



CITY OF CARSON COVID-19 UPDATE

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

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)

03/01/2021	CASES	DEATHS
CARSON	9,120	215
West Carson/Unincorp.	2,052	110
County of Los Angeles	1,191,927	21,435
California	3,570,965	52,320
United States	28,936,161	519,735
Global	114,414,597	2,537,449

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: Appointments <https://ushealthfairs.org/carsonform/>
 - COVID-19 Testing - City of Los Angeles: Locations and Appointments <https://corona-virus.la/covid-19-testing>
 - COVID-19 Testing - County of Los Angeles: Locations and Appointments <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>
 - COVID-19 Vaccine - County of Los Angeles Public Health: Locations and Appointments VaccinateLACounty.com
 - COVID-19 Vaccine - California Department of Public Health: Locations and Appointments <https://myturn.ca.gov/>
 - COVID-19 Vaccine/Testing - Rite Aid Pharmacy: Locations and Appointments riteaid.com
 - COVID-19 Vaccine/Testing - CVS Pharmacy: Locations and Appointments CVS.com

- **Parking Enforcement Will Resume On March 1st Throughout The City Of Carson.** Citations will be issued for all parking violations, including street sweeping parking restrictions. For more information, please call (310) 952-1786 or (310) 952-1788.

- **A Regular Meeting of the Carson City Council Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 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 Minutes, please go to: <https://carson.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

- **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans To Smallest Businesses With 20 Or Less Employees With Wednesday, March 10, 2021 As The Deadline To Apply** to help sole proprietors keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis. PPP loan borrowers may be eligible for loan forgiveness. For more information on the Small Business Administration (SBA) PPP Loan Program, please go to: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>

- **After The FDA Officially Granted Emergency Use Authorization To The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine By Johnson & Johnson, The CDC Clears The Way For Inoculations To Begin.** According to the FDA, the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine is for People 18 And Over and although it is only 66% effective overall, it is 85% effective in preventing severe illnesses and provides complete protection against COVID-19 deaths, 28 days after getting the shot, while clinical trials also showed protection against multiple emerging more contagious virus variants. It is the third COVID-19 vaccine available in the U.S., but the first that requires only one shot and can be stored for longer periods at standard refrigerator temperatures. To view the CBS News February 27, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/covid-vaccine-johnson-and-johnson-authorized-emergency-use/>
 - **Johnson and Johnson:** Message from Chairman and CEO Alex Gorsky About the Emergency Use Authorization of the Vaccine <https://www.jnj.com/latest-news/alex-gorsky-on-johnson-johnson-janssen-covid-19-vaccine-emergency-use-authorization>
 - **Johnson and Johnson:** Things to Know about Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine: <https://www.jnj.com/latest-news/things-to-know-about-johnson-johnson-janssen-covid-19-vaccine>

- **California's Safe Schools For All State Plan Provides The Support And Accountability To Establish A Clear Path To Minimize In-School Transmissions** and enable, first, a phased return to in-person instruction, and then ongoing safe in-person instruction. The California's Safe Schools for All Hub consolidates key resources and information related to COVID-19 and schools. New resources will be added to the Hub on a routine basis. To view the State of California Safe Schools For All Hub, please go to: <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov>



- **A \$2 Billion Plan To Incentivize Statewide Reopening Of California Schools For In-Person Learning For Students In Transitional Kindergarten Through Second Grade by April 1 was unveiled by California officials** and will be voted on Thursday, March 4. It sets aside \$6.6 billion for schools with approximately \$2 billion to fund safety measures, and \$4.6 billion would fund summer school, tutoring and mental health services to make up for the educational effects of distance learning over the last year. The package sets aside 10% of vaccines for education workers and codifies data reporting requirements, including reporting reopening status and COVID-19 safety measures. It also allocates \$25 million to conduct safety reviews of schools. To view the Los Angeles Times via MSN March 1, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/californias-dollar2-billion-school-reopening-plan-what-you-need-to-know/ar-BB1e7A8r>
 - **Office of Governor Gavin Newsom:** Highlights New \$6.6 Billion Package to Reopen Schools and Deepen Student Supports <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/03/01/governor-newsom-pro-tem-atkins-and-speaker-rendon-highlight-new-6-6-billion-package-to-reopen-schools-and-deepen-student-supports/>
- **Vaccination Sites Run By Los Angeles County Began Taking Appointments For Essential Workers In Education And Child Care, Food And Agriculture, And Law Enforcement And Emergency Services** while residents aged 65 and older, and Health care workers along with residents and staff of long-term care and nursing facilities remain eligible. Health officials urge patience while staff are being trained and vaccine supplies remain limited. The City of Los Angeles COVID-19 vaccination sites will reopen Tuesday primarily providing second doses this week and offer a small number of first-doses as they remain limited. The city's mobile sites will also triple their total capacity this week. The state has authorized shots for ages 16 and over with an underlying health condition that puts them at higher risk for severe illness or death from COVID beginning March 15. To view the ABC News via MSN March 1, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/los-angeles-vaccination-sites-to-expand-eligibility-for-appointments-this-week/ar-BB1e67aX>
 - **California Department of Public Health:** Eligibility Questions: myturn.ca.gov
 - **County of Los Angeles Public Health:** Vaccination Appointments: vaccinatelacounty.com
- **SOFI Stadium COVID-19 Vaccine Site Opens Only For L.A. County Education Employees On The Same Day That All Teachers Countywide Became Eligible To Receive The Vaccine.** It will be staffed by LAUSD nurses and healthcare professionals, with assistance from Anthem Blue Cross and Cedars-Sinai, and has the capacity to administer thousands of vaccines daily, according to a news release. LAUSD Superintendent has said that schools will not reopen until teachers and staff are vaccinated but hopes to have preschools and elementary schools reopen for in-person learning by April 9. To view the CBS Los Angeles via MSN March 1, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/lausd-opens-covid-vaccine-site-at-sofi-stadium-monday-for-education-staff-only/ar-BB1e7FMs>
- **World Health Organization (WHO) Panel Strongly Advises Against The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine To Prevent And Treat COVID-19,** which is an anti-inflammatory drug often used to treat and prevent malaria. "High certainty evidence" showed that hydroxychloroquine had "no meaningful effect" on deaths or admissions to hospitals, while "moderate certainty evidence" showed that it probably increases the risk of adverse effects, according to WHO, adding that the drug is no longer a research priority, and instead, resources should focus on other "more promising" drugs to prevent COVID-19, according to the press release. Hydroxychloroquine was aggressively touted by the former president as a promising treatment for the virus, despite a lack of evidence while the nation's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, called it "not effective" for the coronavirus. To view the ABC News via MSN March 1, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/who-panel-strongly-advises-against-use-of-hydroxychloroquine-to-prevent-covid-19/ar-BB1e8g7X>
 - **British Medical Journal:** A living WHO guideline on drugs to prevent covid-19 (March 2, 2021) <https://www.bmj.com/content/372/bmj.n526>



