

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.

- **December 17** - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated guidance:
 - For [K-12 school administrators on the use of masks in schools](#). The update included a description of the protection offered to individuals wearing masks.
 - For [patients in outpatient hemodialysis facilities](#). The update included added language about timing and frequency to perform SARS-CoV-2 testing on asymptomatic individuals who have had prolonged close contact with someone who tested positive, as well as an added list of frequently asked questions.
- **December 17** - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced three ways the federal government will [continue supporting SARS-CoV-2 testing efforts by states and territories](#), especially for nursing homes, into the first quarter of 2021.
- **December 17** - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released a [statement on vaccines and related biological products](#) after the advisory committee meeting. The FDA informed Moderna that it will rapidly work toward finalization and issuance of an emergency use authorization for their COVID-19 vaccine.
- **December 17** - The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced [investigational COVID-19 therapeutics to be evaluated in large clinical trials](#). Monoclonal antibodies will be evaluated for their safety and efficacy in treating people hospitalized with moderate COVID-19.
- **December 17** - The California Department of Public Health launched "[Mothers](#)", [an advertising campaign featuring real California moms urging families to stay home during this holiday season](#). They advocate the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones is to stay at home, wear a mask, wash your hands and physically distance. Staying apart will keep us together.



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