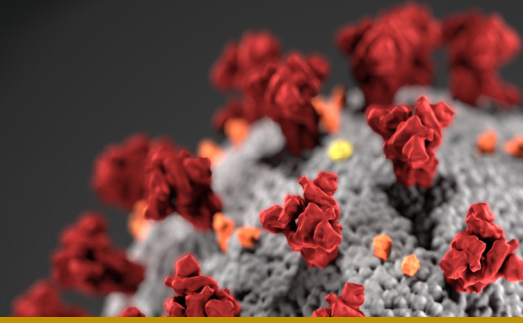


COVID-19 ADVISORY & GUIDANCE UPDATE



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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.

- **September 24** - The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced the [discovery of genetic and immunologic underpinnings for some cases of severe COVID-19](#). More than ten percent of people who develop severe COVID-19 have misguided antibodies that attack the immune system rather than the virus that causes the disease, and another three percent or more of people who develop severe COVID-19 carry a specific kind of genetic mutation that impacts immunity.
- **September 24** - San Bernardino County [announced](#):
 - It is moving closer to achieving red-tier status, which will allow tattoo and massage businesses to reopen and restaurants, gyms, and places of worship to operate indoors with some restrictions.
 - The launch of the ‘Get Tested’ advertising campaign through television and radio commercials to remind all residents that getting tested for COVID-19 will help open San Bernardino County and reduce the spread of the virus.
 - A new position to better address the fiscal challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board of Supervisors plan to modify Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Gary McBride’s contract, placing him in the newly created position of Strategic Projects Director and a new CEO will be appointed.
- **September 23** - The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an [Urgent Call to Action Following a Drastic Decline in Care for Children in Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). Data revealed rates for vaccinations, primary, and preventative services among children have declined which may have significant impacts on long-term outcomes for children.



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