



COVID-19

California: State of Preparedness

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COVID-19 at a Glance

- **As of March 29, 2020 there were a total 5,763 positive cases in California. 24 cases are from repatriation flights, and the other 5,739 confirmed cases include:**
 - **135** - deaths (Includes one non-California resident). Also includes the first CA youth death due to COVID-19.
- **Age Breakdown**
 - 0-17 years of age: **65** - 1%
 - 18-45 years of age: **2,973** - **52%**
 - 50-64 years of age: **1,447** - **25%**
 - 65 years and older: **1,252** - 22%
 - Unknown: **26** - 0%
- **Gender of all confirmed positive cases:**
 - Female: **2,581 (45%)**
 - Male: **3,083 (54%)**
 - Non-binary: 0
 - Unknown/missing **99 (2%)**
- **Nationwide COVID-19 Numbers***
 - **As of March 30, 2020, there have been 2,405 deaths.**
 - **140,904** cases reported in **55 jurisdictions** (50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, **Northern Marianas** and US Virgin Islands).
 - **886** are travel related
 - **2,351** transmitted by close contact
 - **137,667** are under investigation

**CDC numbers are updated Monday-Friday.*



- **Taskforces stood up by the State Operations Center (SOC) to address various COVID-19 response issues:**
 - Communications/Crisis Communications (ESF* 2/ESF 15)
 - Transportation and Infrastructure (ESF 1/ESF 3)
 - Housing and Social Services (ESF 6)
 - Logistics/Commodity Movement (ESF 7)
 - Fire/Law Enforcement (ESF 4/ESF 13)
 - Public Health and Medical (ESF 8)
 - Schools Task Force
 - Economic Impact/Recovery Task Force
 - Volunteers & Philanthropy (ESF 17)
 - Innovation & Technology Task Force
 - Cybersecurity (ESF 18)
 - Corrections Facilities & Hospitals
 - Future Opportunities
 - Workforce Development & Surge Capacity
 - ** Emergency Support Function*

- **PPE and Medical Supply Requests**
 - **Resource requests for health care providers are handled through local public health departments to CDPH. The requests are submitted to the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC), through the Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator (RDMHC), which are then sent to the CDPH Medical and Health Coordination Center (MHCC).**

 - **This way all equipment requests can be tracked and prioritized appropriately, and they are fulfilled as quickly as possible.**

 - **The local health facilities know this process well and have been properly submitting requests.**

 - **We know these requests are very urgent, which is why the MHCC is working closely with the State Operations Center (SOC). Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) is also embedded in the SOC to help facilitate those requests.**



Actions Taken by the State and Federal Government

- **March 30, Governor Gavin Newsom launched a new initiative to expand California's health care workforce and recruit health care professionals to address the COVID-19 surge. Health care professionals with an active license, public health professionals, medical retirees, medical and nursing students, or members of medical disaster response teams in California are all encouraged to join the new [California Health Corps](#).**
- **The Governor also signed an [executive order](#) that will temporarily expand the health care workforce and allow health care facilities to staff at least an additional 50,000 hospital beds the state needs to treat COVID-19 patients.**
- March 29, California State Parks announced it is temporarily closing vehicle access at all 280 state parks to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Many state parks once again experienced visitation surges that made it impossible for the public to implement appropriate social/physical distancing practices.
- On March 28, Governor Gavin Newsom announced from Bloom Energy site in San Jose that 100s of ventilators were sent for refurbishment.
 - 80 have been refurbished and sent out to hospitals.
 - 170 ventilators received from federal government that were not working sent to Bloom for refurbishment to be sent back to LA on Monday.
 - 350 manufacturers have volunteered to help with response effort.
 - Anheuser-Busch making hand sanitizer for food banks and for seniors. Small distillers making hand sanitizer, as well.
 - GAP making gowns and masks.
 - St. John Knits to makes gowns and masks.
 - 7-11 donated 1 million N95 Masks.
- On March 27, the USNS Mercy arrived in Port of Los Angeles.
- Governor Gavin Newsom issued an [executive order](#) establishing statewide moratorium on evictions on March 27. An additional [executive order](#) was



