



CITY OF CARSON COVID-19 UPDATE

Monday, April 26, 2021

COVID-19 GENERAL INFORMATION FOR CARSON RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

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.

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.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Self-Checker Interactive Clinical Assessment Tool

COVID-19 CASES

(Numbers May Vary Depending on Time of Day)

04/26/2021	CASES	DEATHS
CARSON	9,607	242
West Carson/Unincorp.	2,159	128
County of Los Angeles	1,232,195	23,802
California	3,733,005	61,482
United States	32,320,125	578,356
Global	147,522,046	3,116,478

John Hopkins University & Medicine
[Coronavirus Resource Center](#)
State of California
[Tracking COVID-19 In California](#)
County of Los Angeles Public Health
[Tracking COVID-19 in Los Angeles County](#)

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

ALL INDIVIDUALS AGES 16 AND ABOVE ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE VACCINATED

PLEASE NOTE: Ages 16 and 17 can only receive the Pfizer vaccine at this time.

VACCINATIONS ARE FREE AND AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

Regardless of Financial And Immigration Status, or Insurance Coverage

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

[Free Transportation to COVID-19 Vaccination Sites for Carson Residents \(888\) 677-8863](#)

- **A Carson City Council Regular Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 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 Meeting Minutes, please go to: <https://carson.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
- **[FDA And CDC Lift Recommended Pause On Johnson & Johnson \(Janssen\) COVID-19 Vaccine Use Following Thorough Safety Review](#)** by the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The pause was recommended after reports of six cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals following administration of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine while medical and scientific teams at the FDA and CDC examined available data to assess the risk and are confident that this vaccine is safe and effective in preventing COVID-19 and determining that the vaccine’s known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks in individuals 18 years of age and older. As of April 23, a total of 15 cases of TTS have been reported to VAERS and all cases have occurred in women between the ages of 18 and 59, with a median age of 37 years. Reports indicated symptom onset between 6 and 15 days after vaccination. As demonstrated by both agencies’ quick work to identify and investigate these rare but serious adverse events, the surveillance systems that are in place to monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines authorized for emergency use are working. The FDA and CDC will continue to closely monitor the safety of these vaccines. CDC April 23, 2021 Press Release.
 - **FDA – Janssen Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine:** [Fact Sheet For Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#)
 - **FDA – Janssen Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine:** [Fact Sheet For Recipients And Caregivers](#)
 - **Health and Human Services (HHS):** [Vaccine’s Adverse Events Reporting System](#)



