



City Manager's

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Friday, May 1, 2020

City Manager Dee Williams-Ridley provided this update on the City of Berkeley's COVID-19 response to the City Council. The reports, which are issued most weekdays, can be viewed at [cityofberkeley.info/covid19-city-manager-updates](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/covid19-city-manager-updates).

La Quinta

We were quite disappointed on Thursday to learn that the La Quinta Inn would no longer be a feasible location to shelter unhoused people. It would have been the third hotel in Alameda County that the County had set up, and both Alameda County and the City had invested considerable time in making this effort possible.

Among other things, we had identified and readied City staff to provide medical intakes and well checks and we had prepared to move residents of the Berkeley Food and Housing Project Shelter to this site. On Monday, we tested 48 residents and the plan was to move them today.

We have made considerable progress in thinning out our shelters while increasing capacity. We have set up 18 trailers and re-habbed a 4-unit City-owned house. We are also re-configuring the YAP shelter to take people from Operation Comfort if needed. And, last but not least, we are taking advantage of the County-run hotels in Oakland, where we have already sent dozens of people.

We will continue to work on other ways to help our unhoused and other vulnerable populations.

Data Dashboard

We have been openly publishing our data about COVID-19 cases and testing for weeks on our Open Data Portal. Today, our EOC-JIC team launched a [data dashboard](#) to help visualize the numbers.

The dashboard includes charts illustrating confirmed cases over time, new cases reported daily, growth in testing, and the proportion of positive tests by week. You can see it at <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/covid19-data>.



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California COVID-19 dashboard

[California's statewide dashboard](#) offers a wealth of data and at-a-glance visualizations for tracking how COVID-19 is progressing throughout the state. It includes demographic breakdowns of positive cases and deaths by age, gender, and ethnicity, as well as statewide testing data and detailed hospitalization counts by county.

CDC COVID data tracker

The [CDC's visual tracker](#) showcases the impact of COVID-19 across our nation. In addition to case and death counts by state and county, it features maps illustrating where school closures, lockdowns, and significant social impact incidents have occurred.