



City Manager's

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Friday, May 29, 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 as well as the six jurisdictions we have been partnering with created [five indicators](#) to measure the virus' movements as well as the development of public health infrastructure. This is where we stand today:

Indicator 1: Cases & Hospitalizations Flat or Decreasing

Current status in Alameda County:

- 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 in Alameda County 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 a total of 85 tests per day, an increase of 57% since last week's average of 54 tests per day.

Goal not met.

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 98%



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- 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 - **Goal Met**
- 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 - **Goal Not Met**
- None have needed to submit a resource request for assistance in obtaining PPE to EOC in the last 14 days - **Goal Not Met**

Overall 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. Last week, on May 18, [Health Officers used those indicators](#) to loosen restrictions, [permitting curbside retail, manufacturing and logistics](#).

Resources

Newsom: local conditions determine local rules, pace

Governor Newsom today emphasized that local public health officers will decide when to reopen local economies based on local conditions. "The state puts out the guidelines on how to safely reopen, it's the counties working with their health directors that determine the pace of when," Newsom said. "Each county has its own unique conditions and localism is the foundational principle."

The governor also said those counties with data that health officers believe can support relaxation of other rules can move into [Stage Three](#), which includes phasing



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in higher-risk businesses, beginning with limited personal care and recreational venues. More guidelines will be released next week.

Expanded support for victims of domestic violence

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, California is in the top percentile of COVID-related calls in the nation. The state has announced [new initiatives to support victims of domestic violence](#) amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. These efforts include additional state funding, expanding “text-to-911” capability to 75% of the state, and partnerships with Airbnb and Uber to provide transportation and accommodation to domestic violence victims. Anyone experiencing domestic violence should call the state’s 24-hour hotline (800-799-7233) or the national hotline (800-799-SAFE).