issued to empower the Judicial Council and the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court to take necessary action to be able to conduct business and continue to operate while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The President signed a [Presidential Memo](#) directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to use authority under the Defense Production Act to require the production of ventilators.
- March 27, [President Trump signed the CARES act into law.](#)
- On March 26, The President released [a letter announcing new guidelines](#) for state and local governments were in the works, for COVID -19 mitigation. The letter also announced that officials are gathering testing data that will suggest guidelines categorizing counties as "high risk, medium risk or low risk" for the virus.
- All California DMV field offices were closed.
- On March 26, FEMA announced the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed an assessment of eight state-selected facilities throughout California to develop large-scale, supplemental hospital space as the state works to expand existing hospital capacity.
 - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are scoping sites provided by the State of California for their potential use as Alternate Care Facilities.
- FEMA expedited the transfer of 109 disaster mobile home units to support COVID-19 housing initiative for impacted individuals.
- On March 26, California began receiving shipments from a prior request from the Strategic National Stockpile.
 - 908,402 N95 masks
 - 2,137,460 surgical masks
 - 444,298 face shields
 - 327,212 surgical gowns
 - 1,578 coveralls
 - 810,976 gloves



- California this week requested the following additional supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile:
 - 20 million N95 masks
 - 10 million surgical masks
 - 600,000 surgical gowns
 - 600,000 face shields
 - 600,000 gloves
 - 300,000 goggles
 - 100,000 coveralls
 - 10,000 ventilators
 - 2 million swabs
 - 200,000 RNA extraction kits

- In addition:
 - Six California companies re-tooling to make gowns
 - 12,000 ventilators from Elon musk being distributed
 - Bloom Technologies repurposing ventilators
 - 3-D printers to begin printing face shields.
 - Richard Branson and Virgin assisting with PPE

- On March 25, Governor Gavin Newsom announced mortgage relief for Californians affected by COVID-19. Eligible homeowners would be able to defer mortgage payments for at least three months. The relief package included Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank, Citi Bank and J.P. Morgan Chase, as well as 200 state-chartered banks and credit unions.

- On March 24, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order mandating COVID-19 protocols for DOJ and CDCR. [Text of order available here.](#)

- On March 23, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the closure of state parks and beaches to combat COVID-19. A list of closures can be found online at www.parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve . The Governor also awarded [\\$100 Million to Cities, Counties and Continuums of Care](#) to Help People Experiencing Homelessness During COVID-19 Pandemic.

- March 23, deadlines for the Real ID have been extended. New deadlines to be announced.

- On March 22, In a letter to President Donald Trump, Governor Gavin Newsom requested a Presidential [Major Disaster Declaration](#) to assist in



California's COVID-19 preparedness and emergency response efforts. The [President approved the request later that evening.](#)

- The President also activated the [National Guard](#) for use in California, with 100 percent federal cost share. The National Guard will facilitate [distribution of food to pantries and food banks.](#)
- On March 21, the [Governor's Office released guidance on essential services.](#)
- Governor Newsom directed \$42 million in emergency funding to expand California's health care infrastructure and secure equipment and services to support California's response to COVID-19.
- \$30 million to lease and operate two facilities and to expand the state's hospital capacity.
 - Seton Medical Center in Daly City.
 - St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles.
 - \$1,420,000 to expand capacity of the state's public health lab in Richmond.
 - \$8,647,000 to purchase new ventilators, as well as IV fusion pumps, and refurbish additional ventilators.
 - \$2 million to contract with American Medical Response to provide patient transportation.
- On March 20, FEMA has established a [COVID-19 rumor control page](#) on their website to clear up misconceptions about the virus. Visitors to the page will also find fact sheets and archived news releases. The COVID-19 response pages can be found at:
 - ENGLISH: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus>
 - SPANISH: <https://www.fema.gov/es/coronavirus>
- The Treasury department announced [Tax Day](#) would be moved from April 15th to July 15th.
- The U.S. Department of Education is temporarily waiving interest on all [federally held student loans](#) and has directed federal lenders to suspend student loan payments for 60 days.



- CDC released guidance on healthcare workers returning to work after exposure or confirmation of COVID-19. This guidance can be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/hcp-return-work.html>.
- 500 California National Guard personnel have been requested by CalVolunteers and CHHS On March 20, to augment food distribution through food bank and pantry locations due to COVID-19 disruption of local and volunteer activities throughout the state
- On March 20, 2020, CDE launched the email COVID19@cde.ca.gov to streamline management of inquiries from the field.
- On March 4, Governor Newsom declared a [State of Emergency](#).

