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**Re: Los Angeles County Threatens to Enforce COVID-19 Policy Against Jewish Families Observing the High Holidays in Their Homes**

Dr. Davis:

First Liberty Institute is a nationwide, non-profit law firm dedicated to defending and restoring religious liberty for all Americans. We represent Rabbi Yisrael Gelb, an Orthodox Jewish rabbi who traditionally observes the High Holidays with members of his religious community and encourages members of his faith throughout the State of California to do likewise. Under Los Angeles County policy, Jewish individuals are barred from observing the holidays with other families inside a private home. For Rabbi Gelb, such an unlawful ban on the free exercise of his religion means that, for the first time in his life, he would be forced under penalty of law to observe the High Holidays in solitude.

The County's COVID-19 policy stated that "having dinner with extended family and friends to honor the High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur)" was "not permitted." This prohibition applied to gatherings "of any size" with people outside of one's household, specifically listing the celebration of the High Holidays as one of several examples of prohibited conduct. This policy was reflected in the September 2, 2020 update of the county's Health Officer Order's Impact on Daily Life FAQs<sup>1</sup> and in a press

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<sup>1</sup> *Health Officer Order's Impact on Daily Life FAQs*, LA CTY. DEP'T PUB. HEALTH (dated Sept. 2, 2020), Attachment A.

release accompanying the change.<sup>2</sup> Violations of local health orders are a crime, punishable by fines or imprisonment.<sup>3</sup>

In an update published yesterday, the county replaced the example specifically targeting Jewish holidays with a prohibition on “having a meal with extended family and friends for a religious or cultural holiday.”<sup>4</sup> Although now hiding behind obscured language, the ban on celebrating the High Holidays with others remains.

In light of the county’s tolerance of mass political gatherings of up to 100,000 individuals,<sup>5</sup> as well as its express approval of various commercial activity, the county has waived any argument that it must prohibit small gatherings for the most holy days of the Jewish calendar. It is simply beyond the pale to threaten specifically to police the homes of observant Jews during the High Holy Days, under threat of criminal penalties. The county should immediately make it clear to the public that it will not dispatch Los Angeles County Sheriff’s deputies to the homes of Jewish families gathered for religious meals during the High Holidays inside someone’s home.

### ***Jewish High Holidays***

Each year, Rabbi Gelb joins the millions of Jewish individuals around the world who observe the High Holidays, which fall between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. These days represent the holiest days of the Jewish calendar and usually include a series of meals in the family home with a small gathering of friends or family.

For millennia, the Jewish people have annually shared these meals in community, gathering by family group to break bread and consider the blessings of God, the forgiveness of their sins, and their own mortality. Even during times of intense persecution of the Jewish people — including during the Spanish Inquisition, the Holocaust, and following the communist revolution in the former Soviet Union — families would gather, often in secret, to practice their religion. It is unfortunate that today’s Los Angeles would publicly threaten to criminalize sharing a table for the High Holidays.

The burden of this policy is particularly heavy on members of the Orthodox Jewish tradition. During Shabbat on Friday evening through Saturday night, Orthodox Jewish

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<sup>2</sup> *Public Health Reminds Residents of the Risks from Gathering with People from Outside Your Household*, LA CTY. DEP’T PUB. HEALTH (Sept. 1, 2020), <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubdetail.cfm?unit=media&prog=media&ou=ph&prid=2628&keywords=rosh&row=25&start=1>, Attachment B.

<sup>3</sup> *Order of the Health Officer*, LA CTY. DEP’T PUB. HEALTH (revised order issued Sept. 4, 2020), [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/HOO/2020\\_09\\_04\\_HOO\\_Safer\\_at\\_Home.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/HOO/2020_09_04_HOO_Safer_at_Home.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> *Health Officer Order’s Impact on Daily Life FAQs*, LA CTY. DEP’T PUB. HEALTH (dated Sept. 13, 2020, published Sept. 15, 2020), <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/HOO/FAQ-SaferatWorkandCommunityOrder.pdf>, Attachment C.

<sup>5</sup> Samuel Braslow, *Black Lives Matter Estimates that as Many as 100,000 Protesters Gathered in Hollywood on Sunday*, L.A. Magazine (June 8, 2020), <https://www.lamag.com/citythinkblog/hollywood-protest-sunday/>.

families refrain from all work, including the use of electricity. These families cannot meet remotely during this time.

Suggestions that such meals occur out of doors are likewise unavailing. Record heat, pervasive smoke and ash from wildfires, and civil unrest targeting those dining outside present new threats to the physical health and safety of Jewish families throughout Los Angeles. Weighed against the diminishing threat of COVID-19 as seen by the reopening of neighboring counties, the intense heat, and putrid outdoor air quality, there can be no question that a small gathering of friends or family to observe the religious meals of the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur inside the family home is the safer option.

### ***Los Angeles County Policy***

On September 2, 2020, the County of Los Angeles updated its Health Officer Order's Impact on Daily Life FAQs to include the following examples of illegal gatherings, specifically targeting the otherwise free exercise of religion in the upcoming Jewish Holidays:

Individual and family gatherings or parties of any size aren't allowed. For instance, the following in-person gatherings are not permitted, even if they feel safe: celebrating the new arrival of a baby with a baby shower or gender reveal party; having a barbeque with a group of friends in the backyard; hosting a study group with school students; *having dinner with extended family and friends to honor the High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur)*; gathering at the beach with friends.<sup>6</sup>

One of these examples is not like the others. Cavalierly listed among various parties and recreational gatherings are the most holy religious days of a major world religion — a major world religion that has faced and continues to face undeniable persecution around the world. In an apparent admission of the religious discrimination, yesterday, government officials with Los Angeles county amended the list to prohibit “having a meal with extended family and friends for a religious or cultural holiday.”<sup>7</sup> The prohibition was not removed, only the target obfuscated.

The early September update simultaneously made other changes to lessen COVID restrictions, including permitting barbershops and hair salons to open indoors with modifications and allowing some students to meet indoors for in-person instruction in small cohorts.

### ***Legal Analysis***

“There is no pandemic exception to the Constitution of the United States or the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment.” *Berean Baptist Church v. Cooper*, No.

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<sup>6</sup> See supra note 1.

<sup>7</sup> See supra note 4.

4:20-cv-00081-D (E.D.N.C. May 16, 2020) (enjoining government defendant from “taking any enforcement action” against individuals gathering for religious worship). Individual constitutional liberties remain intact, protected by longstanding standards of constitutional review. *Cty. of Butler v. Wolf*, No. 2:20-cv-00677-WSS (W.D. Pa. Sept. 14, 2020) (holding policy limiting social and other gatherings to 25 people unconstitutional).

The First Amendment protects the free exercise of religion, and fundamental to this protection is the right to gather for observance of religious holidays. *See W Va. State Bd. of Educ. v. Barnette*, 319 U.S. 624, 638 (1943) (“The very purpose of a Bill of Rights was to withdraw certain subjects from the vicissitudes of political controversy, to place them beyond the reach of majorities and officials and to establish them as legal principles to be applied by the courts ... [such as the] freedom of worship and assembly.”). Likewise, the First Amendment also protects the fundamental right to peaceably assemble. *DeJonge v. Oregon*, 299 U.S. 353, 364 (1937) (“The right of peaceable assembly is a right cognate to those of free speech and free press and is equally fundamental.”).

A county may not selectively enforce its laws against religious observance. A law that targets the free exercise of religion “must undergo the most rigorous of scrutiny.” *Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye, Inc. v. City of Hialeah*, 508 U.S. 520, 546 (1993); *see also Tenaflly Eruv Ass’n v. Borough of Tenaflly*, 309 F.3d 144, 151 (3d Cir. 2002) (holding selective enforcement of an ordinance against Orthodox Jewish community violated the Free Exercise clause).

Los Angeles county has not vigorously policed its stated ban on small gatherings with friends or extended family. Yet, despite the county’s lack of enforcement, the county’s policy threatens enforcement against the upcoming holiday of a religious minority faith. Los Angeles county appears to favor First Amendment guarantees when applied to hundreds of thousands of its citizens marching in close proximity, singing, chanting, and looting, but would single out a small Jewish family peacefully sharing a meal with friends or extended family inside their own home.

Such selective enforcement will not withstand strict scrutiny. Restricting all gatherings with others for the High Holidays is not narrowly tailored to be the least restrictive means of fulfilling the government’s interest. The county’s tolerance of mass gatherings for protest purposes undercuts any argument that it must prohibit Jewish families from hosting guests for a meal before Yom Kippur. *See, e.g., Soos v. Cuomo*, No. 1:20-cv-00651-GLS-DJS, Dkt. No. 35 (N.D.N.Y. June 26, 2020) (enjoining state from favoring mass protests while disfavoring religious gatherings); *Tabernacle Baptist Church v. Beshear*, No. 3:20-cv-00033-GFVT (E.D. Ky. May 8, 2020) (enjoining state from “enforcing the prohibition on mass gatherings” for in-person religious services that socially distance).

## **Conclusion**

In accordance with millennia-old tradition, Rabbi Gelb intends to gather with another family to observe the High Holy Days safely in the host family’s home. Los Angeles county now has the opportunity to demonstrate whether it intends to follow

through on its threat to criminalize the observance of the High Holy Days at a family's dinner table or whether its profoundly disrespectful language was a mere empty threat. The county must immediately remove all language from county policy threatening to police small, religious gatherings at family homes.

Please direct all communication on this matter to my attention. I can be reached at [REDACTED] or 972-941-1111.

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# Attachment A

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## Health Officer Order's Impact on Daily Life FAQs

9/2/20: Updated to reflect the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, the September 2, 2020 Health Officer Order, and updated Reopening Protocols. Includes new information regarding the limited reopening of indoor services at barbershops and hair salons, allowances for limited in-person instruction at schools to address the needs of students requiring specialized support and services, and training and instruction for essential workforce at colleges and universities.

### Stay Up to Date with the Latest Information!

This FAQ addresses questions that you may have about the *Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Health Officer Order*. For more complete and the most current information, please review the latest version of the Order, which is posted on Public Health's COVID-19 website at:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/Coronavirus/>.

The *Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19* Order is a Health Officer Order that was put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect members of our community. The Order:

- Allows many businesses and public sites to be open, as long as they follow guidelines to help prevent COVID-19.
- Requires adults and children who are two years of age and older to use [cloth face coverings\\*](#) whenever they're in contact with, or likely to be in contact with, people outside of their home unless they have been instructed by their medical provider not to wear one.
- Requires all residents to stay at home as much as practicable and to limit their contact with people who aren't part of their household.
- Strongly recommends that persons who are at high risk of serious illness from COVID-19 only leave their home for necessities.

This FAQ has information about the Order and how it may affect your daily life. To learn more about COVID-19, how to protect yourself, and what types of sites are open in LA County, visit:



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### RECOVERY PLAN

- **What is the plan for reopening Los Angeles County?**

Los Angeles County has aligned its plans for reopening the County with California's new blueprint for reducing COVID-19, which includes revised criteria that will be used to determine what activities or sectors can be reopened in California counties. Under this [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), each county has been assigned to a Tier based on how well it is doing on a set of measures that relate to COVID-19 community transmission. The Tier that we're assigned to will determine what types of activities and sectors Los Angeles County can consider reopening. As we move through recovery, Public Health will consider local conditions and community needs when making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding when and how to safely reopen various sectors, when allowed by the State.

- **Which Tier is Los Angeles County in?**

When the State released its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) on August 28, 2020, Los Angeles County was in Tier 1, meaning that there was widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the county. Visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> to learn to which Tier Los Angeles County is currently assigned.

- **How fast will we move through the recovery process?**

Los Angeles County can't move through the recovery process faster than what the State allows under its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). We've been assigned to a Tier based on our rate of COVID-19 community transmission and that Tier determines what types of sectors we can consider reopening. We'll remain in the current Tier until we meet the State's criteria to move to the next one. If we've met these criteria for at least two consecutive weeks and have been in the current Tier for at least three weeks, we can move to the next Tier. The County can then decide whether to reopen all of the sectors that the State allows for that Tier or to slow the pace, based on local conditions and needs. Our aim is to ensure that we continue to slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent a surge of cases at healthcare facilities, while allowing for a gradual, safe return of some activities outside of the home. These aims will guide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding what and when to reopen.

- **What can the public do to help speed up Los Angeles County's recovery process?**

Los Angeles County's path forward for recovery depends on us being able to reduce community transmission significantly. If we can do this, we can get children and teachers back to their classrooms and more people back to their jobs with as much safety as possible. Businesses, community partners, and residents can all support this by continuing the practices that we know can prevent COVID-19 spread: social (physical) distancing, wearing [cloth face coverings](#)\* in public settings (e.g., grocery stores, trails, parks, retail stores, and offices), washing their hands, self-isolating if sick, and self-quarantining if they've been in close contact with someone with COVID-19.





