

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER COVID-19 UPDATE

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FACTS			
Incident Type: Public Health Emergency			
First US Case: January 21, 2020		First LA County Case: January 26, 2020	
Total Cases: 3,518	Cases Today: 513	Total Deaths: 65	Hospitalized(currently): 341

SITUATION AS OF	April 1	, 2020
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SITUATION SUMMARY:

The following public information is a high-level summary of events being managed by the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center tasked with the emergency response and coordination of Countywide resources to address the COVID-19 disaster. Please share this information with your family, fellow residents, municipal, state & community partners.

- March 28, 2020 FEMA provided \$390 million in federal support to California and an additional \$468 million to the State to reimburse costs related to the COVID-19 response.
- March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law by President Donald J. Trump
- March 30, 2020, Governor Newsom announced the California Health Corps, a major initiative to expand the health care workforce. More: https://covid19.ca.gov/healthcorps/#top
- 84 of the 88 Cities (95%) in Los Angeles County have proclaimed a Local Emergency
- Los Angeles County is still providing essential services, but County buildings remain closed to the public. For a comprehensive list and updates by department, refer to the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) section on Page 5 of this document.
- To receive regular updates, sign up for our GovDelivery distribution list here: https://bit.ly/2QE6kh0

PUBLIC HEALTH INFO ABOUT COVID-19:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is actively monitoring the number of COVID-19 cases reported throughout the County.

Source	Number of Cases	Deaths
Los Angeles County (excl. LB & Pas)	3352	64
City of Long Beach	133	1
City of Pasadena	33	
LA Co. Public Health (Total)	3518	65
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	Confirmed Cases by Age Group		
	Los Angeles County (excl. LB & Pas)	Total Cases	
	0 – 17	32	
	18 – 40	1228	
	41 – 65	1399	
	Over 65	669	
PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES:	Health Office Orders: • Safer at Home Officer Order (03.21.20) • Home Isolation Health Officer Order (03.23.20) • Home Quarantine Health Officer Order (03.25.20) • Temporary Closure of Beaches and Trails Health Officer Order (03.27.20) Safer at Home Frequently Asked Questions: English Spanish Traditional Chinese Simplified Chinese Korean Armenian Tagalong Arabic Farsi Cambodian Russian Japanese Vietnamese FAQs for: Business Persons Exposed to COVID-19 As of today, 21,000 in people Los Angeles County have been tested for COVID-19. Overall, 12-13% of people being tested are testing positive. Additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website. For more information, please		
COVID-19 TESTING	visit: http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/ At this time, COVID-19 testing capabilities are being developed to serve Los Angeles County Residence. Testing will be prioritized for residents of Los Angeles County who are in the most high-risk categories and most vulnerable.		
	 Individuals eligible for testing at this ti Those with symptoms who are 65 are Those with symptoms who have un 	me include: and older nderlying chronic health conditions tory 14-day quarantine period due to a	
LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	 rooms, PPE, goods/services, and (information please visit 		

- Supporting the distribution of PPEs.
- The CEOC has received over 538 unique requests that continue to be prioritized. The requests that are being submitted to the State include medical personnel, sanitizing equipment, and other support personnel.

Finance & Recovery

- Working with State and County departments on FEMA Reimbursement guidelines. Uploading COVID-19 related costs to FEMA Portal.
- Continue to partner with DCBA regarding long term recovery. Following up with the State for guidance in establishing a Local Assistance Center (LAC).

Information

- Issued Press Releases on Safer at Home Reminder (Armenian).
- Publishing FAQs on the Mayfair Hotel and COVID-19 Testing.
- Developing new <u>Video Content</u> and Public Service Announcements.
 These are to include Property Taxes, DCBA, and LA County COVID-19 Testing
- Daily Press Conferences on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

COVID19-RELATED MEDICAL SHELTERING OPERATIONS

New medical sheltering operations are currently being brought online in El Segundo, Lancaster, and Los Angeles. To increase capacity at each facility the County is recruiting and training personnel to serve as on-site managers. Wrap around services including transportation, food, laundry services and security services are available at each site.

Current Medical Sheltering Locations:

Location	Date Operational	Number of Clients
Dockweiler RV Park	3/22	23*
MLK Recuperative Center	3/25	n/a
Sheraton Fairplex	3/25	25*
Sherman Hotel	3/27	8*
Mayfair Hotel	Scheduled 4/2	n/a
Residence Inn	4/1	n/a

^{*}number of clients is reported as of 0800 today. This number will fluctuate daily as clients arrive/ are discharged.

