes \$2.1 billion small businesses grants; over \$400 million in new federal funds for all state-subsidized child-care and preschool providers; \$116 million in fee waivers for heavily affected service industries; \$100 million in emergency financial aid for low-income Community College students; \$24 million in financial aid and services through Housing for the Harvest; \$35 million for food banks and diapers; \$6 million for outreach and application assistance to California State University, University of California and Community College students made newly eligible for CalFresh; provide a \$600 one-time grant to households enrolled in the CalWORKS public assistance program, recipients of supplemental security income, and the state's Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants program. Funding cutbacks for some state agencies will also be restored. To view the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom February 17, 2021 News Release: Legislative Leaders Announce Immediate Action Agreement for Relief to Californians Experiencing Pandemic Hardship, please to: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/02/17/governor-newsom-legislative-leaders-announce-immediate-action-agreement-for-relief-to-californians-experiencing-pandemic-hardship/>



- An Extension For Federally Guaranteed Mortgages Of COVID-19 Forbearance And Foreclosure Protections Through June 30, 2021** was announced by The White House to help keep individuals and families in their homes. Protections through a foreclosure moratorium were due to expire in March. It will: Extend the mortgage payment forbearance enrollment window until June 30, 2021 for borrowers who wish to request forbearance and; Provide up to six months of additional mortgage payment forbearance, in three-month increments, for borrowers who entered forbearance on or before June 30, 2020. To view the February 16, 2021 The White House Fact Sheet: Biden Administration Announces Extension of COVID-19 Forbearance and Foreclosure Protections for Homeowners, please go to: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/02/16/fact-sheet-biden-administration-announces-extension-of-covid-19-forbearance-and-foreclosure-protections-for-homeowners/>

 - Consumer Financial Protection Program: Help for Homeowners and Renters During the Coronavirus National Emergency**
<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/>
- California’s Signs A \$15 Million Contract With Blue Shield Of California For A Coronavirus Vaccination Program Emphasizing On Equal Access To Vaccines** in disadvantaged neighborhoods while speeding up vaccine distribution and creating a system that will be updated based on vaccine availability and COVID-19 rates. Highlights include that vaccines must be available within 30 minutes travel time in urban areas and 60 minutes in rural areas for 95% of the population, and deliver vaccines to people who are unable to leave their home. Kaiser Permanente is also expected to sign a separate contract with the state to run a vaccination program, according to a Letter of Intent. Both companies have agreed that they will run the programs at or near cost and will not profit. Governor Newsom authorized the deal with Blue Shield and Kaiser under an emergency contract with the terms of contract running until Dec. 31. To view the Los Angeles Times via MSN February 16, 2021 News Report, please go to: https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/blue-shield-vows-to-dramatically-speed-up-california-vaccine-distribution-with-new-plan/ar-BB1dHZ9H?fb_comment_id=1171497172969462_1171569652962214&ICID=ref_fark

 - State of California Government Operations Agency:** Blue Shield of California Standard Agreement
<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/Blue-shield-of-california-GovOps.pdf>
 - State of California Government Operations Agency:** Kaiser Foundation Hospitals Letter of Intent
<https://californiahealthline.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/02/Kaiser-Letter-of-Intent.pdf>
- A New COVID-19 Industry Guidance Employer Portal Was Launched By The California Labor & Workforce Development Agency** (LWDA) that serves as a central hub for up-to-date state and local county workplace guidance and information by the business industry during the pandemic. Employers are encouraged to utilize the portal as a resource for how to operate safely and ensure compliance with state and local guidance during this public health crisis, as guidelines and best practices are evolving. Employers input their business type information, location, and current COVID-19 practices, and the portal generates a tailored “road map” of relevant information, links to helpful resources and more, by pulling all COVID-19 guidance and requirements from trusted state, county and city sources, including from the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy. To view the February 17, 2021 California Labor & Workforce Development Agency Press Release, please go to: <https://www.labor.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/338/2021/02/COVID-Employer-Portal-Press-Release-LWDA.pdf>

 - California Labor & Workforce Development Agency:** Covid-19 Industry Guidance Employer Portal
<https://saferatwork.covid19.ca.gov/>
- L.A. Rams Offer A COVID-19 Vaccination Site For County School Teachers And Staffing In An Effort To Vaccinate L.A. County** at SoFi Stadium in partnership Hollywood Park and the city of Inglewood while working in close association with LAUSD, and serving both public and public school personnel. The site will have the capability to vaccinate up to 10,000 daily with up to 600 LAUSD nurses administering the



vaccines. Although plans to vaccinate teachers and staff prior to returning to in-class learning, the site is still seeking for approval from L.A. Public Health. At the current pace, teachers would not begin vaccinations until March 1, at the earliest according to Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer who said it really depends on how much vaccine the county gets. To view the L.A. Weekly February 17, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.laweekly.com/l-a-rams-offer-to-open-a-covid-19-vaccination-site-for-county-teachers-and-staff/>

