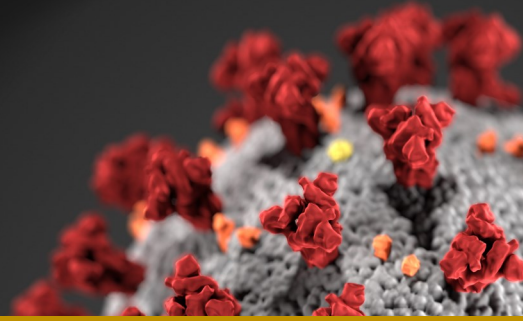


# COVID-19 ADVISORY & GUIDANCE UPDATE



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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.

- **March 17** - The Biden Administration [announced](#) \$150 million investment to expand access to COVID-19 monoclonal antibody therapeutic treatments in underserved communities.
- **March 17** - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued:
  - A [press release](#) regarding \$2.25 billion in grants to public health departments to address COVID-19-related health disparities and advance health equity among populations that are at high-risk and/or underserved.
  - A Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report early release: [County-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage and Social Vulnerability](#)—United States, December 14, 2020-March 1, 2021.
- **March 17** - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH):
  - [Launched “Let’s Get to ImmUnity” public education campaign](#) to boost COVID-19 vaccine acceptance.
  - Issued an All Facilities Letter ([AFL 21-11](#)) for skilled nursing facilities, which provides guidelines for 3.5 direct care service hours per patient day (DHPPD) staffing audits.
- **March 17** - Governor Newsom [announced](#) the distribution of an additional \$50 million in Community Power Resiliency grants to maintain continuity of continual services impacted by power outages.
- **March 17** - San Bernardino County [advised residents](#) that those with disabilities and medical conditions are not required to show proof of medical condition or disability in order to receive a vaccination, based on new direction from the state.
- **March 16** - The CDC issued guidance on:
  - [How to talk about COVID-19 vaccines with friends and family.](#)
  - [Reporting COVID-19 vaccine data for long-term care facilities.](#)



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