



# CITY OF CARSON COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday, March 11, 2021

## COVID-19 GENERAL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

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](#)**

**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>03/11/2021</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>
<b>CARSON</b>	<b>9,314</b>	<b>232</b>
West Carson/Unincorp.	2,081	114
County of Los Angeles	1,207,361	22,213
California	3,612,426	54,963
United States	29,506,986	535,758
Global	118,448,524	2,628,279

**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>

## FREE COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINATION IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

- Testing - [Carson Community Center](#)
- Testing - [City of Los Angeles](#)
- Testing - [County of Los Angeles](#)
- Vaccine - [California Department of Public Health](#)
- Vaccine - [County of Los Angeles Public Health](#)
- Vaccine - [City of Los Angeles](#)
- Vaccine/Testing - [Rite Aid Pharmacy](#)
- Vaccine/Testing - [CVS Pharmacy](#)
- Vaccine/Testing - [Ralphs Pharmacies](#)
- Vaccine/Testing - [Albertsons Companies Pharmacy](#)

**COVID-19 Vaccinations are FREE For Everyone Regardless of Financial or Immigration Status.**

[Vaccine Distribution in Los Angeles County](#) is being rolled out to different groups in phases.

To learn more about how to make an appointment, preparing for your appointment and after vaccination, please go to: [COVID-19 Vaccine Vaccination Appointments](#)

NOW VACCINATING		...UPCOMING GROUP...
Phase 1A	Phase 1B – Tier 1	March 15, 2021
Healthcare Workers	LA County Residents Ages 65 and older	LA County Residents Ages 16 – 64 With Underlying Health Conditions / High Risk Disability
Staff & Residents at Skilled Nursing Facilities	Education and Childcare	
Staff & Residents at Long-Term Care Facilities	Emergency Services	
	Food and Agriculture	

- **President Biden Delivery Of A Prime-Time Address Marking The One Year Anniversary Of The (COVID-19) Outbreak National Emergency Declaration Proclamation** issued on March 13, 2020 after initially having been dismissed by the former president as a minor problem, subsequently it has killed more than 525,000 Americans and battered the economy. The declaration gave the White House flexibility to direct federal resources to efforts to fight the pandemic. President Biden’s address comes a year to the day since the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the spread of the coronavirus a pandemic. He will be discussing the many sacrifices the American people have made over the last year and the grave loss communities and families have suffered while highlighting the role Americans will play in getting the country “back to normal,” according to the White House Press Secretary. To view the New York Times March 8, 2021 News Report, please go to: [President Biden Delivery of a Prime-Time Address Marking the Anniversary of the COVID-19 Outbreak National Emergency](#)
  - **Federal Register: [Proclamation 9994 of March 13, 2020: Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Outbreak](#)** published March 18, 2020
- **President Biden Signs \$1.9 Trillion COVID-19 Relief Bill Into Law That Includes With \$1,400 Stimulus Checks;** unemployment benefits extension; billions to help schools and colleges reopen; funding for vaccine distribution; help for renters and landlords; small business assistance; vaccine development, distribution and related needs; along with many other measures aimed at helping America recover from the pandemic. Democrats say it is one of the largest anti-poverty bills in a generation, aiming to deliver aid to millions of Americans grappling with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. "I believe this historic legislation is about rebuilding the backbone of this country and giving people of this nation working people, middle class folks, and people that built the country a fighting chance" President Biden said. Direct payments could start



showing up in people's bank accounts as early as this weekend. To view the USA Today via MSN March 11, 2021 News Report, please go to: [President Biden Signs \\$1.9 Trillion COVID-19 Relief Bill Into Law](#)

