

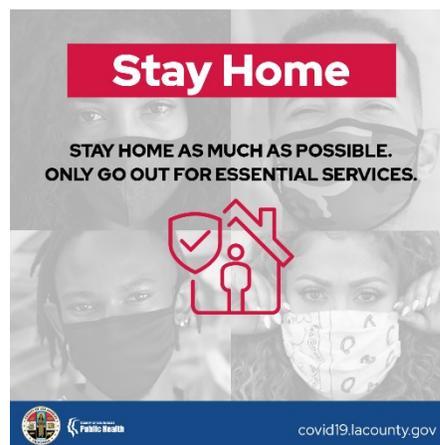
# SPA 5 & 6 Regional Health Office COVID-19 Weekly Update

January 15, 2021

## Updated Travel Advisory

On January 6, a new state travel advisory was issued. See the recommendations listed below:

- Except in connection with essential travel, Californians should avoid non-essential travel to any part of California more than **120 miles** from one's place of residence, or to other states or countries.
- All persons arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries should self-quarantine for **10 days after arrival**, except as necessary to meet urgent critical healthcare staffing needs or to otherwise engage in emergency response. Additionally, this recommendation does not apply to individuals who routinely cross state or country borders for essential travel.



### Definitions:

- **“Non-essential travel”** includes travel that is considered tourism or recreational in nature.
- **“Essential travel”** is travel associated with the operation, maintenance, or usage of critical infrastructure or otherwise required or expressly authorized by law, including work and study, critical infrastructure support, economic services and supply chains, health care, immediate medical care, and safety and security.

Information on the State's Order and State guidance is available at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/travel/>

## Curative COVID-19 Test

As a precaution, the L.A. County Department of Health Services (DHS) will discontinue the use of the Curative COVID-19 test at County supported pop-up testing sites. The Curative test will be replaced with Fulgent Genetics tests.



**All** COVID-19 tests have a risk for false negative results, which means that you may test negative when you actually have COVID-19. Ultimately, Curative tests remain better at detecting the disease than another test, including rapid test.

To learn more about COVID-19 testing in L.A. County click [here](#).

## Assembly Bill 685

### EMPLOYERS

#### Help Prevent Outbreaks in the Workplace

If you have three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases identified at your workplace within 14 days, call Public Health immediately at:

**888-397-3993 (or 213-240-7821)**

Public Health will initiate a **response**, which includes:



A Case Manager to Guide the Facility Response and Provide Technical Support



Infection Control Guidances



Site-Specific Control Measures

[www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus)



Assembly Bill 685 took effect January 1, 2021, which requires an employer to notify employees within one business day of learning of any potential COVID-19 exposure. The employer must also offer them information on benefits such as workers' compensation and sick leave, protection against retaliation, and the company's virus safety measures.

Employers must alert local public health agencies within 48 hours of a coronavirus outbreak, defined in most instances as three lab-confirmed cases at a single workplace within a two-week period.

To learn more about Assembly Bill 685, click [here](#).

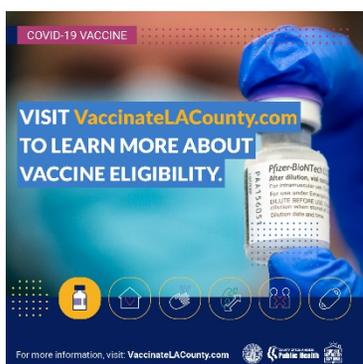
## Housing Options for L.A. County Residents with COVID-19

The Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Social Services continue to make available additional housing for Los Angeles County residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 and cannot safely isolate in their home. The Department of Public Health (DPH) requires that residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 isolate for 10 days after a positive test or the onset of symptoms.

County residents experiencing difficulty with home isolation should contact the DPH [COVID-19 Case Info Line](#), which is open and operational at (833) 540-0473 from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., 7 days a week.