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### HEALTH OFFICER ORDER

- **What is the Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Order?**

The Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Order (Order) is a legal order issued by the Los Angeles County Health Officer to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect the members of our community who are at greatest risk for serious illness due to COVID-19. The Order is consistent with California's COVID-19 Executive Orders and Health Officer Orders.

- **What types of businesses, public spaces, and activities are open in Los Angeles County?**

As long as they follow the County's social (physical) distancing and infection control guidance, various businesses, organizations, and public spaces in Los Angeles County can be open to the public and resume activities. Examples are listed on ["What's Open in Los Angeles County."](#) This summary also includes links to the [County's Protocols](#), which outline the steps that businesses, organizations, and the public need to take to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

- **While the Order is in effect, when can you leave your home?**

There are no restrictions on when individuals can leave their home, if they are wearing a [cloth face covering\\*](#) when they are or may be near others and distancing from those not in their household. However, being around people who aren't part of your household puts you at risk for COVID-19, which is why it is so important to stay at home as much as possible and avoid all gatherings, of any size, with people who are not part of your household.

The following activities are allowed, as long as you follow social (physical) distancing requirements:

- Participating in activities that are important to your own family/household members' (including pets') health and safety, such as going to a doctor or vet or getting medical supplies or medication.
- Getting or delivering services and supplies, such as groceries, for yourself and family or household members.
- Caring for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
- Receiving in-person behavioral health or substance use disorder support in small group meetings, such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, or to receive faith-based counseling, as long as there are 10 or fewer people present.
- Working at a business that is open or carrying out Minimum Basic Operations at a business that is temporarily closed.
- Working for, volunteering at, or obtaining services at Healthcare Operations.
- Accessing Essential Governmental services, such as getting social services or complying with a court or law enforcement order.
- Participating in outdoor or remote faith-based/worship services.
- Participating in certain recreational or entertainment activities.
- Shopping at or picking up products outside of the store at retail establishments.

People who are 65 years old and older and/or those who have underlying health conditions should only leave home for essential activities such as getting medical care or food, because they are more likely to have serious illness from COVID-19. They should stay home as much as possible; have groceries, medicine, and necessary goods delivered; and call their provider immediately if they have even mild symptoms. Public Health has strongly recommended that employers offer them telework or other accommodations.

- **How long will the Order be in effect?**

This Order is in effect until it is extended, expanded, or updated to protect the public's health.

- **Do Los Angeles County residents have to follow the Los Angeles County and California Orders?**

All residents who live in the Los Angeles County Public Health Jurisdiction (all parts of the County except the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena), must follow the LA County Order, which is in line with California's Order. The cities of Long Beach and Pasadena have their own public health departments and residents and businesses in those cities

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should check with their own public health departments for guidance. If LA County's Order differs from the State's or a City's order, residents must comply with whichever Order is stricter.

- **What happens if I don't comply with the Order?**

Public Health trusts that residents will voluntarily follow the Order to protect loved ones, other residents, and our community. However, if you don't follow the Order, you can be fined, imprisoned, or both.

### Social (Physical) Distancing and Infection Control

- **What steps to prevent COVID-19 spread are you required to follow?**

COVID-19 can spread when people are in close contact or when they touch something with the virus on it and then touch their face. To prevent spread of COVID-19, you're required to: (1) Stay at home as much as practicable; (2) Limit close contact with people from outside of your household, whether you're indoors or outdoors; (3) Maintain at least six-feet of physical distance from individuals who are not part of your household; (4) Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol; (5) Wear a [cloth face covering](#)\* over both your nose and mouth anytime you leave your home and are, or may be, in contact with people who don't live in your household, whether you're in a public or private place or indoors or outdoors (except when exceptions are noted); and (6) Avoid all physical interaction outside the household when you're sick with a fever or cough, except for necessary medical care. Review "[Choose Wisely- Reduce Your Risk of COVID-19 Outside the Home](#)" to learn about other things you can do to reduce your risk of COVID-19 when you're outside of your home.

- **Do you have to perform social (physical) distancing with household members and at home?**

No, you don't have to stay 6 feet from people who live in the same household or living unit with you. If you are ill though, you should remain in a separate room, preferably with your own bathroom, and minimize contact with others to avoid infecting others in the home.

- **Can visitors come to your home?**

You should not have visitors, other than people who need to provide essential services, such as caregiving or repairs. These visitors shouldn't come in if they are ill and must wear a [cloth face covering](#)\* and practice social (physical) distancing, as much as possible, while in your home. Consider other ways to connect with family and friends, such as through phone calls or video conferencing.

### Household and Personal Care Needs

- **Can you buy pet food or have your pet groomed?**

Yes. You can go to a pet supply store to buy pet supplies and can have your pet groomed at a veterinary clinic, a pet feed store, or a pet grooming store. Mobile pet grooming is also allowed. Stay at least 6 feet from people who are not part of your household and use a [cloth face covering](#)\*.

- **Are car dealerships open?**

Car dealerships can be open for repairs, auto supplies, and showroom and internet sales if they follow [social \(physical\) distancing and infection control requirements](#). Test drives can be conducted as long as the dealership limits passengers in the vehicle during test drives to only a single customer with the employee sitting in opposite back seat, when applicable. Both the customer and employee must wear [cloth face coverings](#)\*.

- **Are personal care businesses open?**

Barbershops and hair salons can offer indoor services at 25% of the salon's or shop's maximum occupancy but are encouraged to continue offering as many services outdoors as possible. At this time, other personal care services (e.g., nail salons, tanning salons, esthetician, skin care, and cosmetology services; electrology, body art professionals, tattoo parlors, and piercing shops; and massage therapy in non-healthcare settings) cannot offer services indoors. However, if the government agency that issues their license allows it, they can offer selected



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services outdoors. Tattoo parlors, microblading and permanent make-up and piercing shops are not allowed to operate outside. Please call ahead to confirm whether other personal care services are being offered outdoors. For any services you receive, bring a [cloth face covering\\*](#), preferably with ear loops and keep it on during your visit, wait in your car until your appointment time, and please don't bring others to your appointment.

### Work/Employment

- **Can you go to work?**

Yes. If you work at a business that is allowed to be open, you can go to work, as long as you follow social (physical) distancing and infection control requirements when you are traveling to/from work and while you are at work. Stay at least 6 feet from people who are not part of your household whenever possible and use a [cloth face covering\\*](#) if you are in or are likely to be in close contact with others. In order to be open, businesses must follow requirements related to infection control and social (physical) distancing. Ask your employer about ways to reduce the chance for COVID-19 to spread, such as rearranging the worksite to allow employees to keep a safe distance from other employees and customers, alternative work schedules, or working from home.

Of note, at this time, because of the increased risk for spread of COVID-19, offices that aren't defined in the Order as Essential Businesses, Essential Infrastructure, or Healthcare Operations can't be open for indoor operations, except to carry out Minimum Basic Operations that are defined in the [Order](#). If your office is closed, ask your employer if you can work from home until staff are allowed to return to the office.

- **Can you apply for unemployment if you've been affected by COVID-19?**

If your employer has reduced your hours or closed operations due to COVID-19, you may be able to file a claim for unemployment insurance. See [https://www.edd.ca.gov/about\\_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm](https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm).

- **If you have to stay home because you're in quarantine or isolation, what sort of employee leave can you take?**

You may be able to use [paid sick leave](#) or file a [Disability Insurance \(DI\) claim](#). Check the California Department of Industrial Relations' [COVID-19 Resources and Workers' Compensation](#) webpage for more information. Unpaid leave may also be available to you through the California Family Rights Act. Check the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing's [COVID-19 website](#) for their employment Frequently Asked Questions. See Public Health's guidance regarding employee leave and benefits for more information:

<http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/business/FAQ-WorkersRights.pdf>.

### School, Childcare, Camps, and Learning

- **Can your children go to childcare?**

Yes. Childcare facilities can be open, as long as they follow requirements that are described in the Order.

- Childcare must be carried out in stable groups, meaning that the same children should be in the same groups each day and can't change from one group to another. Also, there is a maximum size for each group, which is set by Public Health.
- If more than one group of children is cared for at one site/facility, each group must be in a separate space and these groups cannot mix with each other.
- Each childcare provider must be solely with one group of children.

In addition, with approval from licensing agencies, child care and day care services for school-aged children can be offered in-person on [school sites](#) if [Public Health's guidelines](#) are followed.

- **Can you or your children attend school or college?**

K-12 schools, colleges, and universities can continue to operate but must do so in a way that is safe as possible for students, teachers, and staff. Their reopening will be guided by the State and by each school district's or college/university's decisions of how to best set up learning opportunities during the pandemic. When making

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decisions, they'll consider different factors, such as the spread of COVID-19 in their local community and what is known about risks and about the strategies that can reduce those risks.

At this time, the State Public Health Officer has prohibited all public and private K-12 schools in California Counties that are in Tier 1 (widespread community transmission) of the State's Framework for Recovery, including Los Angeles County, from reopening for in-person instruction, except to address the needs of students requiring specialized support and services. Beginning September 14, 2020, K-12 schools in Los Angeles County may offer in-school services for small cohorts of students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP), students requiring instruction for English as a Second Language (ESL), and students needing assessments or specialized in-school services, as long as the school is able to fully implement the Health Officer's [Re-opening Protocols](#) and does not exceed maximum capacity limits. Other prioritized groups for in-person support and services include students not participating in distance learning, students at risk of abuse or neglect, foster youth, and students experiencing homelessness. Public Health is not opening the waiver program to allow schools to apply for approval to offer in-person instruction of students in grades TK-6 and will monitor the implementation of this effort to safely get students needing specialized in-school services back to school. In addition, with approval from licensing agencies, child care and day care for school-aged children can be offered in-person on [school sites](#) if [Public Health's guidelines](#) are followed.

Public Health is following the State's guidance, which recommends that counties with high levels of community transmission of COVID-19 limit the reopening of colleges and universities. Thus, colleges and universities in Los Angeles County cannot resume all in-person academic instruction at this time. They may continue to offer in-person training and instruction for essential workforce for required activities that cannot be accomplished through virtual learning. All other academic instruction must be done via distance-learning. They should also limit the number of students living on-campus but can provide housing for students who don't have other housing options. For students enrolled in programs providing training and instruction for essential workforce, on-campus housing should be offered only to students who must participate in in-person instruction in order to complete their training and who don't have other local housing options. Campus housing for student athletes participating in campus sports can also be offered in small training cohorts. For updates from the University of California, California State University, and California Community Colleges and to view guidance released by the California Department of Public Health to help colleges and universities prepare to resume in-person instruction, visit the [State's COVID-19 Education webpage](#).

- Schools, colleges, and universities that reopen their campuses will need to follow public health and safety requirements so that the reopening is as safe as possible for students, teachers, staff, and their families. These requirements are outlined in Public Health's [Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools](#) and [Protocols for Institutes of Higher Education](#). **Are libraries open?**

Libraries may be open for in-person and/or curbside pick-up if the building they're located in is not closed to the public and they follow Public Health's social (physical) distancing and infection control requirements. They can loan books, movies, and single-use items (such as take-home craft kits) but should limit loans of games and toys. When possible, you should place a "hold" on an item through an online or a phone reservation system. When visiting the library, wear a [cloth face covering](#)\* and stay 6 feet from other patrons and staff. If you have mobility issues, can't reserve items online, or should only leave home for necessities because you're at higher risk for COVID-19 complications, ask your library about other options.

- **Can your children go to camp?**

Yes. They can attend day camps (including sports-related camps for skills-building only), although overnight camps aren't open yet. Day camps will be making some changes to help keep staff and campers as safe as possible. Some examples include eliminating high-contact activities, staggering drop-off and pick-up times, and redesigning



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activities so that campers are in smaller groups.

If your children go to camp, ask them to wear their [cloth face covering](#)\* except when staff let them know they don't need to. Also, remind them to follow directions for social (physical) distancing; stay with their assigned group; and avoid sharing high-touch materials like arts supplies, recreational equipment, clothes, toys, books, games, and electronic devices. If possible, have them bring their own meals and snacks to the camp.

### Healthcare

- **Can you leave your home to seek medical care or pick up medications?**

Yes, you can leave in order to seek essential services such as medical care or to pick up medications. Be sure to call your provider first since many practices are now offering telemedicine services. Similarly, check to see if your medications can be delivered to your home.

- **Can you receive elective and preventive healthcare services?**

Important preventive services such as well-child visits, immunizations, and other health screenings, including cancer screenings, should not be delayed. Whenever appropriate and available, consider taking advantage of telemedicine or video visits. In addition, providers can choose to offer elective medical services as long as the healthcare system does not get overwhelmed by the need to care for COVID-19 patients and providers can meet certain criteria (e.g., having enough personal protective equipment). However, because COVID-19 still poses a significant risk, Public Health recommends you carefully consider any elective procedure or surgery.

- **Can you receive dental services?**

Dental services pose a higher risk for the spread of COVID-19, so only emergency care and certain non-emergency dental care may now be able to be provided. Speak to your dentist to find out what services are available.

