



City Manager's

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Monday, June 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.

18 vulnerable individuals moved to safer shelter

Thanks to months of hard work from EOC staff, 18 vulnerable homeless individuals have now moved off the street and into City-provided respite sites, which include a four-room house and 18 temporary housing trailers. The moves were completed last Friday, after a week-long coordinated effort among the EOC Management, Operations, and Logistics sections.

These individuals were identified during visits from our outreach teams. Each household participated in a screening and enrollment process to prepare them for the move and to confirm that they are medically vulnerable according to FEMA criteria. The outreach team is prioritizing candidates to fill remaining or future vacancies.

Outreach to the unhoused

Direct outreach to unhoused community members continues to be a core element of our pandemic response. Last week, Berkeley Mental Health Outreach Teams completed 13 visits to 9 different encampments and other locations. During these visits, 7 COVID-19 tests were provided. Also provided:

- 79 hot meals
- 162 food bags
- 167 water bottles
- 176 masks
- 60 hand sanitizers

Our expanded shower program served nearly 400 people last week. A total of 234 people came to Willard Pool, for an average of 39 people per day. Of those, 26% were women and 74% were men. A total of 145 clients came to the West Campus Shower Program, for an average of 24 people per day. Of those, 77% were men and 23% were women.



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State takes action to slow reopening in certain counties

After weeks of emphasizing the importance of county-level responsibility and decision-making on reopening timelines, Governor Newsom reversed course on Sunday, [ordering seven counties to close bars](#) and recommending another eight counties do the same.

Announcing the decision, Newsom said “Californians must remain vigilant against this virus. COVID-19 is still circulating in California, and in some parts of the state, growing stronger.”

Alameda and Contra Costa County pause reopening plans

Both Alameda County and Contra Costa County announced changes to their reopening plans today.

Contra Costa County, which had planned to allow bars, indoor dining, and gyms to reopen on July 1, has [delayed any further relaxation of restrictions](#) indefinitely. The County cited the Governor’s recommendation as well as a sharp jump in hospitalizations, newly identified COVID-19 cases, and a rising test positivity rate as factors in the decision.

Alameda County had not yet provided specific dates for when more sectors would be able to reopen, but had previously announced plans to submit a [variance attestation](#) in the near future. Under the [statewide resilience roadmap](#), counties must receive a variance before allowing certain sectors to reopen, including dine-in restaurants, hair salons, bars, and gyms. Today, the County stated that [they will not be moving forward with the variance attestation or further reopenings at this time](#), saying “We are concerned by the increase in local cases, disproportionate impact on communities of color, local impact of the outbreak at San Quentin State Prison, and the alarming disease trends we see in counties that have opened at a faster rate.”



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Status of counties moving through stages of reopening

As counties across California move through the stages of reopening at their own pace, it can be helpful to explore the data around each county's decisions in relation to our own local situation. The California COVID-19 website features a [county data tracker](#) with information on the variance criteria and county-level information on population, cases, deaths, reported tests, and more. You can also see [which counties are being monitored by the state](#) for technical assistance with indicators of concern.

AC Transit seeks rider input

As Berkeley and surrounding communities gradually reopen, more people are beginning to return to the workforce in-person or are resuming some daily activities - including riding public transit. AC Transit is seeking to better understand riders' "new normal" during the pandemic. Riders can help by [completing a short, 24-question survey](#) about their needs. Those who complete the survey will be entered to win an AC Transit 31-day pass when fare collection resumes.