

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.

- **August 15** - The United States Food and Drug Administration issued an [emergency use authorization to Yale School of Public Health for its SalivaDirect COVID-19 diagnostic test](#), which uses a new method of processing saliva samples when testing for COVID-19 infection.
- **August 15** - The Centers for Disease and Control Prevention (CDC) released updated guidance on:
 - [General Laboratory Safety Practices during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).
 - [Frequently Asked Questions about Coronavirus for Laboratories](#).
- **August 14** - The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Department of Defense (DoD) announced a [collaboration with McKesson Corporation](#) as a central distributor of future COVID-19 vaccines and related supplies needed to administer the pandemic vaccinations.
- **August 14** - The CDC released:
 - Updated [Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers](#). Updates were made to reflect new evidence about COVID-19 in children.
 - [Updated Isolation Guidance Does Not Imply Immunity to COVID-19](#). The latest data suggests retesting someone in the three months following initial infection is not necessary unless that person is exhibiting the symptoms of COVID-19 and cannot be associated to another illness.
- **August 14** - [San Bernardino County announced](#):
 - The [Education, Engagement and Enforcement plan](#) has received favorable responses from business owners after Environmental Health Services inspectors visited nearly 1,650 businesses. This program was developed to help local businesses understand how to be in compliance with the state mandates designed to limit the spread of COVID-19.
 - The development of the [San Bernardino County Department of Public Health Elementary Education Waiver Packet](#), in response to the State's announcement of the criteria needed to seek clearance to conduct in-person instruction. The County Superintendent of Schools provided the waiver packet to all elementary schools and districts.
 - How to cope with heat during a pandemic, advising that extreme weather does not eliminate the need to socially distance or wear masks when in close contact with others.



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