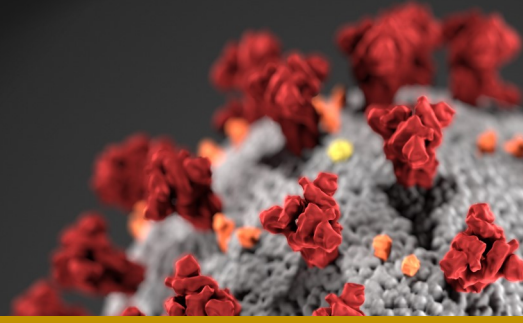


COVID-19 ADVISORY & GUIDANCE UPDATE



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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.

- **January 28** - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated guidance on:
 - [Ensuring the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States](#) . COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and have undergone the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. Some people don't have any side effects after receiving the vaccine, while many will have mild side effects. These reactions are normal and show the vaccine is working.
 - [SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care Testing](#) to add language about antibody testing.
 - [New Variants of the Virus that causes COVID-19](#). Two independent variants were first detected in the U.S. at the end of January 2021: one variant was detected in Brazil called P.1 and another variant was detected in South Africa called B.1.351.
- **January 28** - The United States Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a(n):
 - [Marketplace Special Enrollment Period \(SEP\) for the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#). This SEP will allow individuals and families in states with marketplaces served by the Healthcare.gov platform to enroll in 2021 health insurance coverage from February 15 to May 15, 2021.
 - [Amendment to the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act \(PREP Act\) Declaration](#). This amendment added additional categories of qualified persons authorized to prescribe, dispense and administer COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- **January 28** - San Bernardino County [announced](#):
 - A vaccination super-site event for individuals aged 65 and older who live or work in San Bernardino County at the Auto Club Speedway in Fontana on Tuesday, February 2.
 - Second dose vaccination appointments are available on January 28-29 at Arroyo Valley High School in San Bernardino for residents who received their first dose on or before January 7.
 - Police officers and firefighters have begun receiving their first doses of vaccination.
- **January 27** - Governor Newsom signed an [Executive Order](#) to help bolster California's efforts to vaccinate as many residents as quickly as possible.



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