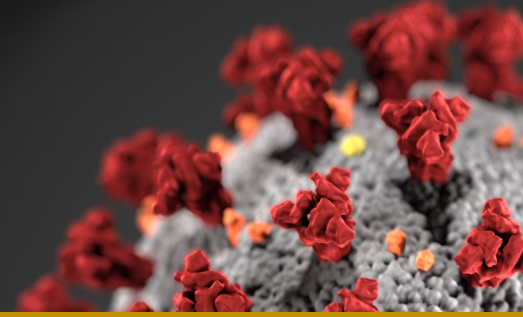


COVID-19 ADVISORY & GUIDANCE UPDATE



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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.

- **April 15** — The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced the [most recent statistics on COVID-19](#), including a more complete picture of racial demographics.
- **April 14** — Governor Newsom announced a [new initiative to support workers impacted by COVID-19](#) which provides:
 - Extended hours at the Employment Development Department (EDD) to better assist in processing unemployment applications. The EDD will operate seven days a week from 8 a.m.—8 p.m. during the COVID-19 response and increase staff to include 740 additional EDD employees and 600 employees from across state government. This staffing expansion will not only aid impacted workers, but avert layoffs for government workers as well.
 - A one-stop shop for those applying for federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) with EDD. These benefits are different from state unemployment benefits for certain individuals out of work or partially unemployed due to COVID-19, including independent contractors, those with limited work history and the self-employed.
 - \$75 million in statewide disaster relief assistance funding to support undocumented Californians affected by the crisis along with an anticipated \$50 million raised by philanthropic partners. This funding is for those undocumented Californians who are impacted by COVID-19, but are ineligible for state unemployment benefits or federal PUA due to their immigration status. Applicants will receive a one-time payment of \$500 per adult with a cap of \$1,000 per household. Individuals may apply for support beginning next month by means of regional nonprofits with experience and expertise serving undocumented communities.
 - An [immigrant resource guide](#) to provide information about COVID-19 related assistance, including public benefits, that are available to immigrant Californians.

