

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER **COVID-19 UPDATE**

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FACTS			
Incident Type: Public Hea	alth Emergency		
First US Case: January 21, 2020		First LA County Case: January 26, 2020	
Total Cases: 6,910	Cases Today: 550	Total Deaths: 169	Hospitalized(ever): 1,510

SITUATION AS OF April 7,

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.

- To receive regular updates, sign up for our GovDelivery distribution list here: https://bit.lv/2QE6khO
- 85 of the 88 Cities (96%) 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 7 of this document.

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)	6,608	164
City of Long Beach	230	3
City of Pasadena	72	2
LA Co. Public Health (Total)	6,910	169

Confirmed Cases by Age Group			
Los Angeles County (excl. LB & Pas)	Total Cases		
0 – 17	73		
18 – 40	2246		
41 – 65	2892		
Over 65	1364		

	Under Investigation	33		
	Public Safety			
	Los Angeles County Fire Dept. 12			
	Los Angeles County Sheriff	24		
PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES: COVID-19 TESTING	Health Office Orders: • Safer at Home Officer Order (03.21.20) • Home Isolation Health Officer Order (Revised 04.01.20) • Home Quarantine Health Officer Order (Revised 04.01.20) • Temporary Closure of Beaches and Trails Health Officer Order (03.27.20) DPH released a Guidance for Cloth Face Coverings document indicating wearing a face cover is not required when in public. However, it is an additional tool that can be used to slow the spread of COVID-19. 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 Physical Distancing As of today, approximately 35,300 in people Los Angeles County have been tested for COVID-19. Additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website. For more information, please visit: http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/ L.A. County is quickly ramping up and adding more COVID-19 drive-up mobile testing sites to serve all residents of our communities. Testing is available by appointment only! As of today, the following testing sites are accepting			
	Questions regarding COVID-19 Testing for more information. Testing Locations Date Operational			
	Antelope Valley Mall	4/1		
	Pomona Fairplex	4/1		
	South Bay Galleria	4/3		
	Carbon Health – Echo Park	4/3		
	Crenshaw Christian Center 4/3			

Glendale Memorial Hospital
Hansen Dam Recreation Center

4/3

4/3

High Desert Medical Group - Lancaster	4/3
Hotchkin Memorial Training Center	4/3
VA Parking Lot 15 – Los Angeles	4/3
Northridge Hospital Medical Center	4/3
East Los Angeles Community College	Scheduled 4/8

Anyone interested in getting tested **must first register on the Website.** At this time, testing is limited in Los Angeles to people with symptoms, or people who have been prevented from working because of contact with someone who has been infected. Please note that same or next day testing appointments are prioritized for individuals over 65, or who have underlying chronic health conditions.

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Logistics

- Supporting LACoFD Incident Management Teams and ISD with operating COVID-19 testing sites.
- The CEOC has received over 619 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.
- Donations Management coordinating requests for more medical shelter rooms, PPE, goods/services, and COVID-19 donations. For more information please visit https://doingbusiness.lacounty.gov/

Information

- Issued <u>Press Releases</u> on St. Vincent Hospital, New \$500k Employer Assistance Grant Fund, and Financial Resources for Employees, Employers, and Seniors during COVID-19 Crisis.
- Developing new Video Content and Public Service Announcements.
- Daily Press Conferences on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.
- For information regarding Los Angeles County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic visit our COVID-19 GIS Dashboards

COVID-19 RELATED MEDICAL SHELTERING OPERATIONS

New medical sheltering operations are currently being brought online in 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	28*
MLK Recuperative Center	3/25	14*
Sheraton Fairplex	3/25	28*
Sherman Hotel	3/27	35*
Mayfair Hotel	4/2	17*
Westchester/LA	4/1	1*

*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 incoming offers from local hotels/motels and solicitations for assistance in the COVID-19 response.

PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

The Office of Emergency Management has designated LAHSA as the lead agency for work relating to people experiencing homelessness. OEM did this to ensure that LAHSA's expertise is captured in the day-to-day work and allows LAHSA to play the central coordinating role across City and County agencies.

Medical Sheltering:

The County, with LAHSA's seeks to provide 2,000 shelter beds where persons exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms can isolate safely. Medical sheltering sites will serve multiple populations, including persons experiencing homelessness. These sites include RVs provided by the state and hotels provided by the County. Physical 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 request is currently being addressed by both the State and the County.

Project Roomkey:

Los Angeles County, LAHSA and the City of Los Angeles have collectively allocated \$39.3 million in state emergency homeless funding for Project Roomkey. This will allow them to isolate and participate in physical distancing, which will help flatten the curve and protect health care resources. These hotels will provide housing for vulnerable persons experiencing homelessness including those over 65 years of age and those with compromised immunity or chronic disease. The State is leading the negotiation of leases with hotels/motels on behalf of the County. This partnership between the County and State allows agreements to be reached quickly. LAHSA is currently standing up staffing and operations for Project Roomkey housing.