Health care providers referring patients in need of isolation housing should also call the Info Line to seek a referral. If needed, Call Center staff can additionally assist with transportation to isolation housing.

## Vaccinate LA County



You may have heard different things about the COVID-19 vaccine on social media or through friends and family, but it is important to know the facts. Visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinatelacounty.com) to learn about:

- **Getting the vaccine**
- **Vaccine safety**
- **Vaccine misinformation**
- **Frequently asked questions**

## COVID-19 Vaccination Townhall

[Minority Health Institute](https://www.minorityhealthinstitute.org) and [UCLA BRITE Center for Science, Research and Policy](https://www.ucla-brite.org) invite you to attend a virtual townhall with some of the nations' premier COVID-19 experts and historically Black institution and organization leaders to address facts, fears and myths pertaining to COVID-19 vaccination as we fight to protect and save Black lives.

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**  
**9AM-12:30PM**



To register and participate in the **COVID-19 Vaccination: It Matters in Saving Black Lives FREE VIRTUAL TOWNHALL**, click [here](https://www.minorityhealthinstitute.org) or visit [www.mhinst.org](https://www.mhinst.org)

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will be hosting another COVID-19 Vaccine virtual townhall on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, starting at 6PM (PT). Get the latest updates on the COVID-19 vaccine. You can watch the townhall on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube at @LAPublicHealth. Have a question you'd like to ask? Click [here](https://www.tinyurl.com/askcovidtownhall).

## COVID-19 VACCINE VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**

**6:00PM - 7:30PM**

**GET THE LATEST UPDATES ON  
THE COVID-19 VACCINE!**



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## Community Health Worker Outreach Initiative Extended

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Community Health Worker (CHW) Outreach Initiative has been extended after the federal government extended the CARES Act funding into 2021.

The multidisciplinary initiative includes promotoras, indigenous and people of color advocates, health outreach workers, essential worker advocates, parent advocates, and gang intervention works and peace ambassadors; all who are credible and up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 within their communities and networks.

The initiative is building infrastructure for a community-based system of care and supported workforce development by training community health workers in field safety, trauma informed practice, and supervision skills.

To read more about the initiative, click [here](#).

## L.A. County Temporary Eviction Moratorium

**The Los Angeles County Temporary Eviction Moratorium, effective March 4, 2020, has been extended through February 28, 2021\*. This moratorium places a Countywide ban on evictions for residential and commercial\* tenants, including mobile home space renters.**



\*Note: **Between October 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021**, the County's Moratorium will no longer apply to residential tenants facing eviction for nonpayment of rent due to COVID-19 related financial hardship. We will continue to update this information if additional state and federal legislation passes affecting the County's Moratorium

For more information click [here](#).

## Report a Complaint

To report a COVID-19 related complaint you can submit a form online by clicking [here](#) or calling our Customer Call Center: (888) 700-9995

M-F 8:00AM-5:00PM

## Mental Health Resource

If you're feeling stressed, depressed, or anxious and need to talk with someone, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health has resources available to help you during these trying times. Call LACDMH's 24/7 Access Line (800) 854-7771 or Text "LA" to 741741 for mental health support, resources, and referrals. We are here for you.

## USEFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES

**COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard:** Guiding metrics can be found [here](#)

**COVID-19 Testing:** [covid19.lacounty.gov/testing](https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing)

**COVID-19 Safety Compliance for Business Owners and Employees:** [Click here](#)

**Mental Health Support:** (800) 854-7771 or text "LA" to 741741 or visit

<https://dmh.lacounty.gov/covid-19-information/>

**Headspace:** Free [mindfulness app](#)

**LA County's Office of Immigrant Affairs:** <https://oia.lacounty.gov/>

**Report a violation:** Call (888) 700-9995 (M-F 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.) or

Email: [Ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:Ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov)

**For additional resources please dial 2-1-1**

**For more information, please visit our website:** [publichealth.lacounty.gov/Coronavirus/](https://publichealth.lacounty.gov/Coronavirus/)

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