



# **Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Status Update: 12-18-20**



## **Topics:**

LA County's Tier, based on the State's framework

Updates on Health Orders

Updates on the Vaccine

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Update on any Countywide Resources



## California's Tiered Framework

Lower Risk → Higher Risk of Community Disease Transmission	Risk Levels	Case Rate per 100,000	Positivity Rate	Health Equity Metric:
	<b>Widespread Tier 1</b>	More than 7 daily new cases	Greater than 8%	
	<b>Substantial Tier 2</b>	4 to 7 daily new cases	5% – 8%	5.3 – 8%
	<b>Moderate Tier 3</b>	1 to 3.9 daily new cases	2% – 4.9%	2.2 – 5.2%
	<b>Minimal Tier 4</b>	Less than 1 daily new case	Less than 2%	Less than 2.2%

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**Based on** (7-day average; 7-day lag)

### **Moving through the Tiers\* (Rules of the framework):**

\*Tier assignments may occur any day of the week and may occur more than once a week when CDPH determines that the most recent reliable data indicate that immediate action is needed to address COVID-19 transmission in a county.

1. A county will remain in a tier for a minimum of three weeks before being able to advance to a later tier.
2. A county can only move forward one tier at a time, even if metrics qualify for a more advanced tier.
3. Counties may be moved back more than one tier if CDPH determines that the data support the more intensive intervention.
4. If a county's case rate and test positivity measure fall into two different tiers, the county will be assigned to the more restrictive tier.
5. The health equity metric is applied to jurisdictions with populations greater than 106,000.
6. City local health jurisdiction (LHJ) data will be included in overall metrics, and city LHJs will be assigned the same tier as the surrounding county.

**Content Source:** <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/#reopening-data>

## Los Angeles County is Currently in Tier 1

Measures	LAC Rate
<b>New cases / 100,000 population per day</b> (7-day average; 7-day lag)	42.2
<b>Testing % Positivity</b> (7-day average; 7-day lag)	11.4%
<b>Testing % Positivity in Lowest-Resourced Areas</b> (7-day average; 7-day lag)	17.0%

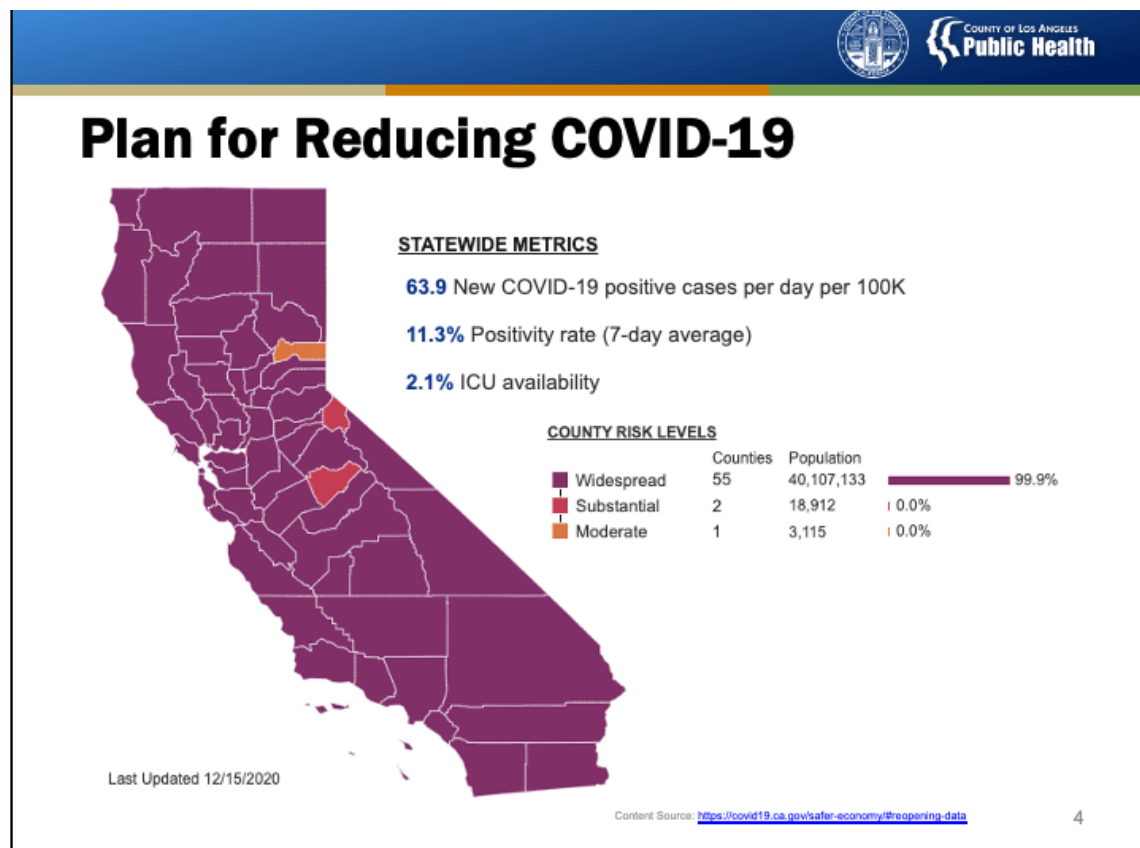
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**Based on** (7-day average; 7-day lag)

