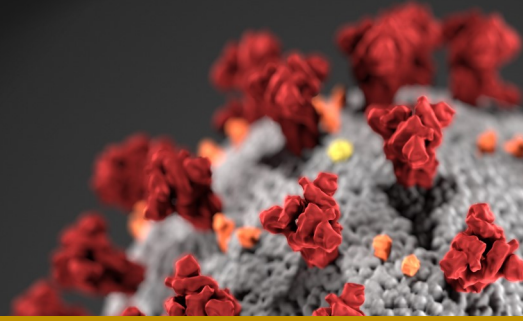


COVID-19 ADVISORY & GUIDANCE UPDATE



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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 2** - The Centers for Disease and Control Prevention (CDC) provided an update on:
 - [Diagnostic Multiplex Assay for Flu and COVID-19 and Supplies.](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions about Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) for Laboratories.](#)
- **August 1** - The CDC released guidance on [Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School in Fall 2020.](#)
- **July 31** - The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is investing over \$248 million in [new technologies to address challenges associated with COVID-19 testing](#) and expand the nation's testing capacity. The Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics initiative has awarded contracts to seven biomedical diagnostic companies to support a range of new lab-based and point-of-care tests that could significantly increase the number, type and availability of tests by millions per week as early as September 2020.
- **July 31** - The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized [the first two COVID-19 serology tests that display an estimated quantity of antibodies present in the individual's blood.](#) Both tests do not display a precise measurement, but estimate the quantity of a patient's antibodies produced against infection with the virus that causes COVID-19.
- **July 31** - The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [details multiple COVID-19 testing statistics as national test volume surges.](#) More than 59 million COVID-19 tests have been completed nationally and over the last seven days, over 56 percent of lab tests were completed.
- **July 31** - The CDC highlighted the importance of its mitigation strategies in a [report on SARS-CoV-2 \(coronavirus\) transmission at an overnight camp.](#)
- **July 31** - [San Bernardino County](#) announced it has contracted with a new supplier to secure an adequate supply of test equipment and is now encouraging all County residents to get tested.
 - All residents are urged to get tested at ten convenient sites using easy-to-use nasal self-swabs.
 - The County's new supplier, Fulgent Genetics, collaborates with Healthvana, a secure information portal, to provide test results three to five days after testing. There is no cost to take the test, however residents will be asked to enter insurance information when setting an appointment.



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