- Pfizer Confirms Effectiveness Of Covid-19 Vaccines Effectiveness At Preventing Serious Illness Or Death, Even After One Dose, After Mass Vaccinations While Previously Having Had Limited Testing** in the interest of Urgent Emergency Use Authorization by the FDA, according to a study in Israel of nearly 600,000 people 16 and older, from general population of various ages and health conditions. The vaccine resulted 92% effective at preventing severe disease after two shots and 62% after one, while estimated effectiveness for preventing death was 72% two to three weeks after the first shot, and seemed as effective in folks over 70. It was also estimated to be 57% effective at preventing any symptoms of COVID-19 two to three weeks after the first dose, and 94% a week or more after the second dose. Effectiveness for preventing hospitalization was 74% after one shot and 87% after two, and 46% and 92% for preventing confirmed infection. Overall, the numbers compare well to the 95% effectiveness reported that led U.S. regulators to authorize the vaccine's emergency use. To view the February 24, 2021 Associated Press News Report, please go to:
<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2021-02-24/pfizer-covid-19-vaccine-works-well-in-big-real-world-test>

 - New England Journal of Medicine: The Real-World Effectiveness of Covid-19 Vaccination**
https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMe2103272?query=featured_home
- A Study Suggests The California Coronavirus B.1.427/B.1.429 Strain Could Be More Contagious Than The Original, Producing A Viral Load Twice As High As Others** and is already visible in over half of the State's samples ending January. Mostly in California, the variant has already been documented in 45 states and several other countries and researchers said it should be viewed as a "variant of concern" along with the U.K., South Africa and Brazil variants circulating in the U.S. with over 1,930 cases already documented. Some experts warn that the variants could lead to a spring surge in the U.S.'s outbreak. To view the U.S. News & World Report via MSN February 25, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/what-to-know-about-the-coronavirus-variant-found-in-california/ar-BB1dZ5Pt>
- COVID-19 Testing In The U.S. Has Decline By 30 % In Recent Weeks While Testing Remains Vital To Getting Ahead Of Outbreaks** because less testing makes it harder to follow the virus's mutations and to get ahead of variants that may be more contagious or deadly, according to experts. They cited a number of factors that could be contributing to the decline: Fewer exposures; Less travel; Bad weather; Vaccine rollout and; Pandemic fatigue among others. To view the New York Times via Yahoo March 1, 2021 News Report, please go to: <https://news.yahoo.com/why-coronavirus-testing-slumped-u-192642725.html>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Recommends That You Do Not Travel At This Time And Stay Home To Protect Yourself And Others From COVID-19.** Some U.S. states have updated or expanded their travel rules and regulations in 2021 during Covid-19 so if you decide to travel to another state, it is vital that you stay updated on the latest statewide regulations. While some US states still have no restrictions on allowing leisure travel, their official websites have important COVID-19 safety information such as mandates on face masks in public settings. To view the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Travel Recommendations, please go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

 - CDC: International Travel Requirements for All Air Passengers Arriving in the United States (February 19, 2021):**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>
 - CDC: COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination (February 22, 2021):**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>
 - CDC: COVID-19 Travel Planner when traveling within the United States.**
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-planner/index.html>



- **Disneyland COVID-19 Vaccine Site Shuttered By Powerful Santa Ana Winds** which had already forced a two-day closure at the Anaheim supersite in January and last week, supply delays caused by severe weather across parts of the U.S. led officials to close many vaccination centers, including the one at Disneyland. To view the Los Angeles Times via MSN News Report, please go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/disneyland-covid-19-vaccine-site-shuttered-amid-santa-ana-winds/ar-BB1e1iKX>
- **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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