There have been major changes in the indicators.

- The adjusted case rate reaches new high at 42.2 new cases per 100,000 people, compared to last week's 26.9, and is the reason we remain in the most restrictive tier.
- The positivity rate remains in Tier 1 with a rate of 11.4%.
- The positivity rate in LA County's lowest-resourced areas remains in Tier 1 with a value of 17.0%

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Depicted is the state of California broken down into individual counties. Each color is indicative of the county's current tier assignment as of December 18, 2020.

Los Angeles County is currently labeled with the color purple, which according to the key, indicates "Widespread". Using the California Blueprint Data Chart, it is determined that Los Angeles County is currently in Tier 1.

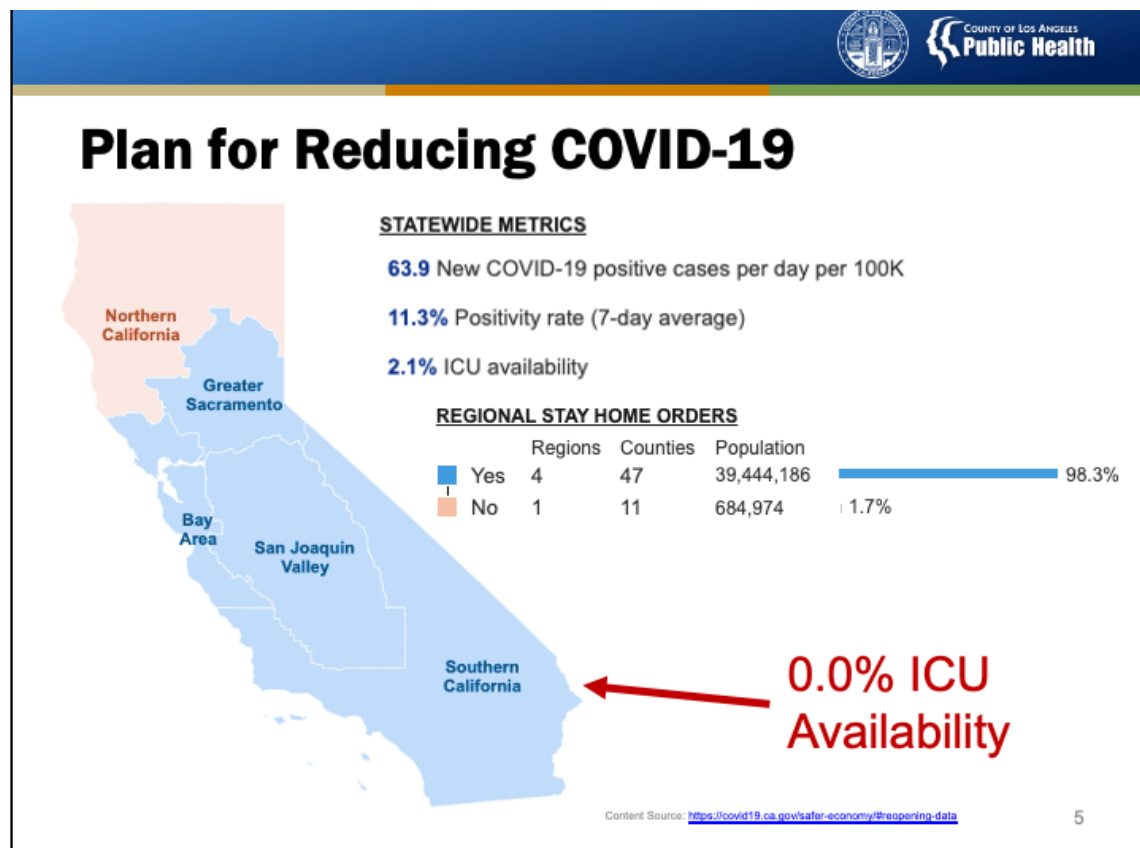
Compared to last week, Statewide metrics for New COVID-19 positive cases per day per 100K, increased from 34.0 to 63.9. Statewide metrics for positivity rate also showed an increase from 8.4% to 11.3%. ICU availability for California dropped from 9.9% to 3.0%. Currently, 55 counties are categorized as Tier 1, 2 counties in Tier 2, and only 1 county in Tier 3.

**The California Blueprint Data Chart, link attached below, can be used for tier determination of each County.**

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Blueprint\\_Data\\_Chart\\_121520.xlsx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Blueprint_Data_Chart_121520.xlsx)

**Using the content source link listed on the slide, an interactive map of California can be accessed:**

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A Regional Stay At Home Order has been issued for LA County at least until 12/27/2020. The order shall continue until CDPH's four-week projections of the Region's total