- **California's Budget Will Get \$26 Billion Of The New \$1.9 Trillion COVID-19 Relief Bill That Includes \$1,400 Stimulus Payments And \$300 Weekly Federal Unemployment Benefits**, which is expected to be signed by President Biden this week, offering significant relief to state and local governments across the nation to help those hit hardest by the pandemic. California is getting a total of \$42 billion earmarked for state government, counties and cities. Suggestions from legislators include funding for services to prevent homelessness; COVID-19 vaccine distribution and testing needs; K-12 schools and community colleges; unpaid water, electricity and internet bills; supplement existing funds for environmental protection needs in low-income communities; and to expand broadband access in underserved communities. Rules governing how the funds can be spent are still being reviewed. To view the Los Angeles Times via MSN March 11, 2021 News Report, please go to: [California Will Get \\$26 Billion From the New Covid-19 Relief Bill](#)
- **COVID-19 Surpasses Heart Disease As The Leading Cause Of Death In Los Angeles County** at more than 22,000, doubling the deaths from heart disease one a year since the pandemic was first announced, according to L.A. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer who added that there's been tremendous tragedy and suffering. A Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) analysis concluded that COVID-19 had become the leading cause of death nationwide with more than 3,000 COVID-19 daily deaths reported in January while heart disease typically has about 2,000 and cancer about 1,600. Virginia Commonwealth University scientists shared that much of this escalation was preventable and that the failure of the public and its leaders to take adequate steps to prevent viral transmission has made the nation more vulnerable. To view the L.A. Times via Yahoo March 11, 2021 News Report, please go to: [COVID-19 Surpasses Heart Disease As The Leading Cause Of Death In Los Angeles County](#)
  - **Kaiser Family Foundation:** [COVID-19 Now Leading Cause of Death in the United States](#)
- **Americans Seek Compensation For Failed COVID-19 Treatments Through The Countermeasure Injury Compensation Program (CICP)**, a \$30 Billion U.S. government decade-old fund that can be used to compensate for serious injuries or deaths caused by treatments or vaccines in the fight against the pandemic. COVID-19 presents the first serious test of the CICP that is overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) which up to date has denied 90% of cases. Negligence is not being alleged, which is largely protected from liability by an emergency health law, but the deadly combination of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin that in combination are now known to be deadly according to the report. To encourage life-saving efforts during a declared public health emergency, healthcare providers and drug companies can be shielded from nearly all lawsuits and claims for serious injuries or deaths. That legal protection extends to COVID-19 vaccines by Moderna Inc, Pfizer Inc and partner BioNTech SE, and Johnson & Johnson, as well as approved medicines, that briefly included the anti-malaria drug hydroxychloroquine which emergency authorization has already been revoked. To view the Reuters March 11, 2021 News Report, please go to: [Americans Seek Compensation for Failed COVID-19 Treatments](#)
- **United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) and Los Angeles Unified Announced Reopening Of Schools Next Month** which was one of the remaining such battles as President Biden and Governor Newsom pushed for in-person learning by spring. The deal is still conditioned on teacher ratification. L.A. Unified and UTLA said in a joint statement that the right way to reopen schools must include the highest standard of COVID-19 safety in schools, continued reduction of the virus in the communities they serve and access to vaccinations for school staff for reopening safely. It includes full vaccinations for all school staff, low community COVID-19 rates, weekly students and staff virus testing and upgraded ventilation systems, in addition to standard protocols. The district has spent more than \$120 million to upgrade air-filtration systems,



hire additional custodial staff and buy more personal protective equipment while Governor Newsom already signed legislation that will reward schools with grant money if they reopen by April 1. To view the Politico News via MSN March 11, 2021 News Report, please go to: [Los Angeles Unified And Its Teachers Union Announced Reopening Of Schools](#)

- **Kroger To Close 3 Stores In Los Angeles Over A \$5-Per-Hour Hazard Pay Mandated By Local Officials** for grocery and drug store workers during the COVID-19 crisis. Closures are scheduled for May 15, while 65 other city-wide stores will continue to operate. The retailer criticized local officials the additional millions in expenses on it in the middle of the pandemic saying it becomes impossible to operate these three stores costing nearly \$20 million over the next 120 days noting that employees already averaged hourly pay of \$18, \$24 and has already vaccinated 20% of its associates. Kroger added that prioritizing vaccinations, and not arbitrary mandates for extra pay, is what will keep frontline workers protected. UFCW union said that Kroger's action is a cruel attack on essential workers threatening the food supply for California communities. To view the USA Today March 10 News Report, please go to: [Kroger Closing Stores Over Hazard COVID-19 Pay](#)
- **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans To Businesses With 20 Or Less Employees Has been extended Until Wednesday, March 31, 2021** to help sole proprietors keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis. For more information on the Small Business Administration (SBA) PPP Loan Program, please go to: [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\)](#)
- **California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program For Nonprofit Cultural Institutions Only Begins Tuesday, March 16th** Through Tuesday, March 23rd, 2021 at Round 4. Eligible grant awards will be \$5,000 to \$25,000 with any revenue size that meets eligibility criteria. For more information and to apply, please go to: [California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program](#)
- **AARP Foundation Free Tax Preparation Assistance To Carson Residents ages 50+or have low to moderate income, By Appointment Only**
  - **City of Carson Flyer:** [AARP Tax Program](#)
  - **AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Service:** [AARP Foundation Tax-Aide](#)
- **Carson Emergency Rental Assistance Program For Up To \$30,000 is available to Residents.** For more information, qualifications requirements and instructions on how to apply, please go to: [Carson Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#)
- **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: [dpss.lacounty.gov](#)
- **Southern California Edison Utility Programs For Residents:**
  - [CARE Program](#) Reduced Monthly Bill
  - [EAF Program](#) Bill Payment Assistance Grant
  - [FERA Program](#) Reduced Monthly Bill
  - [LIHEAP](#) Home Weatherization and Appliance Program (800) 736-4777



- **SoCal Gas Company Utility Programs for Residents:**
  - [Gas Bill Relief Grant](#) (877) 238-0092
  - [Medical Baseline Allowance Program](#) (800) 427-2200
  - **RES DI FREE Home Weatherization Program** ACS Group (562) 464-0880 (Lic. No. 667206 Authorized Contractor)
  
- **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](#)
  - **WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Health Program Provides Food Vouchers** to low income families with children 5 years old and under. 1-888-WIC-WORKS
  - **CalFresh** is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Provides Financial Assistance to low-income families. (877) 847-3663

**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.