



City Manager's

# COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Friday, October 9, 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 at least weekly, can be viewed at [cityofberkeley.info/covid19-city-manager-updates](http://cityofberkeley.info/covid19-city-manager-updates).*

## **Cases, hospitalizations continue to decline, opening new phases for the City**

Cases and hospitalizations continue to decline countywide and the percentage of people testing positive for COVID-19 is now at [1.4 percent](#).

Past data led our Health Officer and Alameda County's to open up certain "personal care" services today, Oct. 9, and [set the stage for allowing K-5 schools to also open up with restrictions starting next week](#). These ongoing trends provide a hopeful note, and they are a reflection of strong work led by Berkeley Public Health as well as our community, which has embraced key preventive actions.

## **Bay Area Health Officers' Indicators to Contain COVID-19**

Our [COVID-19 indicators weekly dashboard](#) is available 24/7, and it shows detailed information everyone can explore. We are also maintaining these written updates as an official record that's easy to share with the public.

Based on the data available, this is where we stand as of Friday:

### **Indicator 1: Cases & Hospitalizations Flat or Decreasing**

Current status:

- There were 39 new cases reported in the last 14 days -- a total that is 35 fewer cases than for the period from a month ago.
- Number of hospitalized patients in Alameda County has decreased, with 21 fewer people hospitalized for COVID-19 than two weeks ago

*Goal 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.*



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## **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 is 245 tests per day, giving an effective lens into the workings of the virus in our community.

Over the last two weeks, an average of 694 tests per day have been reported for Berkeley residents, no matter where they were tested -- private hospitals, labs or our City-coordinated sites.

*Goal currently 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 84%
- 90% of cases that we reach are isolated safely -- currently at 80%
- 90% of all contacts identified -- currently at 84%
- 90% of identified cases can safely quarantine -- currently at 79%

Disease containment is a critical tool in this phase of the pandemic and reflects significantly increased staffing for contact tracing. This allows us to see how quickly we move to isolate or quarantine people -- essential tasks in limiting the spread.

*Goals currently not 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*



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- 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.*

Our ability to meet these indicators can signal progress or, if conditions worsen, could lead to tightening, as we have already seen happen in neighboring counties and across the State.

## **City's Testing Infrastructure Grows Stronger**

A key to our success has been testing. Not only are our testing figures far surpassing our metrics, but our testing team has continued to look for more ways for that testing to support our community.

Curative restarted their very popular walk-up kiosk testing on Tuesday, October 6 at the Berkeley Adult School. Of the 306 tests Curative performed on their first day, approximately 68 percent were Berkeley residents.

This site, as we announced last week, will also play an important role in supporting Berkeley Unified and other schools by providing designated time for systematic testing.

This work is in addition to the work done at the state-funded Optum Test Site, which is being held at the City's Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Services Center. Optum tested an average of 142 people per day, and approximately 56 percent are Berkeley residents.

This testing work is also assisted by LifeLong Medical, which has continued their street outreach and has been doing testing in encampments.

## **Support for the Unhoused**

A core part of our work has been to find shelter for those people who are unhoused who are also medically vulnerable.

The four units at our house on Fifth Street are fully occupied. In addition, 10 of the 18 trailers we established are occupied.



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Both of the County-run hotels continue to be fully occupied, and most are Berkeley residents -- a reflection of our outreach work. There are now 84 people, including several couples sharing rooms, now living in those 69 rooms.

We continue to see active use of our expanded shower program.

Willard saw a total of 461 clients, for an average of 33 people per day. Of those, 85 percent were men and another 15 percent were women. West Campus served a total of 306 total clients, an average of 23 per day. Of those, 92 percent were men and 8 percent were women.