- **Can you go to a behavioral health or substance use disorder group or receive faith-based counseling?**

You can go to group counseling and participate in peer support groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, or in faith-based counseling if there are fewer than 10 people present, and you follow social (physical) distancing and infection control requirements. You can also take advantage of sessions that are held by telephone or video conference if they are available and meet your needs.

- **Can you still leave home to donate blood?**

You can continue to give blood at Red Cross centers and at blood donation sites. Blood drives are not prohibited by the Order if social (physical) distancing practices are in place. Red Cross will continue to hold blood drives to help meet patient needs and has implemented new measures that ensure that blood drives and donation centers are even safer for donors and staff. You should be prepared to wear a [cloth face covering](#)\* while you are there.

### Shopping and Restaurants

- **Are indoor shopping centers and malls open?**

Some businesses in indoor shopping centers and malls can be open for in-store shopping; some can only be open for delivery or outdoor pick-up; and others are temporarily closed. Higher-Risk Businesses in indoor shopping centers and malls (e.g., movie theaters, bars, and playgrounds) are temporarily closed. Food court dining and seating areas in indoor shopping centers are also closed at this time but restaurants in these shopping centers can offer food for delivery, carry out, and outdoor table dining. If a business in the mall is not considered to be higher-risk and it can be accessed from outside of the building, it can be open for in-store shopping, but the number of customers allowed in at the same time will be limited so they can maintain physical (social) distancing. If a business is located in the interior of the mall shopping center (e.g., it can't be accessed from outside of the building), it can only be open for delivery or outdoor (e.g., curbside) pick-up and customers won't be able to go inside, even to quickly look at merchandise or make a payment. If you go to the mall, whether you're shopping inside or picking up items from the outside, please wear a [cloth face covering](#)\* and keep a distance of 6 feet from



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other customers and employees whenever possible.

- **Are outdoor shopping center and malls open?**

Yes. Outdoor shopping malls, destination shopping centers, strip and outlet malls, and swap meets can be open for in-store shopping, at limited capacity, if they prepare, implement, and post Public Health's [Protocols for Shopping Center Operators](#). Customers must wear [cloth face coverings](#)\* and the number of customers will be limited to ensure physical (social) distancing.

- **Are restaurants open?**

Restaurants, cafes, food trucks, food courts, and similar businesses can be open for delivery, drive thru, carry out, and outdoor table dining. Indoor dining isn't allowed at this time and bars in restaurants are closed. Restaurants need to limit the number of outdoor diners, so that they can maintain social (physical) distancing. If you're dining outdoors at a restaurant, only 6 people can be at your table. If possible, wait in your car until you can be seated. If you're entering the outdoor dining area or waiting at a host or check-stand, deli counter, valet drop off and pick-up, or other waiting area, or visiting the restrooms, please keep a distance of 6 feet or more from people who aren't part of your household and wear a [cloth face covering](#)\*. You can remove the cloth face covering while seated at a table and eating and/or drinking.

- **How can you get free or reduced priced meals?**

Soup kitchens, food banks, and other organizations that provide free or reduced priced food or meals are encouraged to continue providing these services. Visit [www.covid19.lacounty.gov/food](http://www.covid19.lacounty.gov/food) for additional information on available resources.

### Faith-based/Religious Services

- **Can you attend faith-based services?**

You may attend in-person faith-based services, including weddings and funerals, if they are held outside and social distancing and infection control requirements in the County's [Protocol for Places of Worship](#) are posted and followed. Indoor services are not allowed at this time but there is no maximum number of attendees for outdoor services, as long as attendees can keep a distance of 6 feet from each other. Places of worship are also strongly encouraged to continue virtual services (e.g., teleconference, webinar, or live-stream) for those who are more likely to have serious illness from COVID-19. Practices that could spread COVID-19 should also be modified. For instance, donations/offering plates or baskets shouldn't be passed around and attendees should bring their own prayer books, rugs, or other direct touch items that are used in ceremonies. Also, if the outdoor service includes singing or chanting, there should be much greater physical distance between attendees. Individual congregation members who are participating in virtual services can also sing or chant in their own homes.

- **Can faith-based organizations offer support services or counseling?**

Faith-based organizations can provide essential support services, such as a food bank, if they follow social (physical) distancing requirements. If remote counseling is not feasible, they can also offer faith-based counseling, as long as there are 10 or fewer people present and they follow social (physical) distancing and infection control requirements.

- **Can you work in an office at a faith-based organization?**

At this time, office-based businesses can only be open for indoor operations if they're defined in the Order as Essential Businesses, Essential Infrastructure, or Healthcare Operations. If you work for a faith-based organization that provides essential services, such as food, shelter, social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals (including gang prevention and intervention, domestic violence, and homeless service agencies), you can work in the office, but Public Health strongly recommends that if possible, you work from home. If you work in an office at a faith-based organization that is not considered to provide essential services of infrastructure, you'll need to work from home for now, unless you need to be onsite to carry out Minimum Basic Operations that are defined in the [Order](#).



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### Gatherings and Events

- **Are conferences, conventions, or other large events allowed?**

No. Large events, such as conferences or events at convention centers, whether public or private, are still not allowed.

- **Can vehicle-based (car) parades be held?**

Vehicle-based (car) parades can be held if they are in compliance with all local ordinances, traffic control requirements, state and local laws, and all other requirements that are described in the County's [Vehicle-Based Parade Protocol](#). If an organization is hosting the parade, it must assign a host to ensure that these rules are followed. Car parades can't include people on a bicycle, a motorcycle, a convertible with the top open, or a vehicle with no doors such as a golf cart. If any of the windows on a vehicle is open, the occupants must wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#).

- **Can you or your family have a gathering or party?**

No. Individual and family gatherings or parties of any size aren't allowed. For instance, the following in-person gatherings are not permitted, even if they feel safe: celebrating the new arrival of a baby with a baby shower or gender reveal party; having a barbeque with a group of friends in the backyard; hosting a study group with school students; having dinner with extended family and friends to honor the High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur); gathering at the beach with friends. These types of gatherings are risky as they bring together people who do not live together and increase the chances of community transmission. However, vehicle (car) parades are now allowed so that graduations, birthdays, holidays and other special days and achievements may be safely celebrated. See the [Vehicle-Based Parade Protocol](#) for rules and requirements.

### Caregiving

- **Can you care for a family member, friend, or pet who requires assistance to care for themselves at their home or take them to needed appointments?**

You can provide care for vulnerable and dependent people or animals, including taking them to appointments. However, you should take precautions, such as being sure that you don't have a fever or symptoms of illness before leaving to provide care, keeping at least 6 feet from others whenever possible, wearing a [cloth face covering\\*](#) (or a surgical mask if you are caring for an ill individual), and frequently washing your hands or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, including immediately after you arrive at and leave their home.

- **Can you visit loved ones in the hospital, skilled nursing facility, or other residential care facility?**

To protect patients/residents, visitors, and healthcare personnel, most face-to-face visits are not allowed at licensed congregate healthcare facilities (e.g., skilled nursing facilities and residential care facilities) and at hospitals, except for in certain circumstances (e.g., visiting a child, for labor/delivery, and for end-of-life visits). If your loved one is in a facility, ask if they're allowing visits. If not, please use other ways to communicate, such as telephone calls, texts, and video calls.

### Housing and Safety

- **How can you comply with the order if you are experiencing homelessness?**

People who are experiencing homelessness are encouraged to try to stay with family or friends, identify housing options, or access emergency resources, such as shelters. You can call 2-1-1 for additional information on resources. You should also wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#) when in close contact with other people and stay 6 feet or more from others whenever possible.

- **If your home environment is abusive, do you need to stay at home?**





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No. Call 2-1-1 to identify safe and supportive housing alternatives. You should not stay in environments that are not safe.

- **Can you stay in dorms, shelters, or other congregate settings?**

Yes, but you need to follow any measures that the institution has put into place to reduce the spread of disease. You should wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#) when in close contact with others and should stay 6 feet or more from people whenever possible.

- **Can you be evicted from your house or apartment while the Order is in effect?**

Some local jurisdictions have issued renter protections during the Order. Check with your local City office to see if there are eviction protections where you live. For additional information on eviction moratoriums and rent freezes visit [dcba.lacounty.gov/noevictions](http://dcba.lacounty.gov/noevictions).

### Legal and Civic Activities

- **Can you leave home to comply with a Court order?**

Yes. You can leave home to comply with Court or enforcement orders but must follow social (physical) distance, including wearing a [cloth face covering\\*](#) when in close contact with others, and infection control precautions.

- **Can you leave home to take a citizenship test?**

The federal government will determine whether citizenship tests will be held. Please contact the government agency that is giving the test to determine whether you should appear. If you are required to appear, wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#) and practice social (physical) distancing while there. If you are ill, stay home and ask the agency that is giving the test about your options for rescheduling or taking the test from home if possible.

- **Can you participate in public demonstrations?**

As an individual, it is within your right to engage in political expression, including your right to petition the government and participate in public demonstrations. You can participate in outdoor protests and there is no limit on the number of attendees. Indoor protests are not allowed at this time. During a pandemic, in-person gatherings can be risky because even if you adhere to physical distancing, bringing members of different households together carries a higher risk of transmission of COVID-19. Such gatherings may result in increased rates of infection, hospitalization, and death, especially among more vulnerable populations. Also, activities like chanting, shouting, singing, and group recitation can more easily spread respiratory droplets, making it very important that people engaging in these activities wear face coverings at all times.

If you had close contact (within 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes) with non-household members who were not wearing face coverings, you should consider yourself possibly exposed to COVID-19 and should stay at home for 14 days and monitor yourself for COVID-19 symptoms. If you live with persons who are elderly or have high risk conditions, you should also try to maintain a six-foot distance and wear a face covering when you are with them at home. If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, call your healthcare provider and speak to them about getting tested. Finally, if you chose to participate in an in-person gathering, consider [strategies](#) for reducing your risk and the risk to others.

### Fitness, Recreation, and Entertainment

- **Can you go to the gym/a fitness center?**

Gyms; fitness centers; and fitness-related studios such as yoga, pilates, dance, gymnastics, and martial arts studios can be open for outdoor services only. If you can participate in outdoor services, you'll need to wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#). This includes when you're exercising, except if the outdoor fitness activity requires heavy exertion. For those activities, you can remove the cloth face covering as long as you stay at least 8 feet apart from others. You can also remove the cloth face covering when you're entering or in the water in an outdoor pool or are in an outdoor

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shower.

Gyms/fitness centers can offer outdoor group classes and personal training outdoors if social (physical) distancing requirements are followed and there's no person-to-person physical contact. High-contact programs such as group sporting events, organized intermural activities, pick-up basketball, and organized races aren't allowed. Outdoor swimming pools and splash pads at these sites can be open, but hot tubs, jacuzzi, spa pools, swim team practices, swim meets, and pool parties aren't allowed.

To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 at the gym, don't arrive early or stay after your work-out, keep a distance of 6 feet from others when possible (and 8 feet when engaged in heavy exertion), and bring your own towel and equipment (e.g., yoga mats, goggles, nose clips, and snorkels). If you're at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 (e.g., you're 65 years of age or older and and/or have active or unstable pre-existing health conditions), ask if they have special hours or a reservation system so you can avoid contact with others as much as possible.

- **Are pools open?**

**Outdoor** public pools and **outdoor** pools in gyms/fitness centers and shared residential facilities (apartments, condominiums, and homeowner's associations), can be open if rules for reopening are followed. You can take group and 1x1 swimming lessons, but instructors should teach from the pool deck whenever possible, and swim team meets aren't allowed. **Outdoor** pools at residential sites can only be used by household groups that live on the property and there are limits to the number of people who can use the pools and spas at the same time. If you have your own pool at a single-family home, you and your household members can use it but shouldn't host parties or gatherings. If you're at any pool, please don't share towels, beverages, or food with anyone from outside of your own household; bring your own snorkels and nose clips; and when out of the water, wear a [cloth face covering](#)\* and keep a distance of 6 feet from people who aren't in your household.

- **Can you go to/take children to a park?**

Yes, but when at the park, you should stay at least 6 feet from people who are not part of your household. Indoor and outdoor playgrounds at parks remain closed and pools at some parks are also closed. Also, you're not allowed to have picnics, parties, or other gatherings with people from outside of your household at parks.

- **Are outdoor recreation options such as trails, beaches, and golf courses open?**

Trails, beaches, and other open spaces and outdoor recreational facilities, including golf courses, tennis and pickle ball courts, shooting and archery ranges, equestrian centers, model airplane areas, community gardens, and bike parks, may be open, as long as visitors follow rules regarding social (physical) distancing and access. However, no recreational programming or public events can be held at these sites. Hired-fishing trips and small group charters are allowed as long as social (physical) distancing and infection control rules are followed. Everyone on your boat (aside from crew) should be from your own household and you shouldn't tailgate in the parking area.

