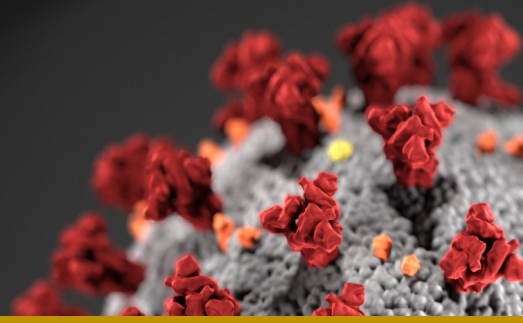


COVID-19 ADVISORY & GUIDANCE UPDATE



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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.

- **October 8** - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated guidance on guidelines for collecting, handling, and testing clinical specimens for COVID-19. There is clarification on the collection of specimen and to include the addition of saliva as a specimen type.
- **October 8** - The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced:
 - Clinical trial testing has begun to test the safety, tolerability and efficacy of a combination treatment regimen for COVID-19 consisting of remdesivir plus a highly concentrated solution of antibodies that neutralize SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.
 - The launch of the Serological Sciences Network for COVID-19 (SeroNet) as an initiative aimed at quickly increasing the nation's antibody testing capacity and engaging the United States research community to understand the immune response to COVID-19.
- **October 8** - San Bernardino County announced:
 - It is showing progress on decreasing the number of new cases and increasing testing numbers. The case rate has declined from 9.6 to 9.1 new cases out of every 100,000 County residents and the testing rate has increased from 178 tests per 100,000 residents to just under 190.
 - Flu vaccinations are available to all residents at no cost at convenient clinics across the County. This year's flu season is overlapping with the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, so the County is encouraging vaccination to avoid a "twindemic."



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