COVID-19
California: State of Preparedness
4/19/20
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Daily Focus

- CA is stepping up to help the millions of workers who have lost jobs or wages due to #COVID19.

- This week, we launched a new initiative to expand call center hours at EDD & create a one-stop-shop for benefits including Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

#COVID19
EXTENDED EDD CALL CENTER HOURS
STARTING APRIL 20:
7 DAYS A WEEK
8AM - 8PM PT

covid19.ca.gov
COVID-19 at a Glance

- **3,523** confirmed positive cases in Healthcare workers

- **Nationwide COVID-19 Numbers**
  - As of April 18, there have been 35,443 deaths - includes 4,226 probable deaths.
  - 690,714 cases - includes 1,282 probable cases - in 55 jurisdictions (50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas and US Virgin Islands).

- **Taskforces stood up by the State Operations Center (SOC) to address various COVID-19 response issues:**
  - Communications/Crisis Communications (ESF* 2/ESF 15)
  - Transportation and Infrastructure (ESF 1/ESF 3)
  - Housing and Social Services (ESF 6)
  - Logistics/Commodity Movement (ESF 7)
  - Fire/Law Enforcement (ESF 4/ESF 13)
  - Public Health and Medical (ESF 8)
  - Schools Task Force
  - Economic Impact/Recovery Task Force
  - Volunteers & Philanthropy (ESF 17)
  - Innovation & Technology Task Force
  - Cybersecurity (ESF 18)
  - Corrections Facilities & Hospitals
  - Future Opportunities
  - Workforce Development & Surge Capacity
  - Testing Taskforce

*Emergency Support Function*
• **PPE and Medical Supply Requests**
  
  o Resource requests for health care providers and facilities are handled through local public health departments to CDPH. The requests are submitted to the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC), through the Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator (RDMHC), which are then sent to the CDPH Medical and Health Coordination Center (MHCC).
  
  o This way all equipment requests can be tracked and prioritized appropriately, and they are fulfilled as quickly as possible.
  
  o The local health facilities know this process well and have been properly submitting requests.
  
  o We know these requests are very urgent, which is why the MHCC is working closely with the State Operations Center (SOC). Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) is also embedded in the SOC to help facilitate those requests.

• **PPE delivered as of 4/16/20:**
  
  o 0.9 M gowns
  o 0.8 M face shields
  o 7.4 M gloves
  o 9,822 coveralls
  o 121,058 goggles
  o 42.8 M N95 Masks
  o 7.2 M procedural masks

• **State Owned Ventilators**
  
  o Modeling shows demand will peak in late May.
  o The 500 ventilators were loaned and will be returned

  o 100 to New York
  o 100 to New Jersey
  o 100 to Illinois
  o 50 to Nevada
  o 50 to Maryland
  o 50 to Wash., D.C.
  o 50 to Delaware
  o 50 to Nevada
FEMA Seizing Personal Protection Equipment – Not!

- FEMA and Customs Border Patrol are working together to prevent fraud when Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and medical supplies enter the United States from overseas. PPE being distributed internally within the United States is not being seized or re-routed by FEMA. Reports of FEMA seizing, or re-routing supplies are FALSE.

Recovery Questions
- If local governments have specific questions about COVID-19 recovery please send them to disasterrecovery@caloes.ca.gov.

Actions Taken by the State and Federal Government

- April 18, Governor Gavin Newsom visited a Project Roomkey motel in Santa Clara County to highlight progress that the state and counties have made together in providing safe isolation capacity to protect people experiencing homelessness from COVID-19.

Project Roomkey has directly led to 10,974 hotel and motel rooms statewide being made available for this extremely vulnerable group of Californians.

These Project Roomkey placements are spread across 42 counties and are already providing safe shelter to people experiencing homelessness, with 4,211 rooms occupied. The counties are responsible for identifying which individuals need a Project Roomkey placement, and then moving those individuals into the rooms.

- In addition, Governor Newsom announced that the State of California has reached agreement with the Motel 6 chain to make available all of its corporate-owned locations to counties, effective immediately, with a master agreement template. Counties have the option to adopt the operating agreement for the locations within their jurisdiction, if they so choose. This master agreement, if all locations are adopted, includes an additional 5,025 rooms above and beyond the total number of rooms.
already under county control. This portfolio includes 47 different hotels in 19 counties around the state.

- April 17, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a new Taskforce on Business and Jobs Recovery. The Task Force will work to develop actions government and businesses can take to help Californians recover as fast as safely possible from the COVID-19 induced recession and to shape a fair, green, and prosperous future. They will meet twice a month throughout 2020 to develop options that would work for all Californians, with a particular focus on those hardest hit by the pandemic.