If you visit any of these outdoor recreation sites, including the beach, don't forget that everyone two years of age or older who hasn't been told by a medical provider that they shouldn't wear a cloth face covering must wear one, unless they're eating, drinking, or while in the water). Playgrounds, and concession stands remain closed. Basketball courts and volleyball courts at public sites are also closed at this time. However, streets or other areas can be temporarily closed to car traffic for recreation such as walking or riding bikes, although no events or gatherings can be held on closed streets.

See the [Reopening Protocol](#) for the site you'd like to visit for additional information on activities that are allowed and those that are not permitted.

- **Can you rent or check-out outdoor equipment?**

Outdoor equipment, such as kayaks, surf or paddle boards, canoes, bikes, fishing gear, and helmets may be

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available for rental/check-out, if operators can follow instructions for cleaning. However, whenever possible, you should bring your own equipment, since sharing equipment can increase the risk for spread of COVID-19.

- **What kinds of sports can you or your children play?**

You can do outdoor recreational activities or sports, such as walking, hiking, bicycling, running, or horseback riding, as long as you follow social (physical) distancing and the appropriate County [Reopening Protocol](#). You can also play some non-contact sports, such as golf, tennis, or pickleball. Unless you're participating in a youth sports league activity as described below, you can't play sports that involve shared equipment or physical contact such as soccer, basketball, football, volleyball, baseball, paintball, or miniature golf with anyone outside of your own household.

Recreational youth sports leagues, youth club sports, youth travel sports, and sports that are sponsored by TK-12 private and public schools are allowed, as long as activities are held outdoors and players can stay 6 feet or more (or 8 feet or more during times of heavy physical exertion) from each other and from coaches. Youth are required to wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#), except when the outdoor activity requires heavy exertion. For those activities, they can remove the cloth face covering as long as they stay at least 8 feet apart from others.

Youth sports activities are limited at this time to conditioning, training and skills-building activities only. Youth sporting events, such as tournaments, competitions, games, or matches are prohibited until further notice. However, as part of practices, teams that play non-contact sports that allow for 6-foot physical distance between players at all times may play intra-squad scrimmages, matches or practice games among players of the same team. Review the Youth Sports League [Reopening Protocol](#) to learn more.

- **Can you go to the movies?**

Movie theaters are not yet open, but drive-in theaters are, as long as social (physical) distancing and infection control practices are followed.

- **Can you go to a museum, botanical garden, gallery, zoo, or aquarium?**

Outdoor portions of museums and galleries, botanical gardens, zoos and aquariums are open but the indoor portions and exhibits at these venues are closed at this time. This includes the closure of indoor playgrounds, play areas, climbing structures, petting zoos, and movie theaters, at these venues. Hands-on interactive exhibits are also closed at these sites and demonstrations (including live animal shows) can only be held if social (physical) distancing and sanitation guidelines are followed. To help prevent spread of COVID-19, please only include only members of your own household in your visit, buy your tickets online in advance, avoid sharing vehicles, wear [cloth face coverings\\*](#), and keep a distance of 6 feet from staff and other visitors.

- **Can you attend professional sporting events?**

Professional sports and training can resume, but at this time, all events must be held without in-person spectators.

- **Are bars and wineries open?**

Bars, breweries, brew pubs, pubs, wineries, tasting rooms, and bar areas in restaurants are closed at this time, except for retail sales. So, if wineries and breweries offer retail sales, you can buy products to take home, such as a bottle of wine or a growler of beer.

- **Are cardrooms, satellite wagering, and racetracks open?**

Cardrooms, satellite wagering facilities, and racetrack onsite wagering facilities are closed at this time.

### Travel

- **Can you take public transit or ride-sharing services (e.g. Lyft or Uber)?**

You can take public transportation or use ride-sharing services as long as you wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#) during

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your ride and at stops/stations where others are present and stay 6 feet or more from people who aren't part of your household when possible.

- **Can you take a trip?**

Because travel increases your chances of getting infected and spreading COVID-19, staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting sick. COVID-19 cases and deaths have been reported in all 50 states and in many international locations. If it's not essential for you to travel, it's best for you to postpone your trip. And if you're sick or have been around someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days, you shouldn't travel.

You can travel outside of your area if you need to address essential needs, such as essential business needs or to take care of after-death arrangements. Before traveling, check for any travel restrictions in the area you're traveling to, including any requirements for funerals and gatherings. See LA County's [Guidance for Funerals](#).

If you do need to travel, you can take simple steps to reduce the chance for spread of COVID-19. Don't travel with people from outside of your household or with anyone who is sick. Wash your hands often and/or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content and wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#) whenever you're not in your room. Consider other ideas when traveling, such as making sure you're out of your room when your baggage is delivered or when your room's being cleaned, only using ice machines if they're hands-free, and bringing your own items (e.g., towels, goggles, and noseclips) to the fitness center or pool.

- **Are campgrounds and RV parks open?**

Yes, campgrounds and RV parks can be open if they follow reopening rules, which may include reducing the site's capacity to allow for adequate spacing. In addition, outdoor spaces used for gatherings and group functions such as pavilions, communal fire rings, public-use kitchens, and amphitheaters should be closed and public events/gatherings such as group bonfires, group campsites, presentations at amphitheaters, or musical or other performances are not allowed.

To reduce the chance of spread of COVID-19, wear [cloth face coverings\\*](#), stay 6 feet from people who aren't part of your household and bring your own equipment. If possible, pre-purchase firewood, food, or other items or have them delivered to your campsite or RV. When using shared restrooms, avoid placing personal items such as toothbrushes directly on counter surfaces. Finally, only participate in boat rides, basketball/volleyball games, rope courses, or climbing walls, with your own household.

### LEARN MORE

- Los Angeles County Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Health Officer Order and Protocols to Protect Workers and the Public from COVID-19: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/Coronavirus/>.
- Call 2-1-1 (LA County Information Line) if you have questions about COVID-19. 2-1-1 can provide information on nonprofit and social services such as food pantries, homeless shelters, rental assistance, mortgage assistance, and utility assistance.

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\* **Important Information regarding Cloth Face Coverings:** [Cloth face coverings](#) are used to reduce the risk of someone who has the virus and does not know it from transmitting the virus to others. **Individuals who have been instructed by their medical provider not to wear a cloth face covering are exempted from requirements to wear cloth face coverings.** Children under the age of 2 years (including infants) and anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, or is unable to remove a face cover without help should not wear one. Those between the ages of 2 and 8 should use them but under adult supervision to ensure that the child can breathe safely and avoid choking or

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suffocation.

Individuals who are exempt from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition and who are employed in a job involving regular contact with others are required to wear an alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their medical condition permits it. A drape that is form fitting under the chin is preferred.

People who are ill with COVID-19 symptoms should not be going out of their homes except for medical visits. If they must leave the home for these visits, they may use a surgical mask but can use a cloth covering if a mask isn't available. If a mask is used, it shouldn't have a one-way valve.

# Attachment B



For Immediate Release:

**September 01, 2020**

## Public Health Reminds Residents of the Risks from Gathering with People from Outside Your Household: Reports 45 New Deaths and 840 New Positive Cases of Confirmed COVID-19 In Los Angeles County

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 45 new deaths and 840 new cases of confirmed COVID-19. The 7-day average of new cases is just under 1,300, which has declined steadily over the past month.

Younger residents continue to make up the majority of positive new cases. Of the new cases reported today, 70% are of people under the age of 50 years old. Residents between the ages of 30 and 49 years old have the highest number of new cases among all age groups in LA County, 35% of new cases today. Children under the age of 11 years old represent 6% of new cases today.

There continues to be widespread transmission of the virus in L.A. County, which is why it is important not to gather with people who aren't part of your household as it puts you at a greater risk for COVID-19. It is still safest to stay at home and avoid gatherings, even if everyone present is taking precautions.

The following examples of in-person gatherings are not permitted, even if they feel safe: celebrating the new arrival of a baby with a baby shower or gender reveal party; having a barbeque with a group of friends in the backyard for Labor Day; hosting a study group with school students; having dinner with extended family and friends to honor the High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur); gathering at the beach with friends over the hot weekend. These types of gatherings are risky as they bring together people who do not live together and increase the chances of community transmission.

To date, Public Health has identified 242,521 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 5,829 deaths. There are currently 1,057 hospitalized, of which 33% are confirmed cases in the ICU. Upon further investigation, 87 cases reported earlier were not L.A. County residents.

Of the 45 new deaths reported today (excluding Long Beach and Pasadena), 16 people that passed away were over the age of 80, 17 people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79 years old, 11 people who died were between the ages of 50 and 64 years old and one person who died was between the ages of 30 and 49 years old. Forty people had underlying health conditions including 14 people over the age of 80 years old, 16 people between the ages of 65 and 79 years old, nine people between the ages of 50 and 64 years old and one person between the ages of 30 and 49.

Ninety-three percent of the people who died from COVID-19 had underlying health conditions. Of those who died, information about race and ethnicity is available for 5,486 people (99 percent of the cases reported by Public Health); 51% of deaths occurred among Latino/Latinx residents, 24% among White residents, 15% among Asian residents, 10% among African American/Black residents, less than 1% among Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander residents and 1% among residents identifying with other races.

Testing results are available for 2,305,085 individuals with 10% of all people testing positive.

"We are sad to report today that more Angelenos have lost their lives to COVID-19, and their loved ones are in our hearts as they mourn," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "As we look at the possibility of re-opening more businesses and, eventually, schools, there is a lot at stake. Increased numbers of people being around one another can result in more transmission of COVID-19, at a time where we need to be doubling down on our efforts to slow the spread. Our past weekend inspections demonstrated that 20% of restaurants and 17% of markets are still not in compliance with the Health Officer Orders. This does not help us get our numbers down."

The Reopening Protocols, COVID-19 Surveillance Interactive Dashboard, Roadmap to Recovery, Recovery Dashboard, and additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health website, [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov).

The best protection against COVID-19 continues to be to wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, self-isolate if you are sick, practice physical distancing, and wear a clean face covering when in contact with others from outside your household. It's important if someone thinks they could be positive for COVID-19 and are awaiting



testing results, to stay at home and act as if they are positive. This means self-isolating for 10 days and 72 hours after symptoms and fever subside, or until they receive a negative result. If a person tests positive for COVID-19, they should plan on receiving a call from a contact tracer to discuss how to protect themselves and others, to find out where they may have been, and who they were in close contact with while infectious.

Please see additional information below:

**Laboratory Confirmed Cases 242521 Total Cases\***

- Los Angeles County (excl. LB and Pas) 229621
- Long Beach 10524
- Pasadena 2376

**Deaths 5829**

- Los Angeles County (excl. LB and Pas) 5502
- Long Beach 216
- Pasadena 111

**Age Group (Los Angeles County Cases Only-excl LB and Pas)**

- 0 to 4 3726
- 5 to 11 8168
- 12 to 17 10137
- 18 to 29 56890
- 30 to 49 78943
- 50 to 64 44393
- 65 to 79 17609
- over 80 8344
- Under Investigation 1411

**Gender (Los Angeles County Cases Only-excl LB and Pas)**

- Female 115365
- Male 111247
- Other 108
- Under Investigation 2901

**Race/Ethnicity (Los Angeles County Cases Only-excl LB and Pas)**

- American Indian/Alaska Native 198
- Asian 7199
- Black 6701
- Hispanic/Latino 84122
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 685
- White 17839
- Other 26675
- Under Investigation 86202

**Hospitalization**

- Hospitalized (Ever) 16542

**Deaths Race/Ethnicity (Los Angeles County Cases Only-excl LB and Pas)**

- American Indian/Alaska Native 11
- Asian 812
- Black 544
- Hispanic/Latino 2781
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 15
- White 1295
- Other 28
- Under Investigation 16

**CITY / COMMUNITY (Rate\*\*)**

- City of Agoura Hills 150 ( 718 )
- City of Alhambra 1144 ( 1319 )
- City of Arcadia 444 ( 769 )
- City of Artesia 302 ( 1798 )
- City of Avalon 5 ( 129 )
- City of Azusa 1412 ( 2822 )
- City of Baldwin Park 2637 ( 3435 )
- City of Bell 1440 ( 3963 )
- City of Bell Gardens 1766 ( 4100 )
- City of Bellflower 2197 ( 2826 )
- City of Beverly Hills 613 ( 1776 )
- City of Bradbury 13 ( 1216 )
- City of Burbank 1322 ( 1233 )
- City of Calabasas 235 ( 966 )
- City of Carson 1701 ( 1813 )
- City of Cerritos 522 ( 1043 )
- City of Claremont 347 ( 951 )
- City of Commerce\* 530 ( 4055 )
- City of Compton 3690 ( 3694 )
- City of Covina 1248 ( 2545 )
- City of Cudahy 1017 ( 4177 )
- City of Culver City 372 ( 933 )
- City of Diamond Bar 498 ( 866 )
- City of Downey 3716 ( 3252 )
- City of Duarte 480 ( 2180 )
- City of El Monte 4029 ( 3436 )
- City of El Segundo 122 ( 727 )

