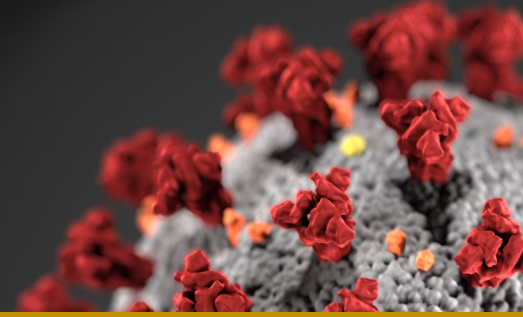


# COVID-19 ADVISORY & GUIDANCE UPDATE



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This update summarizes news, guidance, advisories, and legislative and executive actions taken by federal, state and local governments that impact San Bernardino County and its response to the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) crisis.

- **March 18** — President Trump signed the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#). This legislation provides funding for paid sick, family and medical leave, unemployment insurance, free coronavirus testing and money for food security programs.
- **March 18** — The CDC released a [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) on Severe Outcomes Among Patients with COVID-19 - United States, February 12 - March 16, 2020.
- **March 18** — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a new resource for medical providers, [Prepare to Care for COVID-19: Get Your Practice Ready](#). This resource includes handouts and helpful information on treating patients with COVID-19, keeping other patients and staff safe, and empowering patients to protect their own health.
- **March 18** — Governor Newsom announced the launch of a COVID-19 public awareness campaign to provide useful information to Californians and inform them of actions they can take to further prevent the spread of the virus. The campaign is anchored by a new, consumer-friendly website [www.covid19.ca.gov](http://www.covid19.ca.gov).
- **March 18** — Governor Newsom issued an [Executive Order](#) to extend the eligibility period for important safety net services.
- **March 17** — President Trump announced that all states may now authorize tests developed and used within their borders, in addition to those from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- **March 17** — San Bernardino County's Acting Health Director ordered the [cancellation of gatherings of any number of people](#) within the county beginning March 19 through April 6. Beginning March 18, the order also requires the closing of all movie theatres, gyms, health clubs, bars, adult entertainment establishments, and other businesses that serve alcohol, but not food.
- **March 16** — Governor Newsom issued an [Executive Order](#) that authorized local governments to halt evictions for renters and homeowners, slow foreclosures, and protect against utility shutoffs for those affected by COVID-19 and requested that the California Legislature take emergency action to fight COVID-19.
- **March 16** — California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released updated guidance for:
  - [Older adults and those at higher risk](#)
  - Retail food, beverage and other related service venues ([English](#), [Spanish](#))



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