Grand Princess Cruise Ship

- Beginning Monday, March 23, passengers of the Grand Princess will begin to leave quarantine at Travis and Miramar. They will leave in groups over the next two days to return to their homes
- To obtain information regarding an individual who was a Grand Princess passenger and who is now in quarantine, families can call the hotline in the U.S. and Canada: **888-358-8055**.
- As of Saturday, March 14, state and federal officials disembarked more than 2,900 individuals from the Grand Princess which includes more than 2,400 passengers and more than 500 crew.
- The ship departed the Port of Oakland on Sunday, March 15.
- In total, 1,424 individuals were safely brought ashore during the first two days of the Grand Princess disembarkation.
 - 613 sent to Travis Air Force Base (CA)
 - 42 sent to Miramar Marine Corp Air Station (CA)
 - 124 Sent to Dobbins Air Reserve Base (GA)
 - 98 sent to Lackland Air Force Base (TX)



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- 168 repatriated via chartered flight to United Kingdom
- 19 relocated to Asilomar
 - This number will fluctuate as those who test positive for COVID-19 are relocated to Asilomar and those who test negative are relocated to federal military bases.
- An additional alternative quarantine site has been identified, a hotel in San Carlos owned by a private company, GRM Properties. The hotel has the capacity to house up to 120 individuals and currently has no guests. The individuals being relocated to San Carlos will not interact with the general public.
- Each person going to San Carlos has been screened by medical professionals, and because they have mild symptoms that do not require hospitalization, they cannot be quarantined at Travis Air Force Base. While none of these individuals are known to have contracted novel coronavirus (COVID-19), they will be tested and monitored by medical professionals.
- The passengers' 14 day quarantine started when they disembarked, so some will end their time on March 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th.
- However, each is an individual medical decision, so discharge dates may vary.

California is Prepared:

- Given our connectedness to rest of the world and our sheer size, we have always understood that a fast-spreading and novel infectious disease could show up here first, in California, before anywhere else in the country.
- In recent years we have had a plan for a flu-like pandemic – one that has built on our knowledge and experience with previous flu-strains and infectious diseases.
- Our public health infrastructure and our expertise is second to none. We have been preparing for this particular virus since it was discovered last



year, and we have been in deep and daily coordination with the CDC, local government and our health system as it spread.

- Listos California's statewide network of partners is moving fast to connect diverse and vulnerable populations with simple, accurate and helpful information on COVID-19.
- Listos California hosted a statewide call with more than 1,200 community-based organizations, faith-based entities and non-profit sector leaders who represent vulnerable populations to hear directly from state leaders. Joining the call was the leadership from the California Department of Public Health, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Department of Social Services, Department of Education, Office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Labor and Workforce Development Agency, California Volunteers and Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

How Can People Protect Themselves:

We're all in this together. We are working rapidly to keep our state healthy. Every person has a role to play. Your actions save lives.

DO:

- Stay home.
- Avoid people outside your household.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Maintain a safe social distance of 6 ft whenever outside of the house.

DON'T

- Leave the house except for essential activities.
 - Shake hands.
 - Touch your face.
 - Go to the doctor if you aren't sick.
 - Stockpile masks or gloves.
- It is also important that anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, call their health care provider first before seeking medical care so that appropriate precautions can be taken.



- Staying away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.
- Visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/> for more information about COVID-19 and things you can do to keep you, your family and your community healthy.

About the Disease:

- The family of coronaviruses has been around for some time. Some coronavirus are common, like the ones that cause the common cold. Coronavirus Disease 2019, or COVID-19, is a new a kind of coronavirus.
- The most common symptoms include fever cough and respiratory symptoms. Our experience to date is that most people, more than 80%, have mild or no symptoms, but some have more complicated course, including pneumonia.
- We are learning more about its transmission, but the most common symptoms are respiratory, so its primary mode of transmission is through coughing and sneezing.

About the Tests:

- As of **March 29** approximately **83,800** tests have been conducted in California - received from commercial and private labs and the 22 state and county health labs that are currently testing.
 - **28,251** results have been reported to Public Health.
 - **56,550** are pending.
- Commercial, provider and academic labs have increased testing capacity and are now reporting that data to the state. The biggest labs included in this count include Quest, LabCorp, Kaiser, University of California and Stanford.
- In order to better focus public health resources on the changing needs of California communities, the state is no longer collecting information about



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California travelers returning from countries that have confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks.