Project Roomkey Locations:

Location	Total Rooms	Date Operational	# of Clients
Antelope Valley	94	4/6	0
South Bay	60	4/8	0
San Fernando Valley	52	4/5	16
San Gabriel Valley	49	4/6	0
San Fernando Valley	74	4/5	0
Antelope Valley	50	tbd	0
West Los Angeles	136	4/3	64
South Bay	50	tbd	0
San Gabriel Valley	80	tbd	0
San Gabriel Valley	87	Week of 4/6	0
City of LA	48	tbd	0

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	Antelope Valley	90	tbd	0	
	San Gabriel Valley	50	tbd	0	
	South Bay	100	tbd	0	
	Overall Totals:	1,069		80	
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM & SERVICES:	hospital beds. There is hospital care. For a monomer of the private hospitals beds with 100% • Among 4 DHS hoccupancy), 448	are system at present time is not experiencing a shortage of e is, currently, no surge or demand for COVID-19 related more detailed report click here. tals report 710 open beds and approximately 258 open ICU 0% of hospitals reporting. S hospitals, total of 1,328 beds; 880 occupied (66% 448 open beds. ds, total 184; 125 occupied (68% occupancy), total of 59			
SCHOOLS:	LACOE Student Meal	Sites Dashboard			
	Web page is intended to provide helpful resources to districts and schools in preparing for and handling COVID-1 9. For more information access https://www.lacoe.edu/Home/Health-and-Safety/Coronavirus-Resources LAUSD All Grab & Go Food Centers will be open weekdays from 8-11 a m. Superintendent Austin Beutner addressed the school community on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 11 a.m. For more information access https://achieve.lausd.net/latestnews				
SENIOR CARE:	The County and City of Los Angeles are providing free meals to older adults age 60 and older who are impacted by the COVID-19 Crisis. Call 1-800-510-2020 to request services. Meals are provided either at distribution sites or via home-delivered meals. Transitioning to home-delivered meals at most locations. Older adults 65 and older must send a family member, friend or caregiver who is under the age of 65 to pick up meals at their assigned site. For a list of locations currently in the Los Angeles County Elder Nutrition Program click here.				
PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION:	 Currently 24 dep Implemented a version responders/emp Continues to we establishment of establishment of the continue to be repatrol and high versions of PF 	department members have tested positive for COVID-19. a voluntary expedited COVID-19 testing for its first imployees. Work with DPH and LACoFD on the process and a of specific medical sheltering for first responders. DOC/Patrol level continue to be a priority. Personnel is reallocated from non-essential operations to supplement his visibility/crime suppression. PPE to front line personnel and the process of providing the appropriate services/shelter remain a high priority.			

- Custody Operations continue to monitor the well-being of the inmate population and staff. Continuing to reduce the inmate population.
- Supporting the modified Emergency Bail Schedule amending the Infraction misdemeanor and low-level felonies at \$0 to reduce of the inmate population.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department

- Currently 12 department members have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Pomona Fairplex, Antelope Valley Mall, and South Bay Galleria COVID-19 test sites are all operational. Working to operationalize additional COVID-19 testing sites.
- Assisting in receiving and distributing medical supplies inbound from the State at the direction of the Department of Public Health.
- Medical Director Dr. Clayton Kazan has taken the lead on developing a testing plan for COVID-19.
- Developing and expanding non-contact medicine to include telemedicine and video portals in an effort to maintain services and slow transmission through physical 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.

TRANSPORTATION

Amtrak:

 Temporarily accepting cashless payments only in stations and waiving change fees for reservations made before May 31, 2020. For more information access https://www.amtrak.com/coronavirus

Metrolink:

 Increased cleaning staff to clean passenger cars, doors restrooms, head and armrests, handrails, tables and trash cans more frequently throughout the day. Temporary service reduction of services effective Thursday, March 26, 2020. For more information access: https://metrolinktrains.com/temporary-service

Metropolitan Transit Authority:

- All Metro Bus riders must board and exit through rear doors only. Front door will remain available to wheelchair riders and those who need the wheelchair ramp.
- Requiring all bus operators to use transparent protective barriers to isolate them. For more MTA information click here

PUBLIC SERVICES

Southern California Edison (SCE):

 Continuing to deploy staff to keep service flowing and respond quickly to customer service needs Proceeding with scheduled power outages to protect public safety and reduce wildfire risk. Postponing noncritical work that would cause power outages. For more information access https://www.sce.com/safety/coronavirus/

Southern California Gas Company (So Cal Gas)