available adult ICU bed capacity is greater than or equal to 15%. Depicted is the state of California broken down into individual regions. Each color is indicative of the region's current Stay at Home Order Status as of December 18, 2020. Los Angeles County is part of the Southern California Region and is currently labeled with the color blue, which according to the key, indicates "Yes" – Regional Stay Home Orders are in effect. As of 12/17, Southern California Region has a 0.0% ICU availability.

If a county enters into a Regional Stay at Home Order based on ICU capacity, the restrictions associated with that order would take effect. Counties who are not currently under a regional Stay at Home Order may be moved to a more restrictive tier based on Blueprint data assessed each week. Once announced, the county is required to implement tier related restrictions by 11:59pm the next day.

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# Plan for Reducing COVID-19

## Los Angeles County

Southern California Region  
**Regional Stay Home Order**  
effective 12/6/2020 11:59 PM

### COUNTY RISK LEVEL

#### Widespread\*

Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed

### COUNTY METRICS

84.4 New COVID-19 cases per day per 100K  
42.2 Adjusted case rate for tier assignment  
11.4% Positivity rate (7-day average)  
17.0% Health equity quartile positivity rate

2 weeks prior  
11/28

Widespread

2 weeks prior  
12/1

Widespread

1 week prior  
12/8

Widespread

Current  
12/15

Widespread

\*See California Blueprint Data Chart for tier determination

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Tier assignments may occur any day of the week and may occur more than once a week.

Los Angeles County has remained in the Widespread Community Disease Transmission, Tier 1\* (Purple) for, at least, the last 4 weeks.