The County is working to quickly leverage the incoming offers from local hotels/motels and on-going solicitations for assistance in the COVID-19 response.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT & DISTRIBUTION

All Personal Protective Equipment reflected below is procured and distributed by the Los Angeles County Medical Supply facility operating out of Long Beach. The facility is working with the Department of Public Health to fill all PPE requests for Health Care Workers across Los Angeles County. Currently 2,532 PPE orders have been filled.

	Item	Inventory Received	Inventory Shipped
	N95 Masks	7,000,000	4,300,000
	Surgical Masks	2,500,000	2,500,000
	Face Shields	387,600	278,300
	Goggles	3,600	2,400
	Surgical Gowns	137,000	113,800
	Hand Sanitizer	127,700	112,200
	Gloves	396,900	304,700
	Non-Latex Gloves	219,100	79,100
	Total PPE Units:	10,642,600 units	7,690,200 units
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LAHSA's goal is to provide 2,000 shelter beds where persons exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms can isolate safely. These include RVs provided by the state and hotels provided by the County. Social Distancing in shelters continues to be a priority.

LAHSA has requested resources that include food, personnel, test kits, and a warehouse to store acquired items. This order is currently being addressed by both the State and the County. LAHSA is asking for shelter support staff including medical and shelter staff.

The State has allocated \$50 million in State funding for the leasing of hotels/motels for three months for persons experiencing homelessness statewide. These rooms are not for medical sheltering. They are instead deemed "interim sheltering" for vulnerable persons experiencing homelessness including those over 65 years of age and those with compromised immunity or chronic disease.

The State will take the lead on negotiating leases with hotels/motels on behalf of the County. This partnership between the County and State allows agreements to be reached guickly.

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM & SERVICES:

The County healthcare system at present time is not experiencing a shortage of hospital beds. There is, currently, no surge or demand for COVID-19 related hospital care.

Private hospitals report 764 open beds and approximately 242 open ICU beds with 100% of hospitals reporting.

Among 4 DHS hospitals, total of 1,394 beds; 824 occupied (59% occupancy), 570 open beds.

• DHS ICU beds, total 168; 109 occupied (65% occupancy), total of 59 open ICU beds.

SCHOOLS:

Provided a 'Resources for Schools' section on LACOE website to provide helpful resources to districts and schools in preparation for and handling COVID-19. For more information access:

https://www.lacoe.edu/Home/Health-and-Safety/Coronavirus-Resources/

Released a 'COVID-19 Update' on March 30, 2020 on the LACOE website to provide helpful updates to students, staff, and families. For more information access:

https://www.lacoe.edu/Portals/0/LACOE/CVUpdate 033020.pdf?ver=2020-03-31-095238-683

LAUSD, PBS So Cal, KCET, and KLCS-TV have partnered to provide free supplemental education to help families support student learning during the school closures. These resources are free and designed to be used by public schools throughout California to help students continue learning at home. For more information access https://achieve.lausd.net/pbs and https://www.pbssocal.org/education/at-home-learning/

In partnership with Red Cross, LAUSD continues to provide nutritious meals to all students during the temporary closure of schools 64 Grab & Go Food Centers are staffed weekdays (7-11 a.m.). To see the list of Grab & Go Food Centers and more information access: https://achieve.lausd.net/resources/

PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION:

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

- At this moment, 9 Department members have tested positive.
- The Department has implemented a voluntary expedited COVID-19 testing for its first responders/employees.
- Staffing at DOC/Patrol level continue to be a priority.
- Reallocating personnel from non-essential operations to supplement patrol and high visibility areas/ crime suppression. Today, 176 additional deputy sheriffs are on patrol ensuring residences and shuttered businesses are safe.
- The Sheriff's Department has identified over 253 department members who are EMT certified and 17 department members who are paramedic trained available to supplement medical personnel if they are needed.
- Providing PPE to line personnel and ensuring exposed staff receive appropriate medical services/shelter.
- The Sheriff's Department continues to monitor the care of inmates within the county jail system. The Department has augmented its medical screening procedures and provided additional staffing for cleaning and decontamination. The Department continues to work with Correction Health and The Department of Health Services to make sure the inmate population is cared for appropriately.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department is completing the following activities:

