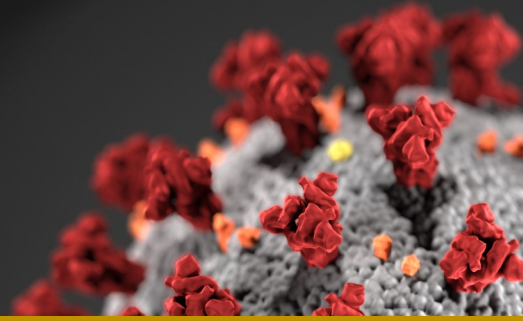


# COVID-19 ADVISORY & GUIDANCE UPDATE



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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.

- **July 28** - The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):
  - [Announced the formation of the COVID-19 Insights Partnership](#) with the Department of Energy (DOE) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), an initiative to coordinate and share health data as well as research and expertise to aid in the fight against COVID-19.
  - [Issued a new report highlighting dramatic trends in Medicare beneficiary telehealth utilization amid COVID-19.](#)
- **July 28** - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced [New regulations to help the State understand COVID-19 impacts on California's diverse communities](#). CDPH expanded data reporting requirements for providers and laboratories by requiring collection of a patient's gender identity and sexual orientation, in addition to race and ethnicity data.
- **July 24** - The United States Food and Drug Administration reissued the [LabCorp COVID-19 RT-PCR Test emergency use authorization to include two new indications for use](#): testing for people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms or who have no reason to suspect COVID-19 infection, and to allow pooled sample testing. Pooled samples contain up to five individual swab specimens collected under observation. Sample pooling allows for fewer tests to be run overall, conserving resources and potentially allowing more samples to be evaluated quicker.



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