- The adjusted case rate reaches new high at 42.2 new cases per 100,000 people, compared to last week's 26.9, and is the reason we remain in the most restrictive tier.
- The positivity rate remains in Tier 1 with a rate of 11.4%.
- The positivity rate in LA County's lowest-resourced areas (Health Equity Quartile Positivity Rate) also remained in Tier 1 with a value of 17.0%.

\*The state places the county in the most restrictive tier, even when all the metrics may be in different tiers.

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## COVID-19 Cases Continue to Rise!

### COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

#### Los Angeles County\*

December 18, 2020

**16,504**

NEW CASES  
(596,721 to date)

**96**

NEW DEATHS  
(8,757 to date)

**5,100**

CURRENT  
HOSPITALIZATIONS

\*includes Long Beach and Pasadena Health Departments

For more information, visit: [publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus](https://publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus)



COVID-19 Community Transmission Continues to Increase at Concerning Levels - Public Health Reports 96 New Deaths and 16,504 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County. Increasing daily case numbers and increasing test positivity percentages are deeply troubling and more evidence of accelerating community transmission.

**For more information, visit:**

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2865>



# Health Orders



**For more information on the Health Officer Order, Guidance Updates, and Reopenings, please visit:**

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/reopening-la.htm#orders>





## Regional Stay at Home Order (CA)

### Supplemental Order – effective 12/6

Affects regions with less than 15% ICU availability

As of 12/17, California ICU availability 3.0%,

Southern California ICU Availability 0.0%

### Updates (12/6):

- Grocery Stores – operate at 35% of capacity
- Travel restriction applicable when at least one Region has an adult ICU bed capacity of less than 15%
- For Regions where the adult ICU bed capacity falls below 15% after the effective date of this order, the Terms of this Order shall take effect the next day after that assessment is made, at 11:59pm.
- Outdoor recreation facilities may continue to operate

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California health officials announced a Regional Stay at Home Order that will be triggered if Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity drops below 15% in a given region. The Southern California region currently meet this threshold with ICU availability at 0.0%. Regions will remain in the Regional Stay at Home Order status for at least 3 weeks once triggered.

Travel Restrictions: Except as otherwise required by law, no hotel or lodging entity in California shall accept or honor out of state reservations for non-essential travel, unless the reservation is for at least the minimum time period required for quarantine and the persons identified in the reservation will quarantine in the hotel or lodging entity until after that time period has expired.

### For more information on the Regional Stay at Home Order, visit:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Regional-Stay-at-Home-Order-.aspx>

**Or, visit:** <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/12.3.20-Stay-at-Home-Order-ICU-Scenario.pdf>

### More info on supplemental order:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/supplement-regional-stay-at-home-order.aspx>



# Vaccine Information





## Facts about COVID-19 Vaccine

- There are currently **two COVID-19 vaccines** that have received FDA approval to be distributed in the US – Pfizer and Moderna
- Each vaccine **requires TWO doses** to get the most protection the vaccine has to offer
- There is **no cost** for the COVID-19 vaccine\*
- The vaccine is **not mandatory** or required
- The COVID vaccine will be given to people in Los Angeles **no matter their immigration status**

\*Your doctor or pharmacy may charge a fee for giving the vaccine, but it should be covered by public and private insurance companies. People without health insurance, regardless of immigration status, can get COVID-19 vaccines at no cost. There are no out-of-pocket payments.

- The vaccine is not mandatory or required because it is being used under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).



## Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe?

- Because of the pandemic, COVID-19 vaccines were developed as fast as possible, but **all the steps were followed**. No steps or testing have been skipped.
- Thousands of people, including many Latinos, African Americans and men and women of many ages, and others who have health conditions, **took the COVID-19 vaccine to make sure it was safe for everyone**.
- There is a **U.S. vaccine safety system** that works to make sure the COVID-19 vaccine is safe. If the COVID-19 vaccine made people sick when it was being tested, no one would be allowed to get it now.