- Assisting in receiving and distributing medical supplies inbound from the State at the direction of the Department of Public Health. (see PPE)
- Medical Director Dr. Clayton Kazan has taken the lead on developing a testing plan for COVID-19. Hosting daily conference calls with LAC EMS section and Medical Director.
- Developing and expanding non-contact medicine to include telemedicine and video portals in an effort to maintain services and slow transmission through social distancing.
- Offering mental health programs and peer support while identifying home-life challenges for personnel
- Assisting with staging operations at Medical Sheltering facilities
- Assisting with staffing needs at the CEOC Joint Information Center.

PUBLIC SERVICES

United States Postal Service (USPS)

 Customers need to request an appointment for in-person passport services. By offering services by appointment only, USPS is practicing social distancing to help ensure the safety of employees and customers at Post Office locations. For more information access https://www.usps.com/international/passports.htm

Verizon Wireless:

 Verizon is working with education, government and healthcare agencies to provide remote connectivity options and other solutions. For more information <u>click here.</u>

CONTINUITY OF OPERATION PLANS: (COOP)

Continuity of Operations Plans ensure the County of Los Angeles continues to support the residents of this county during any type of disaster response. Below is a list of County Departments and their status as it pertains to the COVID-19 local health emergency:

Agriculture/Weights and Measures: Continuing operations to the public and industry. Department facilities remain closed to the public. For more information visit https://acwm.lacounty.gov

Alternate Public Defender: Continue to provide legal services to cases which an APD has been appointed. 65% of staff are teleworking and 35% are working on site. For more information please visit https://apd.lacounty.gov/

Animal Care and Control: Prioritizing calls to provide shelter and veterinary care for impounded animals. Supporting constituents with essential services such as animal intake, placement, reunification, field support, and referrals to resources. Supporting employees by minimizing interactions with the general public, providing alternate work assignments, teleworking options, and DSW assignments. Visit https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/ for more.

Assessor: Prioritizing a healthy work environment while providing public services. Continuing telework efforts with staggered schedules for essential operations. Providing employee reassignments for DSW to assist in ongoing

County efforts. For more information visit https://assessor.lacounty.gov/

Auditor-Controller: Implementing modifications to payroll system that will enable salary caps relating to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Providing guidance to departments to allow them to accept and acknowledge COVID-19 donations in accordance with IRS guidelines. Monitoring the County's ability to pay liabilities and meet critical functions. Validating all new vendors to add greater protection to the purchasing process. 69% of employees are teleworking, 19 are DSWs, and the remaining staff are working on site. For more information visit https://auditor.lacounty.gov/

Beaches and Harbors: Additional beach closure signage to be installed on Lifeguard Towers. Beach closure signs have been posted at all County-maintained beaches. Beach maintenance staff and officers monitored public presence at the beaches over the weekend and provided guidance to the public per beach closures. For more information visit https://beaches.lacounty.gov/covid19.

Board of Supervisors: Providing support to enable BOS to hold virtual Board meetings, safeguarding employees, and continuing essential services. 65% of staff are teleworking, 4 staff are quarantined/isolated, 13 staff are DSWs, and 3 staff are assigned to CEOC. The Board approved a motion by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to strengthen consumer protections against price gouging during the COVID-19 pandemic. The public was urged to be wary of scams and to report complaints to DCBA. For more information <u>Click Here</u>. The Board approved a motion co-authored by Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas and Supervisor Janice Hahn to provide protection to retail grocery, drug store, and food delivery workers during the COVID-19 crisis. For more information click here.

Chief Executive Office: Assigned staff to telework to support Safer at Home for the foreseeable future. Continuing to monitor resource requests for staffing to support CEOC and requests for DSW staffing. Supporting union relations and classification workgroups and providing opinion on medical sheltering staffing and quarantine managers. For more information visit https://ceo.lacounty.gov/

Child Support Services: Continue to provide services to clients, including phone calls, emails, and chats. Resolving funding match for State and Federal dollars when employees are activated as DSWs. For more information call (866) 901-3212 or visit https://cssd.lacounty.gov/

Children and Family Services: 4,594 staff are teleworking, 1,926 staff are working on site. Continuing essential functions and dispersing PPE. For more information visit **COVID19Info@dcfs.lacounty.gov**.