- Community transmission of COVID-19 has been identified in California since late February, and since early March, most confirmed cases in the state were not related to travel outside of the United States.
- The CDC is providing test kits to public health labs in the U.S., including California, to detect the novel coronavirus. The test kits contain all the elements necessary for a laboratory to test and confirm the presence of the disease. Each test kit contains enough ingredients to test between 350 and 400 individuals. As of March 7, there are 25 such kits in California at various public health labs. Additional test kits have been ordered.
- At this time, both oral and nasal swabs are taken at a hospital or by a physician who suspects COVID 19. This is handled through regular procedures for specimen collection, much in the same way flu testing is handled. There are no special materials needed for this collection. Those specimens are delivered, again much in the same way flu specimens are delivered, to the nearest public health lab for testing.
- California is working closely with the CDC to request and receive more testing capacity, as needed. The CDC has fulfilled those requests on an ongoing basis and, as needs expand, California continues to request more testing capacity.

Economic Injury Disaster Loan

- SBA has declared all [California counties](#) eligible.
- This SBA declaration, makes available Economic Injury Disaster Loans to impacted small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and private non-profit organizations.
- SBA loans can be approved up to 2 million dollars but are limited to the economic injury determined by SBA. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.



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- U.S. Small Business Administration announced changes to help borrowers still paying back SBA loans from previous disasters. By making this change, deferments through December 31, 2020, will be automatic. Now, borrowers of home and business disaster loans do not have to contact SBA to request deferment.
- **On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the CARES Act, which provided additional assistance for small business owners and non-profits, including the opportunity to get up to a \$10,000 Advance on an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). This Advance may be available even if your EIDL application was declined or is still pending, and will be forgiven.**
- **If you wish to apply for the Advance on your EIDL, please visit www.SBA.gov/Disaster as soon as possible to fill out a new, streamlined application.**
- **In order to qualify you need to submit this new application even if you previously submitted an EIDL application. Applying will not impact the status or slow your existing application.**



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Other Resources and Press Releases

State

[California Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response](#)

[CDPH Website](#)

[COVID-19 Guidance Documents](#)

[COVID-19 Messaging Toolkit](#)

[Cal OES News](#)

Federal

[Coronavirus.gov](#)

[FEMA Rumor Control Page](#)

[CDC Webpage](#)

[Travel Notices: COVID-19 and Cruise Ship Travel-CDC](#)

[Travel notices - CDC](#)

[Resources for the Community](#)

[State Department Travel Advisories](#)

[FDA COVID-19 Guidance](#)

[FDA Enforcement Policy for Ventilators](#)

[USDA SNAP Guidance](#)

[SBA- COVID-19 Small Business Guidance](#)

Orders & Press Releases

[California State Parks Closes Vehicular Access at all State Parks](#)

[Governor Newsom Statement on Federal Supplemental Stimulus Bill](#)

[Statement from the President Regarding the Defense Production Act](#)



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[Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order on State Prisons and Juvenile Facilities in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

[California Secures Presidential Major Disaster Declaration to Support State's COVID-19 Emergency Response](#)

[Governor Newsom Requests Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for State's COVID-19 Response Efforts](#)

[Governor Newsom Takes Action to Strengthen California's Health Care Delivery System to Respond to COVID-19](#)

[Governor Newsom Signs Order to Protect Public Health by Expanding Vote-by-Mail Options and Extending Deadlines for Presidential Primary Canvass](#)

[Governor Gavin Newsom Issues Stay at Home Order](#)

[Governor Newsom Takes Emergency Actions & Authorizes \\$150 Million in Funding to Protect Homeless Californians from COVID-19](#)

[Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order to Suspend Standardized Testing for Students in Response to COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

[Governor Newsom Asks Legislature for Emergency Legislative Action to Fight COVID-19](#)

[Small Business Administration- Disaster Loan Assistance-Declaration Details](#)

[DMV allows customers to avoid coming to a DMV office for 60 days](#)

[FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration](#)

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[Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order Ensuring State Funding for Schools Even in Event of Physical Closure](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions About Use of Stockpiled N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators for Protection from COVID-19](#)

[Interim Guidance for Protecting Health Care Workers from Exposure to 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)

[Governor Newsom, State Health Officials Announce More than 22 Million Californians Now Eligible for Free Medically Necessary COVID-19 Testing](#)

[Federal and State Partners Protect the Community of Oakland while Supporting the Safe Return of Passengers from the Grand Princess Cruise Ship](#)

[Covid-19 Public Health Guidance for Individuals With Access And Functional Needs](#)

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