- **Pfizer/BioNTech Launched A COVID-19 Vaccine Trial In Pregnant Women** ages 18 and older within 24-34 of gestation. Half of the approximately 4,000 participants will get the vaccine while the other half will get a placebo. Each woman will be followed for at least 7-10 months in order to continuously assess for safety in both participants and their infants. Infants will also be assessed, up until 6 months of age, for transfer of protective antibodies from their vaccinated mother. Women enrolled in the trial will be made aware of their vaccine status shortly after giving birth to allow those women who originally received placebo to be vaccinated while staying in the study. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says getting vaccinated is a personal choice for anyone who is pregnant, and recommends people speak to their health care providers if they have questions about relative risks. To view the Pfizer and BioNTech February 18, 2021 News Release, please go to: <https://www.pfizer.com/news/press-release/press-release-detail/pfizer-and-biontech-commence-global-clinical-trial-evaluate>
 - **U.S. National Library of Medicine Clinical Trials:** Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of SARS CoV-2 RNA Vaccine Candidate (BNT162b2) Against COVID-19 in Healthy Pregnant Women 18 Years of Age and Older
<https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04754594?term=NCT04754594.&draw=2&rank=1>
- **U.K. Medical-Ethics Authorities Approves Controversial Trials That Will Infect Young, Healthy Volunteers With the Coronavirus,** ages 18 to 30, potentially providing valuable insight to understanding the virus's impact on the human body from the moment of infection, leading to new treatments, as well as speeding vaccine development. Selection of the lowest-risk group is due to the limited treatment options for Covid-19. The U.K. government funded trials will have researchers inject the coronavirus on non-vaccinated quarantined volunteers with medics and scientists standing by 24 hours a day, onward to a second stage including the use of a vaccine to test its effectivity. U.S. nonprofit "1Day Sooner" recruited 3,500 volunteers who signed up in the U.K. according to their spokesperson, who added that U.K. researchers are recruiting more volunteers. To view the Wall Street Journal via MSN February 17, 2021 News, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/uk-approves-trials-that-will-deliberately-infect-volunteers-with-coronavirus/ar-BB1dLDpC>
- **The Ports Of Long Beach And Los Angeles Are Diverting Ships To Other West Coast Ports Due To Capacity Strains** of inbound cargo after a surge since the summer from booming imports as U.S. businesses rebuild depleted inventories while people are staying home during the COVID-19 pandemic. The resulting delays are rippling across the global transportation system. Ships anchored in San Pedro Bay have an average wait of eight days to enter the port complex and the volume of containers at the ports already make it harder for trucks and trains to quickly whisk goods away by volume for U.S. trade with China. Volume at the Port of Los Angeles in January is up 3.6% versus last year and loaded imports accounting for more than half of shipments, jumped 5.5%, while loaded exports fell 19.5%, and were outstripped both in number and growth by empty containers as U.S. trade policies and strong dollar depress demand for outgoing goods. To view the Reuters February 17, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.reuters.com/article/usa-imports-idUSL1N2KN30A>
- **Canada Fined Two Passengers For Presenting Falsified COVID-19 Test And Providing A False Health Status Declaration** prior to boarding an incoming flight from Mexico, after testing positive for COVID-19. One passenger was fined \$7,871 while the other \$5,511. Canada introduced in January a mandatory pre-departure negative test requirement for travelers while more countries are doing the same. To view the Reuters February 18, 2021 News Report, please go to: [Canada Fines Two Air Passengers for False COVID-19 Tests | Top News | US News](#)



- **Revised Re-Opening Protocols Have Been Issued** by County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of The Health Officer. Please see below for the revised orders from February 11 to February 18, 2021:
 - **Cardrooms: Appendix Q:**
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_Cardrooms.pdf
 - **In-Person Services in Libraries:**
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_Libraries.pdf
 - **K-12 Schools: Appendix T1:**
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_K12Schools.pdf
 - **Public Swimming Pools:**
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_PublicSwimmingPools.pdf
 - **Swimming Pools in Shared Residential Facilities:**
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_ResidentialSwimmingPools.pdf
 - **Youth and Adult Recreational Sports Leagues:**
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_SportsLeagues.pdf

- **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:**
 - **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>
 - **FERA Program** Reduced Monthly Bill <https://www.sce.com/residential/assistance/care-fera>
 - **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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