- City of Gardena 1140 ( 1859 )
- City of Glendale 3131 ( 1516 )
- City of Glendora 1153 ( 2185 )
- City of Hawaiian Gardens 488 ( 3325 )
- City of Hawthorne 1820 ( 2050 )
- City of Hermosa Beach 191 ( 971 )
- City of Hidden Hills 7 ( 370 )
- City of Huntington Park 2636 ( 4431 )
- City of Industry 30 ( 6865 )
- City of Inglewood 2646 ( 2330 )
- City of Irwindale 66 ( 4524 )
- City of La Canada Flintridge 164 ( 793 )
- City of La Habra Heights 37 ( 678 )
- City of La Mirada 780 ( 1573 )
- City of La Puente 1398 ( 3435 )
- City of La Verne 420 ( 1262 )
- City of Lakewood 1162 ( 1446 )
- City of Lancaster\* 2946 ( 1823 )
- City of Lawndale 582 ( 1731 )
- City of Lomita 227 ( 1095 )
- City of Lynwood\* 2969 ( 4121 )
- City of Malibu 95 ( 733 )
- City of Manhattan Beach 315 ( 875 )
- City of Maywood 1325 ( 4724 )
- City of Monrovia 688 ( 1773 )
- City of Montebello 2090 ( 3247 )
- City of Monterey Park 890 ( 1429 )
- City of Norwalk 2990 ( 2778 )
- City of Palmdale 3642 ( 2291 )
- City of Palos Verdes Estates 87 ( 643 )
- City of Paramount 2223 ( 3968 )
- City of Pico Rivera 2217 ( 3449 )
- City of Pomona 5003 ( 3208 )
- City of Rancho Palos Verdes 270 ( 632 )
- City of Redondo Beach 513 ( 747 )
- City of Rolling Hills 8 ( 412 )
- City of Rolling Hills Estates 39 ( 481 )

- City of Rosemead 762 ( 1377 )
- City of San Dimas\* 476 ( 1379 )
- City of San Fernando 816 ( 3315 )
- City of San Gabriel 580 ( 1416 )
- City of San Marino 78 ( 587 )
- City of Santa Clarita 3013 ( 1367 )
- City of Santa Fe Springs 507 ( 2761 )
- City of Santa Monica 784 ( 848 )
- City of Sierra Madre 67 ( 610 )
- City of Signal Hill 245 ( 2077 )
- City of South El Monte 735 ( 3519 )
- City of South Gate 4083 ( 4160 )
- City of South Pasadena 250 ( 960 )
- City of Temple City 490 ( 1344 )
- City of Torrance 1294 ( 867 )
- City of Vernon 10 ( 4785 )
- City of Walnut 243 ( 796 )
- City of West Covina 2605 ( 2407 )
- City of West Hollywood 500 ( 1353 )
- City of Westlake Village 28 ( 335 )
- City of Whittier 2027 ( 2318 )
- Los Angeles 98476 ( 2435 )
- Los Angeles - Adams-Normandie 250 ( 3048 )
- Los Angeles - Alsace 338 ( 2716 )
- Los Angeles - Angeles National Forest 2 ( 5000 )
- Los Angeles - Angelino Heights 68 ( 2718 )
- Los Angeles - Arleta 1304 ( 3794 )
- Los Angeles - Atwater Village 219 ( 1493 )
- Los Angeles - Baldwin Hills 568 ( 1825 )
- Los Angeles - Bel Air 77 ( 914 )
- Los Angeles - Beverly Crest 104 ( 830 )
- Los Angeles - Beverlywood 139 ( 1055 )
- Los Angeles - Boyle Heights\* 4026 ( 4634 )
- Los Angeles - Brentwood 260 ( 840 )
- Los Angeles - Brookside 3 ( 516 )
- Los Angeles - Cadillac-Corning 114 ( 1601 )
- Los Angeles - Canoga Park 1699 ( 2602 )

- Los Angeles - Carthay 192 ( 1337 )
- Los Angeles - Central 2006 ( 5145 )
- Los Angeles - Century City 109 ( 852 )
- Los Angeles - Century Palms/Cove 1400 ( 4146 )
- Los Angeles - Chatsworth 601 ( 1622 )
- Los Angeles - Cheviot Hills 62 ( 676 )
- Los Angeles - Chinatown 109 ( 1359 )
- Los Angeles - Cloverdale/Cochran 279 ( 1917 )
- Los Angeles - Country Club Park 275 ( 1815 )
- Los Angeles - Crenshaw District 280 ( 2025 )
- Los Angeles - Crestview 178 ( 1566 )
- Los Angeles - Del Rey 325 ( 1086 )
- Los Angeles - Downtown\* 705 ( 2563 )
- Los Angeles - Eagle Rock 608 ( 1536 )
- Los Angeles - East Hollywood 556 ( 1898 )
- Los Angeles - Echo Park 217 ( 1522 )
- Los Angeles - El Sereno 1121 ( 2681 )
- Los Angeles - Elysian Park 88 ( 1541 )
- Los Angeles - Elysian Valley 241 ( 2369 )
- Los Angeles - Encino 506 ( 1120 )
- Los Angeles - Exposition 75 ( 2255 )
- Los Angeles - Exposition Park 1228 ( 2734 )
- Los Angeles - Faircrest Heights 30 ( 833 )
- Los Angeles - Figueroa Park Square 300 ( 3440 )
- Los Angeles - Florence-Firestone 2118 ( 4464 )
- Los Angeles - Glassell Park 627 ( 1984 )
- Los Angeles - Gramercy Place 223 ( 2072 )
- Los Angeles - Granada Hills 1058 ( 1818 )
- Los Angeles - Green Meadows 883 ( 4106 )
- Los Angeles - Hancock Park 198 ( 1162 )
- Los Angeles - Harbor City 450 ( 1548 )
- Los Angeles - Harbor Gateway 914 ( 2096 )
- Los Angeles - Harbor Pines 18 ( 747 )
- Los Angeles - Harvard Heights 529 ( 2933 )
- Los Angeles - Harvard Park 1498 ( 3949 )
- Los Angeles - Highland Park 1008 ( 2083 )
- Los Angeles - Historic Filipinotown 401 ( 2891 )

- Los Angeles - Hollywood 1067 ( 1563 )
- Los Angeles - Hollywood Hills 256 ( 870 )
- Los Angeles - Hyde Park 739 ( 2589 )
- Los Angeles - Jefferson Park 238 ( 2948 )
- Los Angeles - Koreatown 1073 ( 2076 )
- Los Angeles - Lafayette Square 78 ( 1711 )
- Los Angeles - Lake Balboa 901 ( 2135 )
- Los Angeles - Lakeview Terrace 505 ( 3845 )
- Los Angeles - Leimert Park 279 ( 1831 )
- Los Angeles - Lincoln Heights 989 ( 3034 )
- Los Angeles - Little Armenia 375 ( 4673 )
- Los Angeles - Little Bangladesh 452 ( 1595 )
- Los Angeles - Little Tokyo 61 ( 1947 )
- Los Angeles - Longwood 108 ( 2509 )
- Los Angeles - Los Feliz 181 ( 838 )
- Los Angeles - Manchester Square 179 ( 2097 )
- Los Angeles - Mandeville Canyon 20 ( 640 )
- Los Angeles - Mar Vista 293 ( 690 )
- Los Angeles - Marina Peninsula 30 ( 688 )
- Los Angeles - Melrose 1755 ( 2259 )
- Los Angeles - Mid-city 265 ( 1763 )
- Los Angeles - Miracle Mile 153 ( 851 )
- Los Angeles - Mission Hills 669 ( 2773 )
- Los Angeles - Mt. Washington 509 ( 2108 )
- Los Angeles - North Hills 1652 ( 2683 )
- Los Angeles - North Hollywood 3340 ( 2206 )
- Los Angeles - Northridge 1259 ( 1804 )
- Los Angeles - Pacific Palisades 114 ( 535 )
- Los Angeles - Pacoima 3096 ( 4022 )
- Los Angeles - Palisades Highlands 22 ( 572 )
- Los Angeles - Palms 499 ( 1137 )
- Los Angeles - Panorama City 2611 ( 3470 )
- Los Angeles - Park La Brea 92 ( 677 )
- Los Angeles - Pico-Union 1680 ( 4015 )
- Los Angeles - Playa Del Rey 27 ( 845 )
- Los Angeles - Playa Vista 126 ( 1151 )
- Los Angeles - Porter Ranch 328 ( 922 )

- Los Angeles - Rancho Park 81 ( 1235 )
- Los Angeles - Regent Square 27 ( 971 )
- Los Angeles - Reseda 1960 ( 2558 )
- Los Angeles - Reseda Ranch 106 ( 2286 )
- Los Angeles - Reynier Village 37 ( 875 )
- Los Angeles - San Pedro\* 1845 ( 2364 )
- Los Angeles - Shadow Hills 56 ( 1261 )
- Los Angeles - Sherman Oaks 946 ( 1084 )
- Los Angeles - Silverlake 586 ( 1329 )
- Los Angeles - South Carthay 107 ( 1010 )
- Los Angeles - South Park 1885 ( 4966 )
- Los Angeles - St Elmo Village 130 ( 2836 )
- Los Angeles - Studio City 226 ( 1007 )
- Los Angeles - Sun Valley 1418 ( 2702 )
- Los Angeles - Sunland 409 ( 2004 )
- Los Angeles - Sycamore Square 5 ( 773 )
- Los Angeles - Sylmar\* 2961 ( 3594 )
- Los Angeles - Tarzana 563 ( 1823 )
- Los Angeles - Temple-Beaudry 1151 ( 2915 )
- Los Angeles - Thai Town 147 ( 1499 )
- Los Angeles - Toluca Lake 89 ( 1023 )
- Los Angeles - Toluca Terrace 18 ( 1378 )
- Los Angeles - Toluca Woods 18 ( 969 )
- Los Angeles - Tujunga 426 ( 1532 )
- Los Angeles - University Hills 50 ( 1458 )
- Los Angeles - University Park 899 ( 3274 )
- Los Angeles - Valley Glen 552 ( 1839 )
- Los Angeles - Valley Village 465 ( 1881 )
- Los Angeles - Van Nuys 2641 ( 2834 )
- Los Angeles - Venice 264 ( 779 )
- Los Angeles - Vermont Knolls 675 ( 3924 )
- Los Angeles - Vermont Square 311 ( 4062 )
- Los Angeles - Vermont Vista 1766 ( 4288 )
- Los Angeles - Vernon Central 2793 ( 5371 )
- Los Angeles - Victoria Park 204 ( 2429 )
- Los Angeles - View Heights 43 ( 1164 )



- Los Angeles - Watts 1793 ( 4202 )
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- Los Angeles - West Adams 820 ( 2968 )
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- Los Angeles - West Los Angeles 467 ( 1241 )
- Los Angeles - West Vernon 2128 ( 3967 )
- Los Angeles - Westchester 388 ( 752 )
- Los Angeles - Westlake 2254 ( 3797 )
- Los Angeles - Westwood 322 ( 595 )
- Los Angeles - Wholesale District\* 2230 ( 6172 )
- Los Angeles - Wilmington 1631 ( 2887 )
- Los Angeles - Wilshire Center 1033 ( 2059 )
- Los Angeles - Winnetka 1121 ( 2165 )
- Los Angeles - Woodland Hills 806 ( 1184 )
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- Unincorporated - Arcadia 81 ( 1015 )
- Unincorporated - Athens-Westmont 1418 ( 3341 )
- Unincorporated - Athens Village 211 ( 4309 )
- Unincorporated - Avocado Heights 262 ( 3867 )
- Unincorporated - Azusa 449 ( 2820 )
- Unincorporated - Bassett 587 ( 3962 )
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- Unincorporated - Claremont 22 ( 3134 )
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- Unincorporated - Covina (Charter Oak) 281 ( 2138 )
- Unincorporated - Del Aire 70 ( 1593 )
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- Unincorporated - Llano 3 ( 342 )
- Unincorporated - Marina del Rey 65 ( 691 )
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- Unincorporated - Monrovia 77 ( 1984 )
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- Unincorporated - North Lancaster 18 ( 1503 )
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- Unincorporated - Quartz Hill 147 ( 1139 )
- Unincorporated - Rancho Dominguez 71 ( 2668 )
- Unincorporated - Roosevelt 8 ( 859 )
- Unincorporated - Rosewood 23 ( 1788 )
- Unincorporated - Rosewood/East Gardena 14 ( 1174 )
- Unincorporated - Rosewood/West Rancho Dominguez 89 ( 2648 )
- Unincorporated - Rowland Heights 599 ( 1174 )
- Unincorporated - San Clemente Island 0 ( 0 )
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- Unincorporated - San Jose Hills 647 ( 3200 )
- Unincorporated - San Pasqual 9 ( 442 )
- Unincorporated - Sand Canyon 6 ( 1948 )
- Unincorporated - Santa Catalina Island 23 ( 8614 )
- Unincorporated - Santa Monica Mountains\* 101 ( 542 )
- Unincorporated - Saugus 26 ( 16774 )
- Unincorporated - Saugus/Canyon Country 1 ( 281 )
- Unincorporated - South Antelope Valley 2 ( 440 )
- Unincorporated - South El Monte 76 ( 4234 )
- Unincorporated - South San Gabriel 167 ( 1887 )
- Unincorporated - South Whittier 1584 ( 2675 )
- Unincorporated - Southeast Antelope Valley 13 ( 1665 )
- Unincorporated - Stevenson Ranch 154 ( 735 )
- Unincorporated - Sun Village 150 ( 2485 )
- Unincorporated - Sunrise Village 49 ( 3781 )
- Unincorporated - Twin Lakes/Oat Mountain 11 ( 663 )