- [Los Angeles County Continues To Report Progress In The Fight Against The Coronavirus](#) as figures continue to indicate that the region has so far avoided the variant-driven surge that has troubled some other states. The signs of progress have buoyed hopes that authorities can vaccinate enough people at a sufficient speed to head off a potential new wave of infection. As of Saturday there were 407 COVID-19 patients in county hospitals, a decline of nearly 14% from two weeks before while during the peak of the surge in January, more than 8,000 people were hospitalized. Positive COVID-19 tests results continue to dip lower than at any point since the start of the pandemic. So far, 44.1% of Los Angeles County residents have received at least one dose of vaccine, and 28.1% are fully vaccinated, according to the L.A. Times April 25, 2021
- [First Reported Case Of A Man In His 30s Recovering From Rare Blood Clot Developed 2 Weeks After Receiving The Johnson & Johnson's Single-Dose Shot](#) after only 15 women had been reported and of those, three died and seven remain hospitalized. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had reported the condition that involves unusual clots that occur together with low levels of blood-clotting platelets. Eight million doses have been administered nationally and U.S. health officials lifted an 11-day pause on the use of the J&J shot on Friday after scientific advisers decided its benefits outweigh the rare risk of blood clot. Federal health officials say the risk could be handled with warnings to help younger women decide if they should use that shot or an alternative as it has important advantages for some people who were anxiously awaiting its return. The Associated Press via KTLA April 26, 2021 News Report.
- [LAUSD Middle And High Schools Reopen After Over A Yearlong Pandemic-Caused Closure](#) to resume in-person learning following the return of elementary school children earlier this month as part of a phased plan and should be able to return to all-day, in-person instruction in the fall, assuming schedules are adjusted, more people in the community get vaccinated and the level of coronavirus infections continue to drop. Students will return a host of safety measures and a hybrid schedule learning remotely on alternating days, according to Superintendent Austin Beutner. Mr. Beutner stated that under normal circumstances, students would come in contact with approximately 250 people and by adjusting school schedules in the fall, students remain in their advisory classroom all day to limit the number of people students interact with instead of traveling to all six or seven of their classes. The district and teachers union are still negotiating the classroom adjustments for the fall semester. Beutner also stressed the importance of continued regular testing for COVID-19. Los Angeles Daily News April 26, 2021
- [Some California Teams Debut Fully Vaccinated Seating Section For Home Games](#) where fans guests from different households will be seated next to each not having to maintain social distancing though most teams have limited capacity, staggered seating and still require fans to wear masks except when they're eating or drinking. To gain entry to the Dodgers games, fully vaccinated fans ages 16 and up will need to present proof that at least two weeks have passed since their final vaccine dose and if under age 16, they must prove they tested negative for Covid-19 within the last 72 hours or they will be refused entry. CNN April 24, 2021 News Report.
- [More Than 115 'Do Not Travel' Advisories To Countries Due To Ongoing COVID-19 Risks Have Been By The U.S. State Department](#), up from only 33 over a week ago, with new Level 4 advisories, and Level 3 warnings in place for a smaller group of nations, 16 countries are categorized as increased caution Level 2, and roughly 35 countries' risk level details are unknown although the State Department warned the soon increase to include roughly 80% of the world's countries. Regardless of a particular country's advisory status, the State Department wants all U.S. citizens to reconsider any travel abroad. More than 3 million people have already died from COVID-19 worldwide, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) and nearly 144 million coronavirus cases have been reported globally. NPR April 22, News Report.
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination](#)



- [European Union Set To Let U.S. Tourists Vaccinated Against COVID-19 Visit This Summer Under Certain Conditions](#) after more than a year of mostly banning nonessential travel from most countries to limit the spread of the coronavirus. The fast pace of vaccination in the United States, and advanced talks between authorities there and the E. U. over how to make vaccine certificates acceptable as proof of immunity for visitors, will enable the European Commission, the executive branch of the European Union, to recommend a switch in policy that could see trans-Atlantic leisure travel restored. It was stated that all 27 bloc member states will accept, unconditionally, all those who are vaccinated with the European Medicine Agency (E.M.A.), the bloc’s drugs regulator, approved vaccines used in the United States - Moderna, Pfizer/BioNTech and Johnson & Johnson. It was noted that the United States was “on track” and making “huge progress” with its campaign to reach “herd immunity” or the vaccination of 70 percent of adults by mid-June. Currently, nonessential travel to the E. U. has been officially banned with the exception of visitors from a short list of countries with very low caseloads of the virus. New York Times April 26, 2021
- [Institutions From Schools To Stadiums Are Able To Require Proof Of COVID-19 Vaccination](#) although the state and the federal government have not adopted an official protocol leaving it largely up to individual stadiums, venues, or businesses to figure out if and how to request verification. California state government has said it is not working on a verification program that health officials will monitor this private sector development of passports for privacy, equity, and fairness. Critics of relying on a digital vaccine passport system note that the system could be vulnerable to data breaches and fraud while paper vaccine records downsides include the ease of counterfeiting, loss or theft. Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles Football Club and Staples Center debuted a vaccinated supporters section allowing for a relaxation of distancing rules, with groups from mixed households sitting next to one another, and free to eat and drink in their seats without masks but must present verification of vaccination upon arrival. Different venues, airlines and destinations are developing their own like Oracle Park in San Francisco with [CLEAR Health Pass](#) system currently used for verification of COVID test results and soon rolling out a vaccine verification component while Ticketmaster announced plans to develop a health status system to clear fans to attend events and a number of international airlines are currently testing the [IATA Travel Pass](#), and others around the world are collaborating on a project known as [CommonPass](#). Hawaii is developing what it calls the [Safe Travels Pass](#). Los Angeles Magazine April 26, 2021.
- [Restaurants Care General Fund - For Employees](#) offers emergency assistance to California foodservice workers facing an unanticipated hardship within the past 90 days such as: accident, illness, injury, and death of an immediate family member or natural disaster and limited to one per individual. Grants cover cost of living expenses for life-altering events and range from \$250-\$1500.
- [L.A. County Foreclosure Prevention & Mortgage Relief Program](#) provides up to \$20,000 to help offset mortgage delinquencies and foreclosure counseling to owners whose property is located in a community highly impacted by COVID-19 and have experienced financial distress between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021. New applicants are currently being waitlisted and will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis.
- [COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan](#) (EIDL) Provides economic relief to small businesses and nonprofit organizations, Including Agricultural Businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue due to COVID-19.
- [Shuttered Venue Operators Grant](#) (SVOG) Provides emergency assistance for eligible venues and theatrical producers; Live performing arts organization operators; Relevant museum operators, zoos and aquariums; Motion picture theater operators; Talent representatives; and each business entity owned by an eligible entity that also meets the eligibility requirements, that was affected by COVID-19.
- [COVID-19 Funeral Expense Financial Assistance](#) available through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