Consumer and Business Affairs: Providing essential services and assistance to residents by ensuring that tenants/landlords have proper protections in place.

Ensuring that all price gouging allegations are investigated. Providing up-to-date information on resources, aid, or other information to residents. Providing adaptive work environment measures to employees on telework. Continue to support workers and businesses through the Los Angeles County Business and Worker Disaster Help Center and department website.

District Attorney: 1,043 staff are teleworking and 313 are on site. Continuing to meet all statutory and constitutional obligations. Maintaining outreach to victims and witnesses and limiting employee exposure by utilizing Proposition 115 testimony when possible. For more information visit https://da.lacounty.gov/.

Health Services: Managing and dispersing the supply of ventilators to hospitals. Researching ways to repair broken ventilators that were in storage. Developing procedures to transfer patients to and from USNS Mercy and FMS. Meeting medical staffing needs with creative leveraging of staffing agencies.

Human Resources: Assigned SMEs as liaisons to departments to assist with CCVID-1 9 questions. Coordinated over 500 DSW placements. Responded to 109 email inquiries. Finalizing protocol guidance for employees who test positive for CCVID-19. Drafting FFCRA Leave Request guidance and reporting form. For more information please visit https://hr.lacounty.gov/contact-us/

Internal Services: Providing enhanced cleaning for buildings that are operational and establish terminal cleaning protocols. Custodial services and craft services have moved to a 50% operational rotation to maximize the Safe at Home provisions. Program & Project Management is reporting 36 Facility Reinvestment Program projects are experiencing delays. Power Plant Operations supporting critical central heating and refrigeration at MLK Community Hospital, Olive View Hospital, the Hall of Administration and surrounding buildings, Pitchess Detention Center. Streamlined emergency purchasing procedures and approvals. Negotiated procurement of county medical sheltering to accommodate potential quarantines. 150 staff added to IT Help Desk. Enabled capacity for 90,000+ users for departments to collaborate via virtual project teams. For more information please visit https://isd.lacounty.gov/

Medical Examiner-Coroner: Resupplying PPE to staff to ensure continued operational ability. Requested hospitals and facilities to increase refrigerated storage capacity as part of the exiting MFI plan. Assessing existing and surge capacity for hospitals and healthcare entities. Obtaining mortuary and funeral home capacity to gain understanding of the system. 6% staff teleworking and 214 are working on site. For more information please visit https://mec.lacounty.gov/2020/press-releases/coronavirus/

Mental Health: Monitoring the impact to programs due to staff testing positive for COVID-19. Assigning clinical teams and other staff as DSWs to support medical shelters and quarantine and isolation sites. Admitting clients to

subacute mental health treatment beds. Working with all residential treatment programs to ensure proper protocols are in place for dealing with COVID-1 9 positive clients. Deploying telework and telehealth tech for staff to deliver services from home. Disbursement of PPE and updated video guidance sent to staff. For more information visit https://dmh.lacounty.gov/

Military/Veterans Affairs: Teleworking staff have been informed of DHR request for DSW to work at medical shelters. 3 employees have been assigned as DSWs and continue to comply with BOS and DPH mandates.. For more please visit https://mva.lacounty.gov/

Parks & Recreation: Prioritizing budget constraints, teleworking options for field staff, and the allocation of additional volunteers to serve as DSW's. Please call (626) 588-5364 or visit https://parks.lacounty.gov/covid-19-031520/

Probation: Ensuring adequate staffing in juvenile halls and camps by reassigning DPCs from field offices and coordinating dispatch of staff to fill DSW positions. 731 staff are teleworking and 2,835 are on site. Increased maintenance and cleaning of halls and camps remains in effect. For more information https://probation.lacounty.gov/

Public Defender: Executive Committee of Judges approved an amendment to the 2020 Felony Bail Schedule. Piloting video arraignments at the Criminal Courts Building. For more information visit https://pubdef.lacounty.gov/

Public Library: Identifying library parking lots for COVID-1 9 drive thru testing. 55% of Library staff are teleworking. Providing laptops for internal and County department telework assignments. Continuing student support services for the Career Online High School program. Continuing to expand virtual programming to address the educational and literacy needs of youth and adults. For more info, please visit: https://lacountylibrary.org/coronavirus/