- Unincorporated - Val Verde 62 ( 1874 )
- Unincorporated - Valencia 41 ( 1335 )
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- Unincorporated - View Park/Windsor Hills 137 ( 1177 )
- Unincorporated - Walnut Park 652 ( 4039 )
- Unincorporated - West Antelope Valley 5 ( 331 )
- Unincorporated - West Carson 394 ( 1784 )
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- Unincorporated - West Whittier/Los Nietos 896 ( 3328 )
- Unincorporated - Westfield/Academy Hills 7 ( 538 )
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- Unincorporated - White Fence Farms 42 ( 1140 )
- Unincorporated - Whittier 59 ( 1559 )
- Unincorporated - Whittier Narrows 0 ( 0 )
- Unincorporated - Willowbrook 1346 ( 3855 )
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These numbers are subject to change based on further investigation. Eighty-seven cases previously reported were not in Public Health's jurisdiction. \* Means that case numbers include cases associated with correctional facility outbreaks located in the city/community. \*\*Rate is crude and is per 100,000. This represents the number of cases per 100,000 people and allows for the proportional comparison of cities of different sizes.

Always check with trusted sources for the latest accurate information about novel coronavirus:

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- California Department of Public Health <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> Spanish <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index-sp.html>
- World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>
- LA County residents can also call 2-1-1

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# Attachment C

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## Health Officer Order's Impact on Daily Life FAQs

9/2/20: Updated to reflect the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, the September 2, 2020 Health Officer Order, and updated Reopening Protocols. Includes new information regarding the limited reopening of indoor services at barbershops and hair salons, allowances for limited in-person instruction at schools to address the needs of students requiring specialized support and services, and training and instruction for essential workforce at colleges and universities.

9/13/20: Please see minor updates to the list of examples of gatherings that are not allowed and to the information regarding use of face coverings in restaurants.

### Stay Up to Date with the Latest Information!

This FAQ addresses questions that you may have about the *Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Health Officer Order*. For more complete and the most current information, please review the latest version of the Order, which is posted on Public Health's COVID-19 website at:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/Coronavirus/>.

The *Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19* Order is a Health Officer Order that was put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect members of our community. The Order:

- Allows many businesses and public sites to be open, as long as they follow guidelines to help prevent COVID-19.
- Requires adults and children who are two years of age and older to use [cloth face coverings](#)\* whenever they're in contact with, or likely to be in contact with, people outside of their home unless they have been instructed by their medical provider not to wear one.
- Requires all residents to stay at home as much as practicable and to limit their contact with people who aren't part of their household.
- Strongly recommends that persons who are at high risk of serious illness from COVID-19 only leave their home for necessities.

This FAQ has information about the Order and how it may affect your daily life. To learn more about COVID-19, how to protect yourself, and what types of sites are open in LA County, visit:



[COVID-19  
Frequently  
Asked Questions](#)



[Choose Wisely-  
Reduce  
Your Risk of  
COVID-19  
Outside the  
Home](#)



[What's Open in  
Los Angeles  
County](#)

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### RECOVERY PLAN

- **What is the plan for reopening Los Angeles County?**

Los Angeles County has aligned its plans for reopening the County with California's new blueprint for reducing COVID-19, which includes revised criteria that will be used to determine what activities or sectors can be reopened in California counties. Under this [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), each county has been assigned to a Tier based on how well it is doing on a set of measures that relate to COVID-19 community transmission. The Tier that we're assigned to will determine what types of activities and sectors Los Angeles County can consider reopening. As we move through recovery, Public Health will consider local conditions and community needs when making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding when and how to safely reopen various sectors, when allowed by the State.

- **Which Tier is Los Angeles County in?**

When the State released its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) on August 28, 2020, Los Angeles County was in Tier 1, meaning that there was widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the county. Visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> to learn to which Tier Los Angeles County is currently assigned.

- **How fast will we move through the recovery process?**

Los Angeles County can't move through the recovery process faster than what the State allows under its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). We've been assigned to a Tier based on our rate of COVID-19 community transmission and that Tier determines what types of sectors we can consider reopening. We'll remain in the current Tier until we meet the State's criteria to move to the next one. If we've met these criteria for at least two consecutive weeks and have been in the current Tier for at least three weeks, we can move to the next Tier. The County can then decide whether to reopen all of the sectors that the State allows for that Tier or to slow the pace, based on local conditions and needs. Our aim is to ensure that we continue to slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent a surge of cases at healthcare facilities, while allowing for a gradual, safe return of some activities outside of the home. These aims will guide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding what and when to reopen.

- **What can the public do to help speed up Los Angeles County's recovery process?**

Los Angeles County's path forward for recovery depends on us being able to reduce community transmission significantly. If we can do this, we can get children and teachers back to their classrooms and more people back to their jobs with as much safety as possible. Businesses, community partners, and residents can all support this by continuing the practices that we know can prevent COVID-19 spread: social (physical) distancing, wearing [cloth face coverings](#)\* in public settings (e.g., grocery stores, trails, parks, retail stores, and offices),



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washing their hands, self-isolating if sick, and self-quarantining if they've been in close contact with someone with COVID-19.

### HEALTH OFFICER ORDER

- **What is the Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Order?**

The Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Order (Order) is a legal order issued by the Los Angeles County Health Officer to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect the members of our community who are at greatest risk for serious illness due to COVID-19. The Order is consistent with California's COVID-19 Executive Orders and Health Officer Orders.

- **What types of businesses, public spaces, and activities are open in Los Angeles County?**

As long as they follow the County's social (physical) distancing and infection control guidance, various businesses, organizations, and public spaces in Los Angeles County can be open to the public and resume activities. Examples are listed on ["What's Open in Los Angeles County."](#) This summary also includes links to the [County's Protocols](#), which outline the steps that businesses, organizations, and the public need to take to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

- **While the Order is in effect, when can you leave your home?**

There are no restrictions on when individuals can leave their home, if they are wearing a [cloth face covering\\*](#) when they are or may be near others and distancing from those not in their household. However, being around people who aren't part of your household puts you at risk for COVID-19, which is why it is so important to stay at home as much as possible and avoid all gatherings, of any size, with people who are not part of your household.

The following activities are allowed, as long as you follow social (physical) distancing requirements:

- Participating in activities that are important to your own family/household members' (including pets') health and safety, such as going to a doctor or vet or getting medical supplies or medication.
- Getting or delivering services and supplies, such as groceries, for yourself and family or household members.
- Caring for minors, the elderly, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
- Receiving in-person behavioral health or substance use disorder support in small group meetings, such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, or to receive faith-based counseling, as long as there are 10 or fewer people present.
- Working at a business that is open or carrying out Minimum Basic Operations at a business that is temporarily closed.
- Working for, volunteering at, or obtaining services at Healthcare Operations.
- Accessing Essential Governmental services, such as getting social services or complying with a court or law enforcement order.
- Participating in outdoor or remote faith-based/worship services.
- Participating in certain recreational or entertainment activities.
- Shopping at or picking up products outside of the store at retail establishments.

People who are 65 years old and older and/or those who have underlying health conditions should only leave home for essential activities such as getting medical care or food, because they are more likely to have serious illness from COVID-19. They should stay home as much as possible; have groceries, medicine, and necessary goods delivered; and call their provider immediately if they have even mild symptoms. Public Health has strongly recommended that employers offer them telework or other accommodations.

- **How long will the Order be in effect?**

This Order is in effect until it is extended, expanded, or updated to protect the public's health.

- **Do Los Angeles County residents have to follow the Los Angeles County and California Orders?**

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All residents who live in the Los Angeles County Public Health Jurisdiction (all parts of the County except the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena), must follow the LA County Order, which is in line with California's Order. The cities of Long Beach and Pasadena have their own public health departments and residents and businesses in those cities should check with their own public health departments for guidance. If LA County's Order differs from the State's or a City's order, residents must comply with whichever Order is stricter.

- **What happens if I don't comply with the Order?**

Public Health trusts that residents will voluntarily follow the Order to protect loved ones, other residents, and our community. However, if you don't follow the Order, you can be fined, imprisoned, or both.

### Social (Physical) Distancing and Infection Control

- **What steps to prevent COVID-19 spread are you required to follow?**

COVID-19 can spread when people are in close contact or when they touch something with the virus on it and then touch their face. To prevent spread of COVID-19, you're required to: (1) Stay at home as much as practicable; (2) Limit close contact with people from outside of your household, whether you're indoors or outdoors; (3) Maintain at least six-feet of physical distance from individuals who are not part of your household; (4) Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol; (5) Wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#) over both your nose and mouth anytime you leave your home and are, or may be, in contact with people who don't live in your household, whether you're in a public or private place or indoors or outdoors (except when exceptions are noted); and (6) Avoid all physical interaction outside the household when you're sick with a fever or cough, except for necessary medical care. Review "[Choose Wisely- Reduce Your Risk of COVID-19 Outside the Home](#)" to learn about other things you can do to reduce your risk of COVID-19 when you're outside of your home.

- **Do you have to perform social (physical) distancing with household members and at home?**

No, you don't have to stay 6 feet from people who live in the same household or living unit with you. If you are ill though, you should remain in a separate room, preferably with your own bathroom, and minimize contact with others to avoid infecting others in the home.

- **Can visitors come to your home?**

You should not have visitors, other than people who need to provide essential services, such as caregiving or repairs. These visitors shouldn't come in if they are ill and must wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#) and practice social (physical) distancing, as much as possible, while in your home. Consider other ways to connect with family and friends, such as through phone calls or video conferencing.

### Household and Personal Care Needs

- **Can you buy pet food or have your pet groomed?**

Yes. You can go to a pet supply store to buy pet supplies and can have your pet groomed at a veterinary clinic, a pet feed store, or a pet grooming store. Mobile pet grooming is also allowed. Stay at least 6 feet from people who are not part of your household and use a [cloth face covering\\*](#).

- **Are car dealerships open?**

Car dealerships can be open for repairs, auto supplies, and showroom and internet sales if they follow [social \(physical\) distancing and infection control requirements](#). Test drives can be conducted as long as the dealership limits passengers in the vehicle during test drives to only a single customer with the employee sitting in opposite back seat, when applicable. Both the customer and employee must wear [cloth face coverings\\*](#).

- **Are personal care businesses open?**

Barbershops and hair salons can offer indoor services at 25% of the salon's or shop's maximum occupancy but are encouraged to continue offering as many services outdoors as possible. At this time, other personal care services



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(e.g., nail salons, tanning salons, esthetician, skin care, and cosmetology services; electrology, body art professionals, tattoo parlors, and piercing shops; and massage therapy in non-healthcare settings) cannot offer services indoors. However, if the government agency that issues their license allows it, they can offer selected services outdoors. Tattoo parlors, microblading and permanent make-up and piercing shops are not allowed to operate outside. Please call ahead to confirm whether other personal care services are being offered outdoors. For any services you receive, bring a [cloth face covering\\*](#), preferably with ear loops and keep it on during your visit, wait in your car until your appointment time, and please don't bring others to your appointment.

### Work/Employment

- **Can you go to work?**

Yes. If you work at a business that is allowed to be open, you can go to work, as long as you follow social (physical) distancing and infection control requirements when you are traveling to/from work and while you are at work. Stay at least 6 feet from people who are not part of your household whenever possible and use a [cloth face covering\\*](#) if you are in or are likely to be in close contact with others. In order to be open, businesses must follow requirements related to infection control and social (physical) distancing. Ask your employer about ways to reduce the chance for COVID-19 to spread, such as rearranging the worksite to allow employees to keep a safe distance from other employees and customers, alternative work schedules, or working from home. Of note, at this time, because of the increased risk for spread of COVID-19, offices that aren't defined in the Order as Essential Businesses, Essential Infrastructure, or Healthcare Operations can't be open for indoor operations, except to carry out Minimum Basic Operations that are defined in the [Order](#). If your office is closed, ask your employer if you can work from home until staff are allowed to return to the office.

