

# 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 19** - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a new study that specifically examines how [COVID-19 is affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives](#), one of the racial and ethnic minority groups at highest risk from the disease. The CDC has provided funding to address the disproportionate burden of COVID-19 among this population during the pandemic.
- **August 19** - The United States Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) developed a [checklist for human and animal food manufacturers to consider when continuing, resuming or reevaluating operations](#) due to the coronavirus pandemic. The [checklist](#) is useful for persons growing, harvesting, packing, manufacturing, processing or holding human and animal food regulated by the FDA.
- **August 19** - The John Hopkins Center for Health Security released a report providing an [interim ethical framework for making decisions about allocation and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines](#) in the United States. The report proposes specific tiers of high-priority candidates for receiving a COVID-19 vaccine during the initial period when it has first been authorized for use and is still in limited supply.
- **August 17** - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [announced](#):
  - The resumption of routine inspections of all Medicare and Medicaid certified providers and suppliers to improve the safety and quality of life of patients and residents. Routine inspections were previously suspended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The release of updated enforcement guidance to States and updates to the [Toolkit on State Actions to Mitigate COVID-19 Prevalence in Nursing Homes](#).



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