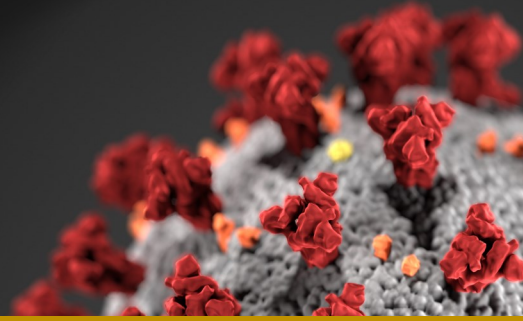


COVID-19 ADVISORY & GUIDANCE UPDATE



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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 19** - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated guidance on:
 - [Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools Through Phased Prevention](#) to revise physical distancing and use of physical barrier recommendations and clarify the role of community transmission levels in decision-making.
 - [Operating schools during COVID-19: CDC Considerations](#) to align more closely with Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention guidance.
 - [Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in K-12 Schools](#) providing scientific rationale for returning children to in-person instruction and guidance for transmission prevention.
 - [Alcohol and Substance Use](#) along with links to resources.
 - [COVID-19 Pandemic Planning Scenarios](#). Updates include age group 0-17 in the healthcare utilization statistics and the Infection Fatality Ration (IFR) parameter based on recently published estimates.
- **March 19** - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [authorized first machine learning-based screening device](#) to identify certain biomarkers that may indicate COVID-19 infection.
- **March 19** - Governor Newsom signed legislation to [ensure access to supplemental paid sick leave](#) for workers impacted by the pandemic.
- **March 18** - The CDC issued:
 - [COVID-19 Science Update](#), Edition 81.
 - [COVID-19 information for Health Departments](#) which provides key resources on operational guidance, funding, reporting and training information related to COVID-19 vaccination.
 - [Resources for disproportionately affected communities](#) .