- **Can you apply for unemployment if you've been affected by COVID-19?**

If your employer has reduced your hours or closed operations due to COVID-19, you may be able to file a claim for unemployment insurance. See [https://www.edd.ca.gov/about\\_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm](https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm).

- **If you have to stay home because you're in quarantine or isolation, what sort of employee leave can you take?**

You may be able to use [paid sick leave](#) or file a [Disability Insurance \(DI\) claim](#). Check the California Department of Industrial Relations' [COVID-19 Resources and Workers' Compensation](#) webpage for more information. Unpaid leave may also be available to you through the California Family Rights Act. Check the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing's [COVID-19 website](#) for their employment Frequently Asked Questions. See Public Health's guidance regarding employee leave and benefits for more information: <http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/business/FAQ-WorkersRights.pdf>.

### School, Childcare, Camps, and Learning

- **Can your children go to childcare?**

Yes. Childcare facilities can be open, as long as they follow requirements that are described in the Order.

- Childcare must be carried out in stable groups, meaning that the same children should be in the same groups each day and can't change from one group to another. Also, there is a maximum size for each group, which is set by Public Health.
- If more than one group of children is cared for at one site/facility, each group must be in a separate space and these groups cannot mix with each other.
- Each childcare provider must be solely with one group of children.

In addition, with approval from licensing agencies, child care and day care services for school-aged children can be offered in-person on [school sites](#) if [Public Health's guidelines](#) are followed.

- **Can you or your children attend school or college?**

K-12 schools, colleges, and universities can continue to operate but must do so in a way that is safe as possible for



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students, teachers, and staff. Their reopening will be guided by the State and by each school district's or college/university's decisions of how to best set up learning opportunities during the pandemic. When making decisions, they'll consider different factors, such as the spread of COVID-19 in their local community and what is known about risks and about the strategies that can reduce those risks.

At this time, the State Public Health Officer has prohibited all public and private K-12 schools in California Counties that are in Tier 1 (widespread community transmission) of the State's Framework for Recovery, including Los Angeles County, from reopening for in-person instruction, except to address the needs of students requiring specialized support and services. Beginning September 14, 2020, K-12 schools in Los Angeles County may offer in-school services for small cohorts of students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP), students requiring instruction for English as a Second Language (ESL), and students needing assessments or specialized in-school services, as long as the school is able to fully implement the Health Officer's [Re-opening Protocols](#) and does not exceed maximum capacity limits. Other prioritized groups for in-person support and services include students not participating in distance learning, students at risk of abuse or neglect, foster youth, and students experiencing homelessness. Public Health is not opening the waiver program to allow schools to apply for approval to offer in-person instruction of students in grades TK-6 and will monitor the implementation of this effort to safely get students needing specialized in-school services back to school. In addition, with approval from licensing agencies, child care and day care for school-aged children can be offered in-person on [school sites](#) if [Public Health's guidelines](#) are followed.

Public Health is following the State's guidance, which recommends that counties with high levels of community transmission of COVID-19 limit the reopening of colleges and universities. Thus, colleges and universities in Los Angeles County cannot resume all in-person academic instruction at this time. They may continue to offer in-person training and instruction for essential workforce for required activities that cannot be accomplished through virtual learning. All other academic instruction must be done via distance-learning. They should also limit the number of students living on-campus but can provide housing for students who don't have other housing options. For students enrolled in programs providing training and instruction for essential workforce, on-campus housing should be offered only to students who must participate in in-person instruction in order to complete their training and who don't have other local housing options. Campus housing for student athletes participating in campus sports can also be offered in small training cohorts. For updates from the University of California, California State University, and California Community Colleges and to view guidance released by the California Department of Public Health to help colleges and universities prepare to resume in-person instruction, visit the [State's COVID-19 Education webpage](#).

Schools, colleges, and universities that reopen their campuses will need to follow public health and safety requirements so that the reopening is as safe as possible for students, teachers, staff, and their families. These requirements are outlined in Public Health's [Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools](#) and [Protocols for Institutes of Higher Education](#). **Are libraries open?**

Libraries may be open for in-person and/or curbside pick-up if the building they're located in is not closed to the public and they follow Public Health's social (physical) distancing and infection control requirements. They can loan books, movies, and single-use items (such as take-home craft kits) but should limit loans of games and toys. When possible, you should place a "hold" on an item through an online or a phone reservation system. When visiting the library, wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#) and stay 6 feet from other patrons and staff. If you have mobility issues, can't reserve items online, or should only leave home for necessities because you're at higher risk for COVID-19 complications, ask your library about other options.

- **Can your children go to camp?**

Yes. They can attend day camps (including sports-related camps for skills-building only), although overnight camps



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aren't open yet. Day camps will be making some changes to help keep staff and campers as safe as possible. Some examples include eliminating high-contact activities, staggering drop-off and pick-up times, and redesigning activities so that campers are in smaller groups.

If your children go to camp, ask them to wear their [cloth face covering](#)\* except when staff let them know they don't need to. Also, remind them to follow directions for social (physical) distancing; stay with their assigned group; and avoid sharing high-touch materials like arts supplies, recreational equipment, clothes, toys, books, games, and electronic devices. If possible, have them bring their own meals and snacks to the camp.

### Healthcare

- **Can you leave your home to seek medical care or pick up medications?**

Yes, you can leave in order to seek essential services such as medical care or to pick up medications. Be sure to call your provider first since many practices are now offering telemedicine services. Similarly, check to see if your medications can be delivered to your home.

- **Can you receive elective and preventive healthcare services?**

Important preventive services such as well-child visits, immunizations, and other health screenings, including cancer screenings, should not be delayed. Whenever appropriate and available, consider taking advantage of telemedicine or video visits. In addition, providers can choose to offer elective medical services as long as the healthcare system does not get overwhelmed by the need to care for COVID-19 patients and providers can meet certain criteria (e.g., having enough personal protective equipment). However, because COVID-19 still poses a significant risk, Public Health recommends you carefully consider any elective procedure or surgery.

- **Can you receive dental services?**

Dental services pose a higher risk for the spread of COVID-19, so only emergency care and certain non-emergency dental care may now be able to be provided. Speak to your dentist to find out what services are available.

- **Can you go to a behavioral health or substance use disorder group or receive faith-based counseling?**

You can go to group counseling and participate in peer support groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, or in faith-based counseling if there are fewer than 10 people present, and you follow social (physical) distancing and infection control requirements. You can also take advantage of sessions that are held by telephone or video conference if they are available and meet your needs.

- **Can you still leave home to donate blood?**

You can continue to give blood at Red Cross centers and at blood donation sites. Blood drives are not prohibited by the Order if social (physical) distancing practices are in place. Red Cross will continue to hold blood drives to help meet patient needs and has implemented new measures that ensure that blood drives and donation centers are even safer for donors and staff. You should be prepared to wear a [cloth face covering](#)\* while you are there.

### Shopping and Restaurants

- **Are indoor shopping centers and malls open?**

Some businesses in indoor shopping centers and malls can be open for in-store shopping; some can only be open for delivery or outdoor pick-up; and others are temporarily closed. Higher-Risk Businesses in indoor shopping centers and malls (e.g., movie theaters, bars, and playgrounds) are temporarily closed. Food court dining and seating areas in indoor shopping centers are also closed at this time but restaurants in these shopping centers can offer food for delivery, carry out, and outdoor table dining. If a business in the mall is not considered to be higher-risk and it can be accessed from outside of the building, it can be open for in-store shopping, but the number of customers allowed in at the same time will be limited so they can maintain physical (social) distancing. If a business is located in the interior of the mall shopping center (e.g., it can't be accessed from outside of the building), it can only be open for delivery or outdoor (e.g., curbside) pick-up and customers won't be able to go



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inside, even to quickly look at merchandise or make a payment. If you go to the mall, whether you're shopping inside or picking up items from the outside, please wear a [cloth face covering](#)\* and keep a distance of 6 feet from other customers and employees whenever possible.

- **Are outdoor shopping center and malls open?**

Yes. Outdoor shopping malls, destination shopping centers, strip and outlet malls, and swap meets can be open for in-store shopping, at limited capacity, if they prepare, implement, and post Public Health's [Protocols for Shopping Center Operators](#). Customers must wear [cloth face coverings](#)\* and the number of customers will be limited to ensure physical (social) distancing.

- **Are restaurants open?**

Restaurants, cafes, food trucks, food courts, and similar businesses can be open for delivery, drive thru, carry out, and outdoor table dining. Indoor dining isn't allowed at this time and bars in restaurants are closed. Restaurants need to limit the number of outdoor diners, so that they can maintain social (physical) distancing. If you're dining outdoors at a restaurant, only 6 people can be at your table. If possible, wait in your car until you can be seated. If you're entering the outdoor dining area or waiting at a host or check-stand, deli counter, valet drop off and pick-up, or other waiting area, or visiting the restrooms, please keep a distance of 6 feet or more from people who aren't part of your household and wear a [cloth face covering](#)\*. **You can remove the cloth face covering while eating and/or drinking at a table.**

- **How can you get free or reduced priced meals?**

Soup kitchens, food banks, and other organizations that provide free or reduced priced food or meals are encouraged to continue providing these services. Visit [www.covid19.lacounty.gov/food](http://www.covid19.lacounty.gov/food) for additional information on available resources.

### Faith-based/Religious Services

- **Can you attend faith-based services?**

You may attend in-person faith-based services, including weddings and funerals, if they are held outside and social distancing and infection control requirements in the County's [Protocol for Places of Worship](#) are posted and followed. Indoor services are not allowed at this time but there is no maximum number of attendees for outdoor services, as long as attendees can keep a distance of 6 feet from each other. Places of worship are also strongly encouraged to continue virtual services (e.g., teleconference, webinar, or live-stream) for those who are more likely to have serious illness from COVID-19. Practices that could spread COVID-19 should also be modified. For instance, donations/offering plates or baskets shouldn't be passed around and attendees should bring their own prayer books, rugs, or other direct touch items that are used in ceremonies. Also, if the outdoor service includes singing or chanting, there should be much greater physical distance between attendees. Individual congregation members who are participating in virtual services can also sing or chant in their own homes.

- **Can faith-based organizations offer support services or counseling?**

Faith-based organizations can provide essential support services, such as a food bank, if they follow social (physical) distancing requirements. If remote counseling is not feasible, they can also offer faith-based counseling, as long as there are 10 or fewer people present and they follow social (physical) distancing and infection control requirements.

- **Can you work in an office at a faith-based organization?**

At this time, office-based businesses can only be open for indoor operations if they're defined in the Order as Essential Businesses, Essential Infrastructure, or Healthcare Operations. If you work for a faith-based organization that provides essential services, such as food, shelter, social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals (including gang prevention and intervention, domestic violence, and homeless service agencies), you can work in the office, but Public Health strongly recommends that if possible, you





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work from home. If you work in an office at a faith-based organization that is not considered to provide essential services of infrastructure, you'll need to work from home for now, unless you need to be onsite to carry out Minimum Basic Operations that are defined in the [Order](#).

### Gatherings and Events

- **Are conferences, conventions, or other large events allowed?**

No. Large events, such as conferences or events at convention centers, whether public or private, are still not allowed.

- **Can vehicle-based (car) parades be held?**

Vehicle-based (car) parades can be held if they are in compliance with all local ordinances, traffic control requirements, state and local laws, and all other requirements that are described in the County's [Vehicle-Based Parade Protocol](#). If an organization is hosting the parade, it must assign a host to ensure that these rules are followed. Car parades can't include people on a bicycle, a motorcycle, a convertible with the top open, or a vehicle with no doors such as a golf cart. If any of the windows on a vehicle is open, the occupants must wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#).

- **Can you or your family have a gathering or party?**

No. Individual and family gatherings or parties of any size aren't allowed. For instance, the following in-person gatherings are not permitted, even if they feel safe: celebrating the new arrival of a baby with a baby shower or gender reveal party, having a barbeque with a group of friends in the backyard, hosting a study group with school students, having a meal with extended family and friends for a religious or cultural holiday, or gathering at the beach with friends. These types of gatherings are risky as they bring together people who do not live together and increase the chances of community transmission. However, vehicle (car) parades are now allowed so that graduations, birthdays, holidays and other special days and achievements may be safely celebrated. See the [Vehicle-Based Parade Protocol](#) for rules and requirements.

### Caregiving

- **Can you care for a family member, friend, or pet who requires assistance to care for themselves at their home or take them to needed appointments?**

You can provide care for vulnerable and dependent people or animals, including taking them to appointments. However, you should take precautions, such as being sure that you don't have a fever or symptoms of illness before leaving to provide care, keeping at least 6 feet from others whenever possible, wearing a [cloth face covering\\*](#) (or a surgical mask if you are caring for an ill individual), and frequently washing your hands or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, including immediately after you arrive at and leave their home.