## The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority

- It has been reviewed by top public health scientists, doctors, and leaders from across the country.
- The U.S. vaccine safety system ensures that all vaccines are as safe as possible.
- As vaccine is distributed it will continue to be monitored
  - CDC has developed a new tool, [v-safe](#), as an additional layer of safety monitoring to increase our ability to rapidly detect any safety issues with COVID-19 vaccines.
  - V-safe is a new smartphone-based, after-vaccination health checker for people who receive COVID-19 vaccines.



## Why should I get vaccinated against COVID-19?

- Vaccines play an important role in **keeping us healthy**
- Getting vaccinated will **help protect you** from getting COVID-19 and **reduce your risk** of serious illness or even death.
- The **more people who get vaccinated** against COVID-19, the **less chances the virus has to spread**
- When you get vaccinated against COVID-19, you **help protect yourself, your family, and the community** you live in.



**We need a COVID-19 vaccine because wearing masks and social distancing are not enough to stop the pandemic.**

- The COVID-19 vaccine will safely make your body ready to fight and defend you from COVID-19 virus if you are exposed.
- Getting vaccinated against COVID 19, wearing a mask and social distancing is the best protection from getting seriously sick with COVID-19.
- The more people who get vaccinated against COVID-19, the less chances the virus has to make people seriously sick or cause them to die.



## Why should I get vaccinated against COVID-19?

- COVID-19 vaccines are **one** of many important tools to help us **stop this pandemic**.
- It's important for everyone to **continue** to:
  - **Cover** your mouth and nose with a mask when outside of your home
  - Stay at least **6 feet away** from others, **avoid crowds**, and **wash your hands often**





## Can the COVID-19 vaccine give me COVID-19 virus?

- **None of the COVID-19 vaccines** that have been developed have the COVID-19 virus in them.
- Side effects such as fever, a sore arm, or feel tired for a day or two are normal. **This is not COVID-19 illness.**
- Side effects are signs that the **vaccine is helping your body** build up defenses that can protect you if you are exposed to the COVID-19 virus.
- It usually **takes a few weeks** for the body to build immunity after vaccination.



**None of the COVID-19 vaccines being developed in the United States have the virus that causes COVID-19 in them.**

- Sometimes people get a fever or feel tired for a day or so after getting a vaccine.
  - These symptoms are normal and are a sign that the body is building immunity.

**It usually takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination.**

- If a person got infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after they got a shot they could still get COVID-19.
  - This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection.



## When will I get my COVID-19 vaccine?

- Distribution of vaccine will be **based on risk and need** to maintain critical systems
- Right now, COVID-19 vaccine is only being offered to:
  - **healthcare workers**, and
  - people who live in **long-term care facilities** (for example nursing homes)
- **Workers who are at high risk** of being exposed to the COVID-19 virus may get the vaccine next, followed by **older adults**, and **adults with medical conditions**.

The process to distribute the vaccine to the community is still being determined





## When will I get my COVID-19 vaccine?

- As more vaccine becomes available, it will be **offered to everyone**.
- COVID-19 vaccine may not be offered to the general public until next **Spring or Summer, 2021**.
- You **cannot pay to get your vaccine before other people** and beware if someone tries to sell you the vaccine.
- Until more people get vaccinated against COVID-19, you must **keep wearing your mask** and **keeping social distance** to stay protected from the virus.



# Guidance



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## Change in Home Quarantine Instructions



**DPH recently reduced the previous 14-day quarantine period to 10 days, based on CDC Guidance**

If you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, you must quarantine for 10 full days from you last contact with the infected person. You can end your quarantine after Day 10 if you never had any symptoms and you take the following precautions:

**From Day 11 through Day 14:**

- Be extra careful. Wear a face coverings (including those in your household), social distance, wash hands often, and others.
- Keep checking for COVID-19 symptoms every day
- Keep away from people at high risk for getting very sick from COVID-19 for the full 14 days.