 Providing service to emergency service requests, suspected natural gas leaks, carbon monoxide checks, gas meter turn-ons, natural gas outage and pilot relights. For more information access:

https://www.socalgas.com/coronavirus/

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 physical 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

AT&T:

 AT&T announced that home internet wireline customers can use unlimited Internet data. Starting April 2-May 13, 2020, automatically increasing mobile hotspot data by 15GB a month for each line on an unlimited plan that currently includes a monthly tethering allotment. For more information access https://about.att.com/pages/COVID-19.html

Verizon Wireless:

 Automatically adding 15GB of data across plans to be used between March 25- April 30, 2020. Eligible customers must be on a qualifying postpaid (unlimited or shared) Jetpack or prepaid plan. For more information access https://www.verizonwireless.com/support/covid-19-faqs/

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: Engaging in daily meetings with justice partners, including Superior Court, LASD, District Attorney and Public Defender's to achieve best practices for the safety of all in the justice system. Working to keep the criminal courts operating safely

Animal Care and Control: Prioritizing calls to ensure public safety and care for impounded animals. Promoting free pet adoptions and animal fostering opportunities. Employees have minimal contact with the public, are offered assignments as DSWs, or provided with telework options. For more information visit https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/

Arts and Culture: Processing payments, grants, and financial commitments that support artists and arts organizations impacted by COVID-19. Coordinating delivery of virtual arts instruction to residents of probation camps and juvenile halls. Ensuring that Civic Art and related service delivery continue as scheduled. Shifted all staff to telework with managers conducting regular check ins on staff well-being. For more information visit

https://www.lacountyarts.org/

Assessor: Sharing situational awareness with website updates and email correspondences. Supporting continuity of government by providing DSWs and COOP plans. Continue to provide daily updates to telework staff to maintain operations. Implementing telework protocols department-wide. For more information visit https://assessor.lacounty.gov/

Auditor-Controller: Providing 18 County Departments the proper coding of timecards for Family Leave Act and Telework. Performing modifications to eHR payroll system for the implementation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Monitoring cash to ensure the County is able to pay its liabilities and meets critical functions of processing payroll issuing payments to vendors, and handling property tax functions. Working with CECC to research all newly registered County vendors to add protection to the purchasing process. 77% of staff are teleworking. For more information visit https://auditor.lacounty.gov/

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

Board of Supervisors: Conducting daily virtual briefings for the public. Supporting the JIC through coordination with ISD, AT&T, and NH to broadcast the briefings to the public. 76% of staff telework, and 27 staff volunteers as DSWs. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. It will be a virtual meeting with the ability to view on the web at https://bos.lacounty.gov/.

Chief Executive Office: Established rotation schedules for 315 (80%) staff to telework. Approximately 80 staff work on-site. Continuing physical distancing guidelines for on-site staff while minimizing impact on departmental essential functions. Monitoring staffing and resource requests for office supplies to support CEOC, medical sheltering, and DSWs. For more information visit https://ceo.lacounty.gov/

Child Support Services: 1,007 employees are teleworking, and 300 are working at an office location. For more information call (866) 901-3212 or visit https://cssd.lacounty.gov/

Children and Family Services: Working with DHS & DMH to mitigate the effects of unsheltered children/youth. Utilizing the unlicensed dormitory space on the campus of LAC+USC Medical Center for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases. 5,421 staff are teleworking 2,152 staff working on-site. For more information visit COVID19Info@dcfs.lacounty.gov.

Consumer and Business Affairs: Providing cities with information on resources that are available through the Los Angeles County Business and Worker Disaster Help Center and website. Continuing to provide essential

services and assistance to residents by ensuring that tenants/landlords have proper protections in place and ensuring that all price gouging allegations are investigated. For more information visit https://dcba.lacounty.gov/

Development Authority: Focusing on development of loans for small businesses. This effort is being coordinated between the CEO, DCBA and WDACS to leverage philanthropic and private funds. Supporting medical sheltering sites with DSWs. For more information visit https://wwwa.lacda.org/

District Attorney: Mitigating health safety concerns in the courts. Identifying suitable individuals for release from jail population. Identifying staff that are available to serve as DSWs. 867 staff are assigned to telework 525 are working on-site. For more information visit https://da.lacounty.gov/.