- [COVID-19 Housing Is Key Rent Relief Program](#) Financial assistance to help income-eligible [RENTERS](#) the payment of unpaid and future rent to [LANDLORDS](#), as well as unpaid and future utilities, through federal rental assistance funds.
- [COVID-19 California Small Business Relief Grant Program](#) (Round 6). Grant awards from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for current waitlisted small businesses and nonprofits applicants that meet eligibility criteria **Begins Wednesday, April 28, 2021.**
- [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\)](#) Small Business Administration (SBA) loans to businesses with 20 or less employees, to help keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis. **Deadline to apply is until May 31, 2021.**
- [AARP Foundation Tax-Aide](#) Free tax preparation assistance to Carson Residents ages 50+ or have low to moderate income by [Appointment Only](#) – ongoing until appointments full. Deadlines to file [State Income Tax](#) (FTB) and [Federal Income Tax](#) (IRS) have been extended until May 11, 2021 (310) 835-0212 ext. 1475
 - [City of Carson Flyer](#)
- **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](#) Los Angeles County Unified School District (LAUSD)
 - [COVID-19 Food Resources](#) County of Los Angeles
 - [Los Angeles Regional Food Bank](#) Food distribution to families and other individuals in need. (323) 234-3030
 - [WIC \(Women, Infants and Children\)](#) Health/Food Program for low income families with children ages 5 and under. (888) WIC-WORKS
 - [CalFresh \(SNAP\) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) provides financial assistance to low-income families. (877) 847-3663
- [Department Of Public Social Services \(DPSS\)](#) Offers social service assistance to families and individuals with Medi-Cal (health insurance), CalFresh (food assistance), CalWORKs (cash assistance) as well as other programs for those who are experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, substance use disorders among others. (866) 613-3777
- [Southern California Edison](#) (800) 655-4555 (SCE) Utility Programs For Residents:
 - [EAF | SCE](#) Energy Assistance Fund Payment Grant Program
 - [ESA | SCE](#) Energy-Efficient Appliance Replacement Assistance Program
 - [CARE/FERA | SCE](#) Reduced Monthly Bill Program
 - [Medical Baseline Allowance | SCE](#) Baseline Rate Program For Individuals With A Serious Health Condition
- [SoCalGas](#) (877) 238-0092 **The Gas Company** Utility Programs For Residents
 - [GAF | SoCalGas](#) Gas Assistance Fund Grant
 - [LIHEAP | SoCalGas](#) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program



- [Forgiveness | SoCalGas](#) Past Due Bill Forgiveness Program
- [CARE Program | SoCalGas](#) California Alternate Rates for Energy Financial Relief Program
- [Medical Baseline Allowance | SoCalGas](#) Baseline Rate Program For Individuals With A Serious Health Condition
- [Energy Savings Assistance Program | SoCalGas](#) No Cost Home Improvements
- **RES DI | SoCalGas** FREE Home Weatherization Program Authorized Contractor ACS Group (562) 464-0880

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:

[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.

City Hall is Open to the Public on Mondays and Thursdays Only and by Appointment.

Please [Schedule](#) an appointment and bring the completed [Health Questionnaire](#) to your scheduled appointment.

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