



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER COVID-19 UPDATE

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## SITUATION AS OF MAY 18, 2021

Incident Type: <b>Public Health Emergency</b>	First U.S. Case: <b>January 21, 2020</b>	First LA County Case: <b>January 26, 2020</b>
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>1,237,681</b>	
<b>New Cases Today</b>	<b>159</b>	
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>24,106</b>	
<b>Current Hospitalizations</b>	<b>338</b>	

## SITUATION SUMMARY

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

- [Today's Public Health Update](#)
- **Tonight at 6:00 PM: DPH Virtual Town Hall on Vaccines.** [Click Here](#) to submit questions and watch on Twitter, YouTube and Facebook @LAPublicHealth.
- **Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community Revised [Health Officer Order](#)**
- View the new [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#).
- Visit the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for updates on hospital beds, ventilators, and personal protective equipment.
- [Public Health's COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard](#)
- To receive regular updates, sign up for our **GovDelivery** distribution list here: <https://bit.ly/2QE6khO>

## PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

LA County Officials provide COVID-19 Updates. Watch the press conferences on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [YouTube](#).

- Monday, May 24, 2021 at 1:00 PM
- Monday, June 7, 2021 at 1:00 PM
- Monday, June 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM
- Monday, June 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM
- Monday, June 28, 2021 at 1:00 PM

## TESTING

No Appointment Needed

Free COVID-19 testing is available to all LA County residents at drive-up and walk-up testing sites. **Appointments are currently not needed, and you are able to register on-site at LA County testing sites.** Appointments can still be made and can help reduce wait times. [Click Here](#) to schedule an appointment.

### Additional Testing Resources:

- [LA County Home Test Collection Program](#)

- [Testing FAQs](#)
- COVID-19: [What You Need to Know](#)
- Learn about [Contact Tracing](#) to stop the spread.
- [Home Isolation Instructions for People with COVID-19](#)
- [Home Quarantine Instructions for Close Contacts to COVID-19](#)
- Department of Public Health Website: [COVID-19 Testing](#)

#### Testing highly recommended for:

- **People who have symptoms:** If you have symptoms of COVID-19, talk to a healthcare provider and get tested.
- **People who have been a close contact to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 (a case) within the last 14 days.** Even if your test is negative, you will still need to complete your quarantine.
- **People with or without symptoms who are part of an outbreak response or contact investigation in high-risk settings,** such as nursing homes, congregate living facilities, correctional facilities, or persons experiencing homelessness.

### VACCINE & DISTRIBUTION

LA County vaccination providers can now offer the Pfizer vaccine for 12-15-year-olds. Teens should come with a parent, guardian or responsible adult and bring proof of age. Appointments can be made at [VaccinateLACounty.com](#).

- [Mask Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People](#)
- Visit the new [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#).
- For second dose information [Click Here](#).
- [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs](#)
- Vaccine Newsletter Sign-up [Click Here](#)
- For vaccine information in Spanish: [Click Here](#).

Residents with disabilities or without computer access can call **833-540-0473** between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. 7 days/week for assistance with appointments.

### REOPENING & RECOVERY RESOURCES

As of Thursday, April 6, 2021, Los Angeles County moved into the Yellow Tier of the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework](#). The State will be keeping its current masking guidance until June 15, and LA County will do the same and remain in alignment with the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order of May 3, 2021. It is important to note that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announcement last week was not meant to eliminate current safety modifications at local and state levels, and the CDC acknowledged the importance of maintaining local protections.

- Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community Revised [Health Officer Order](#) (5/14)
- [Travel Advisory](#) (4/11)
- LA County Residents Can Now Access Funeral Expense Relief from FEMA. [Click Here](#) for more information.
- State Launches COVID-19 Rent Relief program. [Click Here](#) for more information.
- For the latest sector openings [Click Here](#).

- COVID-19 Safety Compliance Certificate Program for Business Owners and Employees: [Click Here](#) for more information.
- [Reopening Toolkits](#)

## PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is actively monitoring the number of COVID-19 cases reported throughout the County. As of 5/18/2021, nearly 6,653,474 people in LA County have been tested for COVID-19 with 17% testing positive.

Source	Number of Cases	Deaths
LA County (Excluding LB & Pas)	1,173,185	22,826
City of Long Beach	53,223	934
City of Pasadena	11,273	346
Los Angeles County Public Health (Total)	1,237,681	24,106

### Confirmed Cases by Age Group

Los Angeles County (Excluding LA & Pas)	
0-4	29,250
5-11	56,071
12-17	70,195
18-29	277,997
30-49	390,044
50-64	226,154
65-79	89,990
Over 80	32,839
Under Investigation	645

### Confirmed Cases – Public Safety

#### Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department:

As of 5/18/2021: 2,879 LASD staff have tested positive for COVID-19, 256 are quarantined, 6,400 have returned to work. For more LASD Coronavirus updates [Click Here](#).

#### Los Angeles County Fire Department

As of 5/18/2021: 1,035 LACoFD staff have tested positive for COVID-19, 32 are isolated and recovering, 1,003 have returned to work. For more LACoFD Coronavirus updates [Click Here](#).

## COVID-19 RELATED MEDICAL SHELTERING OPERATIONS

As of July 1, 2020, DHS assumed the role of operational lead for the County's Medical Sheltering program. For more information on Medical Sheltering [Click Here](#).

#### Current Medical Sheltering Locations:

Location	Date operational	Number of Clients*
Sherman Hotel	3/27/20	12
Vagabond Inn	12/22/20	15
Total		27

*\*Number of clients is reported as of 0800 today. This number will fluctuate daily as clients arrive/are discharged.*

## PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is the designated lead coordinating agency for work relating to people experiencing homelessness in LA County. Visit the website for more information on [Homelessness & Housing](#). For more information on Project Roomkey [Click Here](#).

### Project Roomkey Locations:

*Locations and occupancy numbers are as of [Monday, May 17, 2021](#). The next update will be May 24, 2021.*

## COMBATTING HUNGER

The County of Los Angeles is committed to feeding our most vulnerable communities during the Coronavirus pandemic. We mobilized public agencies, nonprofits, and volunteers to provide meals to anyone in need. Visit <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/food/> for more information.

- The LA Regional Food Bank is leading efforts to make sure that food and product remain safe, and that distributions and volunteer activities can continue. For more information [Click Here](#). To find a food distribution event near you [Click Here](#).

### Food Distribution Event Totals

- As of 5/17/2021: 121 events serving 191,754 households, representing an estimated 575,000 individuals have been provided with 5,549 tons of food, and equivalent to 9.2 million meals.

## 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: 86 proclaimed Local Emergency; 2 declared Local Health Emergency