



# CITY OF CARSON COVID-19 UPDATE

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**COVID-19 GENERAL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS:** <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)

<b>02/22/2021</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>
<b>CARSON</b>	<b>8,957</b>	<b>201</b>
West Carson/Unincorp.	2,023	103
County of Los Angeles	1,180,505	19,885
California	3,533,916	49,444
United States	28,409,397	504,012
Global	111,697,446	2,473,085

**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 - City of Los Angeles: For locations and appointments <https://corona-virus.la/covid-19-testing>
  - 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](https://VaccinateLACounty.com)
  - COVID-19 Vaccine - California Department of Public Health: For locations and appointments <https://myturn.ca.gov/>
  - COVID-19 Vaccine/Testing - Rite Aid Pharmacy: For locations and appointments [riteaid.com](https://riteaid.com)
  - COVID-19 Vaccine/Testing - CVS Pharmacy: For locations and appointments [CVS.com](https://CVS.com)
  
- **Free COVID-19 Testing Is Now Available Without An Appointment At All City of Los Angeles Testing Sites For L.A. County Residents,** Monday - Saturday from 8a.m. - 3p.m., at all walk-up and drive thru sites, or any mobile testing locations. The Union Station testing site is also open on Sundays, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Those wanting to get tested should bring their insurance information or identification if they don't have insurance, and can register to get tested while waiting in line. Pre-scheduled appointments can still be made online. To view the City of Los Angeles COVID-19 testing sites or to make an appointment, please go to: <https://corona-virus.la/covid-19-testing>
  - **PLEASE NOTE:** Appointments are still required at L.A. County sites at: <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>
  
- **U.S. Reaches A Milestone Of 500,000 COVID-19 Deaths Since The Coronavirus Claimed Its First Known U.S. Victim Just Over A Year Ago In California.** Americans have lost family members and friends to the virus with the grief amplified by the inability to see loved ones in hospitals or nursing homes, added by the physical distancing imposed by authorities to curb the virus spread. Recorded deaths between December and February accounted for 46% of all U.S. COVID-19 fatalities even as vaccines finally became available and a monumental effort to inoculate the American public. Health experts have warned that Britain, South Africa and Brazil coronavirus variants could unleash another wave and health officials urge Americans to continue public health measures such as wearing masks, physical distancing and avoiding crowds while officials race to inoculate the population. To view the Reuters, February 22, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa/a-day-that-will-live-in-infamy-u-s-nears-500000th-covid-19-death-idUSKBN2AM1Y4>
  
- **California Legislators Approved A \$7.6-Billion COVID-19 Economic Relief Package, Including \$600 Stimulus Checks** for qualifying low-income Californians after filing their 2020 tax returns. It also 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 February 22, 2021 Los Angeles Times via MSN News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/california-legislators-approve-2476-billion-covid-19-package-including-24600-stimulus-checks/ar-BB1dV1qs>



- COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Struggles At Los Angeles Large-Scale Vaccination Sites As Shipments Remain Stuck In Transit Due To Winter Weather.** Lack of available supplies has already postponed scheduled appointments, while officials are ramping up efforts to get underserved communities inoculated. A constant challenge is that both available COVID-19 vaccines require two doses, administered three or four weeks apart, while the need to provide second shots has spurred officials limit access to first doses. Neighborhoods will be prioritized for mobile vaccination clinics using medical vulnerability indicators developed by UCLA researchers, including the incidence of preexisting health conditions, barriers to accessing service, environmental risks and social vulnerability. Mobile vaccination services this week will be expanded in coming days while adding more through March. To view the Los Angeles Times via MSN February 20, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/more-problems-slow-covid-19-vaccine-distribution-in-los-angeles/ar-BB1dReQ9>
- Pfizer And AstraZeneca Vaccines Against COVID-19 Have Been Linked To Up To 94% Reduction In The Risk Of Hospitalizations According To A Preliminary Study** preprint not yet peer-reviewed. The study was conducted in Scotland with 1.14 million vaccines being administered and 21% of the population having received a first dose between December and February, by EAVE II project with participation of Public Health Scotland, the Universities of Edinburgh, Strathclyde, Aberdeen, Glasgow and St Andrew. Among those aged 80 and above, vaccination was associated with an 81% reduction in hospitalization risk in the fourth week when the results for both vaccines were combined. To view the Public Health Scotland February 22, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.publichealthscotland.scot/news/2021/february/vaccine-linked-to-reduction-in-risk-of-covid-19-admissions-to-hospitals/>

  - EAVE II Project:** Effectiveness of first dose of COVID-19 vaccines against hospital admissions in Scotland: national prospective cohort study of 5.4 million people [https://www.ed.ac.uk/files/atoms/files/scotland\\_firstvaccinatedata\\_preprint.pdf](https://www.ed.ac.uk/files/atoms/files/scotland_firstvaccinatedata_preprint.pdf)
- Initial Infections Among Educators Played A Substantial Role In In-School COVID-19 Transmission And Getting Vaccinated Might Protect Teachers, Students And Their Families According To The CDC,** potentially reducing in-school transmission and subsequent chains of infection, and minimizing interruptions to in-person learning, although not a requirement for reopening schools but as an additional mitigation measure. In-person learning provides important benefits to children and communities but understanding COVID-19 transmission in schools is critical to improving the safety of in-person learning. To view the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention February 22, 2021 News Report: Clusters of SARS-CoV-2 Infection Among Elementary School Educators and Students in One School District — Georgia, December 2020–January 2021- Preprint not yet peer-reviewed finding, please go to: [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7008e4.htm?s\\_cid=mm7008e4\\_x](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7008e4.htm?s_cid=mm7008e4_x)
- European Union (EU) Country-By-Country Travel Restrictions Guide Showing The Measures Put In Place To Try To Curb COVID-19 Infection And Death Rates Has Been Updated By the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).** Many countries closed their borders in January and by early February, the requirement across most regions and states is for proof of a negative COVID-19 test upon arrival and some require further quarantine too, regardless of results. EU countries are launching immunity or vaccination passports to get the travel economy going. Many countries have banned U.K. travelers, to try to limit the reach of the newer B.1.1.7. variant identified in England. To view the Forbes February 19, 2021 EU Travel Restrictions by Country: Quarantine, Covid-19 Tests And Vaccination Passport, News Report, please go to: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/alexledsom/2021/02/19/february-eu-travel-restrictions-by-country-quarantine-covid-19-tests-and-vaccination-passports/>

  - European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control:** Maps in support of the Council Recommendation On A Coordinated Approach To Travel Measures In The European Union <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/covid-19/situation-updates/weekly-maps-coordinated-restriction-free-movement>



- **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 got 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](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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