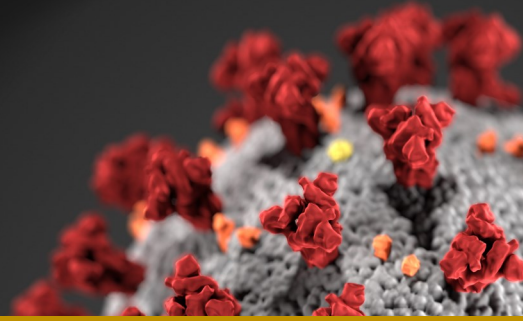


COVID-19 ADVISORY & GUIDANCE UPDATE



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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 27** - The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced:
 - The distribution of almost \$2.5 billion of a planned \$5 billion distribution to nursing homes to support increased testing, staffing, and personal protective equipment needs in response to COVID-19.
 - The Trump Administration awarded a contract for \$760 million to Abott for delivery of 150 million rapid COVID-19 diagnostic tests to expand strategic, evidence-based testing in the United States, potentially deployed to schools and to assist with serving special needs populations.
- **August 27** - San Bernardino County announced:
 - The expansion of eligibility for participation in the COVID Compliant Business Partnership Program while extending the application deadline to October 31, 2020.
 - Reminders on what to do when an employee is exposed to COVID-19.
 - Services and resources offered by the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to residents. DBH launched a special COVID-19 wellness web page devoted to helping people suffering from COVID-19 related stress, worry and anxiety and also provides a free confidential crisis hotline.
 - The Inland Empire Economic Partnership will host a complimentary webinar on September 3 at 9:00 a.m. for small business owners responding to COVID-19.
- **August 26** - The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an emergency use authorization for the first COVID-19 antigen test where results can be read directly from the testing card, a similar design to some pregnancy tests. This simple design is fast and efficient for healthcare providers and patients and does not need the use of an analyzer.
- **August 26** - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released guidance for nursing homes and clinical laboratories to assist in enhancing their abilities to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to nursing home residents and front line staff.



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