- **Can you visit loved ones in the hospital, skilled nursing facility, or other residential care facility?**

To protect patients/residents, visitors, and healthcare personnel, most face-to-face visits are not allowed at licensed congregate healthcare facilities (e.g., skilled nursing facilities and residential care facilities) and at hospitals, except for in certain circumstances (e.g., visiting a child, for labor/delivery, and for end-of-life visits). If your loved one is in a facility, ask if they're allowing visits. If not, please use other ways to communicate, such as telephone calls, texts, and video calls.

### Housing and Safety

- **How can you comply with the order if you are experiencing homelessness?**

People who are experiencing homelessness are encouraged to try to stay with family or friends, identify housing options, or access emergency resources, such as shelters. You can call 2-1-1 for additional information on



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resources. You should also wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#) when in close contact with other people and stay 6 feet or more from others whenever possible.

- **If your home environment is abusive, do you need to stay at home?**

No. Call 2-1-1 to identify safe and supportive housing alternatives. You should not stay in environments that are not safe.

- **Can you stay in dorms, shelters, or other congregate settings?**

Yes, but you need to follow any measures that the institution has put into place to reduce the spread of disease. You should wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#) when in close contact with others and should stay 6 feet or more from people whenever possible.

- **Can you be evicted from your house or apartment while the Order is in effect?**

Some local jurisdictions have issued renter protections during the Order. Check with your local City office to see if there are eviction protections where you live. For additional information on eviction moratoriums and rent freezes visit [dcba.lacounty.gov/noevictions](http://dcba.lacounty.gov/noevictions).

### Legal and Civic Activities

- **Can you leave home to comply with a Court order?**

Yes. You can leave home to comply with Court or enforcement orders but must follow social (physical) distance, including wearing a [cloth face covering\\*](#) when in close contact with others, and infection control precautions.

- **Can you leave home to take a citizenship test?**

The federal government will determine whether citizenship tests will be held. Please contact the government agency that is giving the test to determine whether you should appear. If you are required to appear, wear a [cloth face covering\\*](#) and practice social (physical) distancing while there. If you are ill, stay home and ask the agency that is giving the test about your options for rescheduling or taking the test from home if possible.

- **Can you participate in public demonstrations?**

As an individual, it is within your right to engage in political expression, including your right to petition the government and participate in public demonstrations. You can participate in outdoor protests and there is no limit on the number of attendees. Indoor protests are not allowed at this time. During a pandemic, in-person gatherings can be risky because even if you adhere to physical distancing, bringing members of different households together carries a higher risk of transmission of COVID-19. Such gatherings may result in increased rates of infection, hospitalization, and death, especially among more vulnerable populations. Also, activities like chanting, shouting, singing, and group recitation can more easily spread respiratory droplets, making it very important that people engaging in these activities wear face coverings at all times.

If you had close contact (within 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes) with non-household members who were not wearing face coverings, you should consider yourself possibly exposed to COVID-19 and should stay at home for 14 days and monitor yourself for COVID-19 symptoms. If you live with persons who are elderly or have high risk conditions, you should also try to maintain a six-foot distance and wear a face covering when you are with them at home. If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, call your healthcare provider and speak to them about getting tested. Finally, if you chose to participate in an in-person gathering, consider [strategies](#) for reducing your risk and the risk to others.

### Fitness, Recreation, and Entertainment

- **Can you go to the gym/a fitness center?**

Gyms; fitness centers; and fitness-related studios such as yoga, pilates, dance, gymnastics, and martial arts studios

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can be open for outdoor services only. If you can participate in outdoor services, you'll need to wear a [cloth face covering](#)\*. This includes when you're exercising, except if the outdoor fitness activity requires heavy exertion. For those activities, you can remove the cloth face covering as long as you stay at least 8 feet apart from others. You can also remove the cloth face covering when you're entering or in the water in an outdoor pool or are in an outdoor shower.

Gyms/fitness centers can offer outdoor group classes and personal training outdoors if social (physical) distancing requirements are followed and there's no person-to-person physical contact. High-contact programs such as group sporting events, organized intermural activities, pick-up basketball, and organized races aren't allowed. Outdoor swimming pools and splash pads at these sites can be open, but hot tubs, jacuzzi, spa pools, swim team practices, swim meets, and pool parties aren't allowed.

To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 at the gym, don't arrive early or stay after your work-out, keep a distance of 6 feet from others when possible (and 8 feet when engaged in heavy exertion), and bring your own towel and equipment (e.g., yoga mats, goggles, nose clips, and snorkels). If you're at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 (e.g., you're 65 years of age or older and and/or have active or unstable pre-existing health conditions), ask if they have special hours or a reservation system so you can avoid contact with others as much as possible.

- **Are pools open?**

**Outdoor** public pools and **outdoor** pools in gyms/fitness centers and shared residential facilities (apartments, condominiums, and homeowner's associations), can be open if rules for reopening are followed. You can take group and 1x1 swimming lessons, but instructors should teach from the pool deck whenever possible, and swim team meets aren't allowed. **Outdoor** pools at residential sites can only be used by household groups that live on the property and there are limits to the number of people who can use the pools and spas at the same time. If you have your own pool at a single-family home, you and your household members can use it but shouldn't host parties or gatherings. If you're at any pool, please don't share towels, beverages, or food with anyone from outside of your own household; bring your own snorkels and nose clips; and when out of the water, wear a [cloth face covering](#)\* and keep a distance of 6 feet from people who aren't in your household.

- **Can you go to/take children to a park?**

Yes, but when at the park, you should stay at least 6 feet from people who are not part of your household. Indoor and outdoor playgrounds at parks remain closed and pools at some parks are also closed. Also, you're not allowed to have picnics, parties, or other gatherings with people from outside of your household at parks.

- **Are outdoor recreation options such as trails, beaches, and golf courses open?**

Trails, beaches, and other open spaces and outdoor recreational facilities, including golf courses, tennis and pickle ball courts, shooting and archery ranges, equestrian centers, model airplane areas, community gardens, and bike parks, may be open, as long as visitors follow rules regarding social (physical) distancing and access. However, no recreational programming or public events can be held at these sites. Hired-fishing trips and small group charters are allowed as long as social (physical) distancing and infection control rules are followed. Everyone on your boat (aside from crew) should be from your own household and you shouldn't tailgate in the parking area.

If you visit any of these outdoor recreation sites, including the beach, don't forget that everyone two years of age or older who hasn't been told by a medical provider that they shouldn't wear a cloth face covering must wear one, unless they're eating, drinking, or while in the water). Playgrounds, and concession stands remain closed.

**Basketball courts and volleyball courts at public sites are also closed at this time.** However, streets or other areas can be temporarily closed to car traffic for recreation such as walking or riding bikes, although no events or gatherings can be held on closed streets.

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See the [Reopening Protocol](#) for the site you'd like to visit for additional information on activities that are allowed and those that are not permitted.

- **Can you rent or check-out outdoor equipment?**

Outdoor equipment, such as kayaks, surf or paddle boards, canoes, bikes, fishing gear, and helmets may be available for rental/check-out, if operators can follow instructions for cleaning. However, whenever possible, you should bring your own equipment, since sharing equipment can increase the risk for spread of COVID-19.

- **What kinds of sports can you or your children play?**

You can do outdoor recreational activities or sports, such as walking, hiking, bicycling, running, or horseback riding, as long as you follow social (physical) distancing and the appropriate County [Reopening Protocol](#). You can also play some non-contact sports, such as golf, tennis, or pickleball. Unless you're participating in a youth sports league activity as described below, you can't play sports that involve shared equipment or physical contact such as soccer, basketball, football, volleyball, baseball, paintball, or miniature golf with anyone outside of your own household.

Recreational youth sports leagues, youth club sports, youth travel sports, and sports that are sponsored by TK-12 private and public schools are allowed, as long as activities are held outdoors and players can stay 6 feet or more (or 8 feet or more during times of heavy physical exertion) from each other and from coaches. Youth are required to wear a [cloth face covering](#)\*, except when the outdoor activity requires heavy exertion. For those activities, they can remove the cloth face covering as long as they stay at least 8 feet apart from others.

Youth sports activities are limited at this time to conditioning, training and skills-building activities only. Youth sporting events, such as tournaments, competitions, games, or matches are prohibited until further notice. However, as part of practices, teams that play non-contact sports that allow for 6-feet physical distance between players at all times may play intra-squad scrimmages, matches or practice games among players of the same team. Review the Youth Sports League [Reopening Protocol](#) to learn more.

- **Can you go to the movies?**

Movie theaters are not yet open, but drive-in theaters are, as long as social (physical) distancing and infection control practices are followed.

- **Can you go to a museum, botanical garden, gallery, zoo, or aquarium?**

Outdoor portions of museums and galleries, botanical gardens, zoos and aquariums are open but the indoor portions and exhibits at these venues are closed at this time. This includes the closure of indoor playgrounds, play areas, climbing structures, petting zoos, and movie theaters, at these venues. Hands-on interactive exhibits are also closed at these sites and demonstrations (including live animal shows) can only be held if social (physical) distancing and sanitation guidelines are followed. To help prevent spread of COVID-19, please only include only members of your own household in your visit, buy your tickets online in advance, avoid sharing vehicles, wear [cloth face coverings](#)\*, and keep a distance of 6 feet from staff and other visitors.

- **Can you attend professional sporting events?**

Professional sports and training can resume, but at this time, all events must be held without in-person spectators.

- **Are bars and wineries open?**

Bars, breweries, brew pubs, pubs, wineries, tasting rooms, and bar areas in restaurants are closed at this time, except for retail sales. So, if wineries and breweries offer retail sales, you can buy products to take home, such as a bottle of wine or a growler of beer.

- **Are cardrooms, satellite wagering, and racetracks open?**

Cardrooms, satellite wagering facilities, and racetrack onsite wagering facilities are closed at this time.

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- **Can you take public transit or ride-sharing services (e.g. Lyft or Uber)?**

You can take public transportation or use ride-sharing services as long as you wear a [cloth face covering](#)\* during your ride and at stops/stations where others are present and stay 6 feet or more from people who aren't part of your household when possible.

- **Can you take a trip?**

Because travel increases your chances of getting infected and spreading COVID-19, staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting sick. COVID-19 cases and deaths have been reported in all 50 states and in many international locations. If it's not essential for you to travel, it's best for you to postpone your trip. And if you're sick or have been around someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days, you shouldn't travel.

You can travel outside of your area if you need to address essential needs, such as essential business needs or to take care of after-death arrangements. Before traveling, check for any travel restrictions in the area you're traveling to, including any requirements for funerals and gatherings. See LA County's [Guidance for Funerals](#).

If you do need to travel, you can take simple steps to reduce the chance for spread of COVID-19. Don't travel with people from outside of your household or with anyone who is sick. Wash your hands often and/or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content and wear a [cloth face covering](#)\* whenever you're not in your room. Consider other ideas when traveling, such as making sure you're out of your room when your baggage is delivered or when your room's being cleaned, only using ice machines if they're hands-free, and bringing your own items (e.g., towels, goggles, and noseclips) to the fitness center or pool.

- **Are campgrounds and RV parks open?**

Yes, campgrounds and RV parks can be open if they follow reopening rules, which may include reducing the site's capacity to allow for adequate spacing. In addition, outdoor spaces used for gatherings and group functions such as pavilions, communal fire rings, public-use kitchens, and amphitheaters should be closed and public events/gatherings such as group bonfires, group campsites, presentations at amphitheaters, or musical or other performances are not allowed.

To reduce the chance of spread of COVID-19, wear [cloth face coverings](#)\*, stay 6 feet from people who aren't part of your household and bring your own equipment. If possible, pre-purchase firewood, food, or other items or have them delivered to your campsite or RV. When using shared restrooms, avoid placing personal items such as toothbrushes directly on counter surfaces. Finally, only participate in boat rides, basketball/volleyball games, rope courses, or climbing walls, with your own household.

### LEARN MORE

- Los Angeles County Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 Health Officer Order and Protocols to Protect Workers and the Public from COVID-19: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/Coronavirus/>.
- Call 2-1-1 (LA County Information Line) if you have questions about COVID-19. 2-1-1 can provide information on nonprofit and social services such as food pantries, homeless shelters, rental assistance, mortgage assistance, and utility assistance.

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\* **Important Information regarding Cloth Face Coverings:** [Cloth face coverings](#) are used to reduce the risk of someone

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who has the virus and does not know it from transmitting the virus to others. Individuals who have been instructed by their medical provider not to wear a cloth face covering are exempted from requirements to wear cloth face coverings. Children under the age of 2 years (including infants) and anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, or is unable to remove a face cover without help should not wear one. Those between the ages of 2 and 8 should use them but under adult supervision to ensure that the child can breathe safely and avoid choking or suffocation.

Individuals who are exempt from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition and who are employed in a job involving regular contact with others are required to wear an alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their medical condition permits it. A drape that is form fitting under the chin is preferred.

People who are ill with COVID-19 symptoms should not be going out of their homes except for medical visits. If they must leave the home for these visits, they may use a surgical mask but can use a cloth covering if a mask isn't available. If a mask is used, it shouldn't have a one-way valve.