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If you do get symptoms, isolate at home and follow the "If you develop symptoms" instructions found in the link below.

**For more information, visit:**

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/covidquarantine/>



## Holiday Guidance

- **Not Permitted:**
  - Private and Public gatherings with individuals not in your household with the sole exceptions of permitted religious or cultural services and ceremonies and protests
  - Carnivals, amusement parks or festivals
  - Santa/holiday display or photo opportunities except when conducted outdoors with all participants wearing face coverings and maintaining a 6-foot physical distance
- **Not Recommended:** Door to door activities such as caroling, traveling
- **Permitted and Recommended:** Online Parties/contests, car parades, Drive-in Theaters, Buy and decorate a Christmas tree, Dressing up homes and yard with holiday themed decorations.



As families start to plan for the holiday season it is important to consider how to celebrate safely in order to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Planning early and identifying safe alternatives to some of the more traditional but risky methods of celebration will be key. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health would like to share information on how to take part in the holiday season in a manner that reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19. Since some of the traditional ways in which holidays are celebrated are not permitted this year, consider some safer alternatives that are listed on our website, link provided below.

**For more information on the Los Angeles County's Guidance for Holidays, please visit:**

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/community/GuidanceHolidays.pdf>



# Resources



Please visit the Los Angeles County Public Health Resource page to get connected to many services ranging from Food banks and pantries, Health coverage, Financial assistance, and other resources such as shelters, housing and eviction prevention assistance, public social services, childcare, hotlines, online resources, and resources to connect virtually.

**For more information, please visit:**

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/resources.htm>



# COVID-19 VACCINE VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

**Recording from:**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020**

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

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

**WATCH ON:**    YouTube

**@LACOUNTYPUBLICHEALTH**

**ASK A QUESTION:**

**TINYURL.COM/ASKCOVIDTOWNHALL**

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Join the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, how it was developed, where it will be distributed in our communities, and when it will be made available to the general public.

Different language options via Youtube platform.

**Watch on:**

Facebook: [facebook.com/lapublichealth](https://facebook.com/lapublichealth)

Twitter: [twitter.com/lapublichealth](https://twitter.com/lapublichealth)

YouTube: [youtube.com/lapublichealth](https://youtube.com/lapublichealth)



## Vaccine FAQ

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Now available in  
multiple languages on  
the COVID-19 Vaccine  
webpage

#### Frequently Asked Questions

العربية | فارسی | हिन्दी | 简体中文 |  
繁體中文 | فارسی | 日本語 | 한국어 |  
Русский | Español | Tagalog |  
Tiếng Việt

#### Pfizer Vaccine FAQ for Recipients

العربية | فارسی | हिन्दी | 简体中文 |  
繁體中文 | فارسی | 日本語 | 한국어 |  
Русский | Tagalog | Tiếng Việt

There are many vaccines in development to protect us against COVID -19. In the following link are some common questions about vaccination and COVID-19 vaccines.

**Please Visit,**

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/index.htm>



If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Whenever there is a health crisis, scammers quickly find ways to cheat people out of money. During the coronavirus pandemic, scammers are using robocalls, social media posts, and emails to take advantage of fear, anxiety, and confusion about COVID-19. Criminals are selling things that don't work, charging money for things that are free, and stealing personal information.

Key Messages now available in multiple languages on the COVID-19 Scams and Fraud Webpage

**Or, visit the key messages in English:**

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/hccp/docs/covidscams.pdf>

**For resources and more information, please visit,**

<http://ph.lacounty.gov/hccp/covidscams/>



## CA Notify: California's Exposure Notification System



**Sign up for COVID-19 exposure notifications on your phone.**

Learn when you come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

Your identity will always be protected.

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Add your phone to California's exposure notification system to get COVID-19 exposure alerts and to protect those around you.

**Learn more at** <https://canotify.ca.gov/>