



City Manager's

# COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Tuesday, May 12, 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](http://cityofberkeley.info/covid19-city-manager-updates).*

## **Governor's guidelines for moving further in Stage 2**

An estimated 95 percent of Californians live in counties that cannot meet Governor Newsom's threshold for moving faster than the state.

That includes all Bay Area counties as well as every southern California county.

This [analysis by the Los Angeles Times](#) considered two of the Governor's [criteria](#) — whether deaths have stopped in the past 14 days, and whether there is no more than one case per 10,000 residents in that same time period.

This context helps us when considering that the Governor today announced new industry guidelines for counties moving farther into Stage 2 of the resilience roadmap. The majority of the state is not ready.

Local jurisdictions that meet the criteria set forth by the California Department of Public Health and follow [county guidance](#) may move through Stage 2 of the [resilience roadmap](#) and reopen more businesses before the state as a whole. So far, Butte County and El Dorado County have met the criteria.

In today's announcement, Governor Newsom announced that approved counties may have additional activities such as [dine-in restaurants](#), outdoor museums, [shopping centers](#), in-store retail, and office-based workplaces.

Although local restrictions across the Bay Area may remain stricter than statewide standards for some time, businesses can start reviewing [industry-specific guidance](#) now to inform their preparations for eventual reopening.

## **In the Census, college students count in Berkeley - even if they moved**

An undercount of college students in the 2020 Census is a significant concern this year due to the large number of students who moved home in March due to COVID-19. We're reminding students that [they should be counted where they would have been living](#) if school had not shut down.



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Students who lived in dorms or residence halls will be counted through the university, but those who were in non-university housing need to respond themselves and should report everyone who was living in their home, including roommates. Students should not be counted on their parents' response unless they lived at home prior to the pandemic.

The Census Bureau has ways to identify and remove duplicate responses, so anyone who believes they have been counted incorrectly should simply complete a new response online at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov).

Each person counted in the Census results in an estimated average of \$1,000 per year in funding for critical services and infrastructure including disaster response, health care, affordable housing, and transportation. If just 5% of the 40,000 students at UC Berkeley go uncounted in the 2020 Census, our community would lose out on \$20 million over the next decade.

## **As students move out, keeping Berkeley clean**

Many students are also ending leases at the end of May. We are actively pushing a community message on all platforms for students and landlords [to plan ahead to minimize the impact on our streets and neighborhoods](#).

We encourage tenants and landlords to take advantage of City services, including extra trash pickup, mattress drop off, pre-paid trash bags and drop-off at the Transfer Station.

With COVID-19, trash handling is a concern and we have also included information about keeping refuse and recycling workers safe.