



City Manager's

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Friday, June 26, 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:

- Number of cases of Berkeley residents identified is increasing. There were 22 new cases this week involving Berkeley residents, compared to 5 for the previous week.
- Number of hospitalized patients in Alameda County is increasing.

Goals currently not 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.

- Last week saw an average of 219 tests per day of Berkeley residents, no matter where they were tested -- private hospitals, labs or our City site. This represents a 54 percent increase over the previous week's total of 142 tests.

Goal not met, but nearing goal.



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 **91%**
- 90% of cases that we reach are isolated safely -- currently at **95%**
- 90% of all contacts identified -- currently at **96%**
- 90% of identified cases can safely quarantine -- currently at **97%**

Disease containment is a critical tool in this phase of the pandemic and reflects significantly increased staffing for contact tracing that we have added since the start of this pandemic.

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**

Not met. (One of three subgoals currently met.)

The status can signal progress or, if conditions worsen, could lead to tightening, as has happened in places around the world. The three main categories that have been used to allow increased activities in Berkeley and the rest of Alameda County have been cases, hospitalizations and hospital capacity.



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Spanish language COVID-19 webinar on Sunday

Latinx populations have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, making up 38% of cases in Alameda County and over 56% of cases across California. In an effort to better support Latinx communities, EOC staff have been partnering with Latinxs Unidos de Berkeley to provide COVID-19 information to Spanish-speaking residents and merchants.

As part of this outreach, the City is co-hosting a Spanish-language COVID-19 health webinar this Sunday, June 28 from 2-3pm. Health Officer Dr. Lisa Hernandez and EOC testing branch coordinator Tanya Bustamante will talk about COVID-19 testing, share steps everyone should take to stay safe, and answer community-submitted questions.

Latinxs Unidos has created a [flyer promoting the webinar](#) that you can share with your networks. [Register online](#) to participate.

Parking meter enforcement starts July 1

In March, we [suspended parking enforcement](#) for non-safety related violations, including parking meters. As shelter-in-place restrictions ease, we are resuming enforcement at parking meters to ensure turnover and create available parking for customers visiting reopening businesses. Enforcement begins for meters citywide on Wednesday, July 1.

Meters are still priced at 50 cents an hour in most neighborhoods. Last week, we increased rates to \$1 per hour in three high demand areas: North Shattuck, downtown Berkeley, and Southside/Telegraph. We will continue to monitor demand citywide and adjust hours and prices as necessary.

We sent a [message to community members](#) on Wednesday announcing the changes.

State of California portal connecting businesses to PPE manufacturers

As the economy continues to reopen, many sectors have indicated that acquiring personal protective equipment (PPE) is their top priority for opening safely – and hundreds of small- to mid-size California manufacturers have indicated their readiness to produce and supply PPE.



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To facilitate the effective flow of much-needed PPE between manufacturers and businesses, today [Governor Newsom announced](#) the “Safely Making California” Marketplace. This program connects manufacturers to employers who need to purchase non-medical grade PPE. The program also helps manufacturers stay operational, so they can keep making protective gear for others, by connecting them to free PPE (while supplies last). The Marketplace will be built out and improved over the coming weeks, and currently provides a directory of California non-medical grade PPE, such as face masks, face shields, gowns, gloves, sanitizer, and wipes. Visit safelymakingca.org to learn more.

Resources

COVID-19 Lotería helps families talk about health during the pandemic

Lotería, a traditional game in Latinx families, is a version of Bingo using pictures on cards instead of numbers. The [National Alliance for Hispanic Health](#) has created a COVID-19-themed Lotería intended to help parents talk to children in ways that let them make sense of the pandemic while connecting with family traditions. The family game has pictures of social distancing, hand-washing, video calls, physical activity, healthy food, faith, hope, and more. The cards can be [downloaded from their website](#) to print at home.

New Latin-x series from Listos California

Listos California has launched "InformaGente," a new online conversation series to foster a culture of emergency readiness among Latinx communities. The first [InformaGente conversation](#) features actor Nicholas Gonzalez, star of ABC's The Good Doctor, and Dr. Gil Chavez, Senior Advisor to the Director of the California Department of Public Health. Dr. Chavez and Mr. Gonzalez discuss issues related to COVID-19 from hand washing and physical distancing, to concerns about visiting a doctor due to immigration status.