



City Manager's

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Friday, May 22, 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.

Bay Area Health Officers' Indicators to Contain COVID-19

Berkeley's Health Officer along with six bay area jurisdictions have been partnering together and have created [five indicators](#) to measure the virus' movements as well as the development of a public health infrastructure. This is where we stand today:

Indicator 1: Cases & Hospitalizations Flat or Decreasing

Current status in Berkeley:

- Number of cases identified is increasing.
- Number of hospitalized patients is slightly trending upward

Goals not currently met.

Indicator 2: Sufficient Hospital Capacity to meet community needs

Success criteria: No more than 50% of patients in staffable non-surge hospital beds are COVID-19 positive

Goal currently met.

Indicator 3: Sufficient Testing Capacity

Success criteria: Sufficient COVID-19 viral detection tests are being conducted each day through private and public sites. The goal for Berkeley would be 245 tests per day.

- Hospitals, labs, our City site and others are reporting 54 tests per day, an increase of 22% since last week.

Goal shows progress.



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Indicator 4: Sufficient Disease Containment (case investigation, contact tracing, and isolation/quarantine)

Success criteria:

- 90% of all cases are reached and contacts identified - currently at 97%
- 90% of cases that we reach are isolated safely -- currently at 95%
- 90% of all contacts identified -- currently at 97%
- 90% of identified cases can safely quarantine -- currently at 90%

Goals currently met

Indicator 5: Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment

Success criteria:

- At least 30-day supply of PPE for all health care providers
- No hospitals, clinic, skilled nursing facility, other long term care facility, or first responder agency is struggle with obtaining PPE to submit a request for assistance
- None have needed to submit a resource request for assistance in obtaining PPE to EOC in the last 14 days

While the acute care hospital in City of Berkeley has certified that they have access to 30 supply of PPE, other health care providers are still making significant requests for PPE.

Goal not currently met.

The status can signal progress or, if conditions worsen, could lead to tightening, as has happened in places around the world. Stabilized cases and hospitalizations permitted more activities using disease prevention guidelines on May 4, as [construction](#) and outdoor businesses were allowed to return. This week, on May 18, [Health Officers used those indicators](#) to loosen restrictions, [permitting curbside retail, manufacturing and logistics](#).



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Tennis and pickleball courts reopen

Today we [reopened municipal tennis and pickleball courts](#) with new social distancing protocols in place. Under the May 18 shelter-in-place order, singles games of tennis and pickleball are permitted, including between people from different households.

Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront staff have posted signage outlining new [COVID-19 safety rules](#), which everyone using the courts must follow. The guidelines include:

- Only two players may be present at a time on a court
- Players must stay 6 feet apart from one another at all times
- Limit of 3 balls per court
- No sharing equipment - each player must have their own racquet and water bottle

Tennis and pickleball courts can be [reserved in advance online](#). Coaching and tennis lessons are not currently permitted. While masks are not required during exercise, players should have a mask with them and put it on when they are not actively on the court.

Sports involving close contact and shared equipment, such as basketball and volleyball, are still prohibited between people who don't live together - and those City courts remain closed. Most sports fields and open space in parks are still open for community members to enjoy alone or with members of their household.

We have still not reached the point in this pandemic where it is safe to socialize in-person with people outside our households, and such activities are not permitted under the current order. We ask community members to respect these rules and avoid gathering in parks with people they don't live with.

Resources

CDC Resource: visiting parks and recreational facilities during COVID-19

With warm, sunny weather forecast over the long weekend, many of us are looking forward to time outside. Even under shelter-in-place, visiting parks, trails, and open spaces is permitted and encouraged as a way to relieve stress, get fresh air and vitamin D, and stay active. However, it's still important to take COVID-19 precautions. The CDC has advice for [protecting oneself and others during outdoor recreation](#).



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California State Parks during COVID-19

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has created a [one-stop online resource](#) to find information on COVID-19 [park closures](#), modifications to [recreate responsibly](#), and free [broadcast-style home learning programs](#) for K-12 students from various park locations across California.