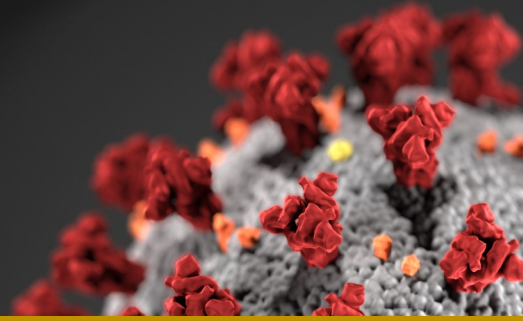


# COVID-19 ADVISORY & GUIDANCE UPDATE



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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 25** - The National Institutes of Health (NIH) released a finding by scientists that [novel coronavirus infects the mouth's cells](#). The potential of the virus to infect multiple areas of the body might help explain the wide-ranging symptoms experienced by COVID-19 patients, including oral symptoms such as taste loss, dry mouth and blistering.
- **March 25** - Governor Newsom announced the State is expanding [Vaccine Eligibility to 50+ Californians Starting April 1 and All Individuals 16+ on April 15 Based on Expected Supply Increases](#).
- **March 25** - San Bernardino County [announced](#):
  - Vaccines will be open to everyone age 50 and over starting April 1 and to everyone 16 years old and over on April 15, regardless of health condition or occupation.
  - Effective immediately, those who accompany an eligible family member to an appointment are also eligible, even if they don't fall into an eligible category. The family member must have an appointment at the same location and at approximately the same time as their eligible family member.
  - It is hosting a Facebook Live presentation, in collaboration with the Consulate of Mexico, on Tuesday March 30 at 9 a.m. to provide the latest information on vaccines and vaccination eligibility. The presentation will be conducted in Spanish.



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