Health Services: Rationing and reallocating ventilators to ensure distribution. Addressing shortage of medical staff at acute care facilities, supplemental health care and long-term care sites. Addressing staffing needs at medical sheltering sites. Developing Mass Fatality/Decedents Affairs strategies in collaborating with DPH and Coroner's Office. Information available on EMS website at http://dhs.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dhs/ems/

Internal Services: Enhanced ability to monitor mitigate and respond to cyber threats. This is necessary in direct response to heightened cybersecurity risks during the current emergency declaration. Deployed an application streaming service from Amazon Web Services (AWS) providing virtual desktops to support teleworking throughout the County. For more information please visit https://isd.lacounty.gov/

Medical Examiner-Coroner: Creating guidelines for decedent handling for hospitals and healthcare entities. Working with quarantine centers on decedent management guidelines. Disseminating guidance regarding decedent handling and disposition. Monitoring mortuaries and funeral homes to assess continued operation. Providing healthcare providers on decedent handling and processing guidance. Supporting establishment for surge in storage for decedent management. For more information please visit https://mec.lacounty.gov/2020/press-releases/coronavirus/

Mental Health: Resolving client needs due to Courts and Law Enforcement limited operations. Working on a "Virtual Mental Health Delivery Model" that would provide use of video conferencing and telephonic services to support clients. For more information visit https://dmh.lacounty.gov/

Military/Veterans Affairs: Providing daily COVID-19 updates to staff and Veteran Advisory Commissioners. For more please visit https://mva.lacounty.gov/

Natural History Museum: Digital information/engagement of educational and public programs. Implemented telework policies. Ongoing communication of

new federally approved programs. https://nhm.org/update-nhmlacs-response-covid-19

Parks & Recreation: 35% of staff are teleworking. Responding to OEM's request to aid in situational awareness across CA. Please call (626) 588-5364 or visit https://parks.lacounty.gov/covid-19/

Probation: Juvenile halls and residential treatment facilities visitations are temporarily suspended. Required legal and court ordered visits will continue. Suspended contact between field and office staff with probationers. Court preliminaries and arraignments remain ongoing; jury trials and depositions are rescheduled. For more information https://probation.lacounty.gov/

Public Defender: Working with courts and jails regarding stipulated releases who are in custody. Video arraignments are operational at Central Arraignment Court. For more information visit https://pubdef.lacounty.gov/

Public Library: East Los Angeles Library will be utilized for testing/study led by the DPH and USC. For more info, please visit: https://lacountylibrary.org/coronavirus/

Public Social Services: Continue to support coordinated public information through the CA JIC. Assessing the need to deploy DSWs to support quarantine and shelter sites. Documenting all of the staff used on the COVID-19 response to comply with FEMA's guidelines for tracking for filing a claim for federal reimbursement. Continue to support the establishment and staffing of medical sheltering sites and shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness. For more please visit http://dpss.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpss

Public Works: Rescinded March 26, 2020 Stop Work Order for all utility companies that will interrupt service to unincorporated County residents. Order has been replaced by a process that will vet impacts of any project that will require service shutoff. Storing 5 trailers as part of Medical Examiner-Coroner surge capacity contingency plan. Working with Water Districts to update contact information. Infrastructure LA requested information from state on water district listing and map for Los Angeles County. 62% of staff are teleworking and 38% are working on-site. For more information visit https://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/Hotline.cfm

Regional Planning: Supporting the financial and economic security of local businesses and residents by maintaining regular land use permitting services through uninterrupted public counseling, case intake, and permit processing. 99% (184) of staff are teleworking. For more visit http://planning.lacounty.gov/

Registrar-Recorder/County-Clerk: Continue to assist the public online, via phone, and through mail. For more information visit https://lavote.net/

Treasurer-Tax Collector: 43% of staff are teleworking and 41% of staff are working on-site. For a list of frequently asked questions visit https://ttc.lacounty.gov/ **WDACS:** Continuing with efforts in anti-hate, home delivered meals emergency meal assistance, employer and worker assistance, and American Indian and Alaska Native assistance. Receiving 28,000 lbs. of food for emergency meal distribution. Provided emergency food to 2,008 individuals and received 1,223 calls related to emergency food assistance and made 2,108 reassurance calls last week. Launching \$500K Employer Assistant Grant Fund on April 8, 2020. Webinar will be hosted on April 7, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Opened AJCC field office in Centro Maravilla. Connected with Red Cross to discuss volunteer program to assist WDACS developing Grocery Delivery Program. 75% of staff are teleworking. For more information visit https://wdacs.lacountv.gov/covid-19/ For a complete list of County offices please visit: https://bit.ly/2WwfGQi **SALVATION ARMY** Continuing to accept monetary donations and in-kind donations. For more - CALIFORNIA information access https://www.salvationarmy-socal.org/southern-**SOUTH DIVISION** california/covid-19 (CAS) **AMERICAN RED** Individuals are encouraged to make blood donation appointments. For more **CROSS** information access: https://www.redcross.org/local/california/losangeles.html 211 LA COUNTY Continue to connect communities with services, resources and information related to COVID-19. For those who are not able to access the internet please dial 211 for assistance. For more information access https://www.211la.org/public-health-and-safety/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: 85 proclaimed Local Emergency; 2 declared Local Health Emergency (Long Beach & Pasadena)