Public Social Services: Ensuring the continuity of essential services and benefits to existing clients. Processing applications received online and via the Customer Service Center. Staffing the Care and Shelter Branch at CEOC. Deployed staff to assist at 4 shelters and 2 quarantine/isolation sites. For more please visit http://dpss.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpss

Public Works: 54% of staff are teleworking and 46% of staff working on site. Collaborating with regional partners on potential lifeline issues. Delivering essential infrastructure and municipal services, while maintaining business continuity in all sectors. Delivering services to constituents through on-line and teleconferencing tools. Providing staff necessary resources and equipment to maximize telework. For more information visit https://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/Hotline.cfm

Regional Planning: 98% (185) of staff are teleworking or on approved leave, 1% (2) work from a primary work location, and 100 (2) of staff serve as DSWs.

	Commission public hearings will be conducted via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube starting on April 1, 2020. Maintaining service to applicants and also conducting meetings for discretionary permits. Meeting State deadline for Housing and Element compliance and other grant deadlines. For more visit http://planning.lacounty.gov/	
	Registrar-Recorder/County-Clerk: RR/CC headquarters remains open to staff that are not teleworking or not effected by COVID-19. Department headquarters remains closed to the public. For more information visit https://lavote.net/	
	Treasurer-Tax Collector: 47% of staff are teleworking and 40% of staff working are on-site. Continuing to operate with reduced staff. For a list of frequently asked questions visit https://ttc.lacounty.gov/	
	WDACS: Transitioning business and employee assistance to virtual services. Securing additional vendors to address increase in meal assistance requests. Continuing efforts for meal providers to transition to home delivered meals. Applied for National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDWG) to help workers. 201 staff are teleworking and 83 are working on site. For more information visit https://wdacs.lacounty.gov/covid-19/	
	For a complete list of County offices please visit: https://bit.ly/2WwfGQi	
SUPERIOR COURT	Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile and Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva announced they have collaborated on COVID-19 related reductions in court operations, which allows for the redeployment of some deputies to support County law enforcement efforts. For more information access https://www.lacounrt.org/ and https://lasd.org/	
LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS (LAWA)	US Customs and Border Patrol will temporarily consolidate all airport FIS processing at the Tom Bradley International Terminal effective April 1, 2020. TSA will temporarily close Terminal 4 FIS Connector Checkpoint on April 1, 2020. For more information visit https://lawa.org/	
DISASTER MANAGEMENT AREA COORDINATORS (DMAC'S)	Assisting city staff to complete the process and submit the Request for Public Assistance package by April 17, 2020 Scheduled conference calls with cities to answer questions and provide guidance. Assisting and tracking city staff resource requests and confirming deliveries. Responding to inquiries from city staff, CEOC staff and partner organizations. Resolving issues as requested by CEOC staff.	
SALVATION ARMY - CALIFORNIA SOUTH DIVISION (CAS)	As of March 30, 2020, Salvation Army CAS served 14,910 packaged meals at Corps Community Centers including Santa Maria, Santa Monica, Escondido, Los Angeles (Central), and Redondo Beach.	
AMERICAN RED CROSS	Individuals are encouraged to keep scheduled blood, platelet, or AB Elite plasma donation appointments and to make new donation appointments for the weeks ahead to ensure a stable supply throughout the pandemic. For more information access:	

https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/coronavirusco	
	and-blood-donation.html/

Closely monitoring the outbreaks and preparing to carry out lifesaving mission in the event of any possible disruptions. It is important to note the American Red Cross does not provide COVID-19 tests. For more information visit https://www.redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles.html

LOS ANGELES FOOD BANK:

The Food Bank continues to mobilize resources to help people who are in need of food assistance. Meals are not provided at warehouse facilities. The COVID-19 crisis has resulted in unplanned expenses for the Food Bank. For more information access https://www.lafoodbank.org/coronavirus/

PROCLAMATION AND EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

- Federal: National Emergency Declaration on March 13, 2020
- Federal: U.S. Small Business Administration Declaration on March 16, 2020
- Federal: Presidential Major Disaster Declaration, March 22, 2020
- Federal: President Trump signed the CARES Act into law on March 27,2020
- State: California State of Emergency Proclaimed on March 4, 2020
- County: LA County Proclamation of Local Emergency on March 4, 2020
- Cities: 84 proclaimed Local Emergency; 2 declared Local Health Emergency (Long Beach & Pasadena)