The Governor also signed an executive order that allows for temporary waivers to certain foster youth programs to ensure continuity of care in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- April 16, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order providing paid sick leave benefits for food Sector Workers Impacted by COVID-19, and additional protections for the consumers. Additionally, the executive order provides health and safety standards to increase worker and customer protection by permitting workers at food facilities to wash their hands every 30 minutes, or as needed, to increase proper sanitation measures.

Governor Gavin Newsom also signed an executive order addressing a variety of issues in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including adjusting admissions requirements for the California State University system and providing flexibility for 60 days on background checks for critical infrastructure sectors.

The President released the Opening Up America Again Guidelines, featuring proposed state or regional gating. It is noted that State and local officials may need to tailor the application of these criteria to local circumstances (e.g., metropolitan areas that have suffered severe COVID outbreaks, rural and suburban areas where outbreaks have not occurred
or have been mild). Additionally, where appropriate, Governors should work on a regional basis to satisfy these criteria and to progress through the phases outlined.

FEMA released the “Disaster Financial Management Guide” to support jurisdictions in establishing and implementing sound disaster financial management practices, which are critical for successful response and recovery. The guide takes an all-hazards approach and addresses a broad range of issues and contains concepts, principles and resources applicable to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic response environment. To view the guide, please visit [https://www.fema.gov/plan](https://www.fema.gov/plan).

- April 15, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order that directs the Labor and Workforce Development Agency and EDD to take necessary action to process efficiently and accurately process claims for the unemployment benefits through the CARES Act and the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program (PUA).

The Governor also announced an unprecedented $125 million in disaster relief assistance for working Californians. This first in the nation, statewide public-private partnership will provide financial support to undocumented immigrants impacted by COVID-19. California will provide $75 million in disaster relief assistance and philanthropic partners have committed to raising an additional $50 million.

California has developed an immigrant resource guide to provide information about COVID-19 related assistance, including public benefits, that are available to immigrant Californians.

FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor issued a letter to the nation’s emergency managers outlining lessons learned from the first 30 days of FEMA leading the “Whole-of-America” response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The letter is available on FEMA's website.
April 14, Governor Gavin Newsom outlined the six critical indicators that will be considered before the stay at home order will be modified. The Governor also issued an executive order that calls for discharge and reentry hearings to be held via videoconference to minimize the youth’s and other participants’ exposure to COVID-19.

April 13, Governor Newsom, along with Oregon Governor Kate Brown and Washington Governor Jay Inslee, announced an agreement on a shared vision for reopening their economies and controlling COVID-19 into the future. The Governor also announced $42 million new investments to protect younger Californians who are at heightened risk for abuse and mistreatment due to COVID-19. The Governor is making more than $27 million available to help families stay together, nearly $7 million to support social workers and $3 million to support Family Resource Centers.

April 10, Governor Newsom announced the release of $100 million to support childcare services, and to support childcare providers who are stepping up to serve essential infrastructure workers and vulnerable populations as well as their children during this critical time. Governor Gavin Newsom also outlined steps California is taking to protect the residents and employees of the more than 1,224 skilled nursing facilities and 7,461 residential care facilities across the state. Building on the state’s early action to protect these facilities, California has trained and is deploying 600 nurses to support compliance with COVID-19 guidance, and state staff is calling nursing homes across the state daily to provide support.

Starting today, frontline health care workers who are exposed to or test positive for COVID-19 can find hotel rooms through the CalTravelStore. Call 1-877-454-8785 to validate your eligibility and make your reservation. If hotels want to participate, they are encouraged to email covid19lodging@dgs.ca.gov.
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded a construction contract Sunday to Herman Construction Group, Inc. of Escondido, California, to retrofit the Porterville Developmental Center in Tulare County for an alternate care site in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FEMA has approved funding for the State of California’s Emergency Feeding Program. Reimbursement for feeding activities includes services provided to the following populations who are not in emergency non-congregate shelters administered by State, Tribal, or local governments:

- Individuals who are at higher risk for COVID-19, are COVID-19 positive, or have been exposed to COVID-19 (as documented by a State, Tribal, or local public health official, or medical health professional); and

- Individuals who do not have the resources to prepare or obtain meals and who are not receiving assistance from existing programs such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Meals on Wheels, or other programs.

- April 9, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a new program to provide doctors, nurses and other critical front-line health care workers access to no-cost or low-cost hotel rooms, as well as no cost airfare for health care professional travel across California and the country to join California’s state healthcare workforce.

  The state has already identified 150 hotels that have opted in to provide discounted rates, and more hotels are encouraged to sign up.

  The Governor also announced that starting this Sunday, California workers who are receiving unemployment benefits will begin receiving an extra $600 on top of their weekly amount, as part of the new Pandemic Additional Compensation (PAC) initiated by the CARES Act. This comes as record numbers of unemployment claims are being filed.
April 7, Governor Gavin Newsom addressed Californians about mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Click here to view the briefing.

The Governor signed an executive order to help the state procure necessary medical supplies to fight COVID-19, which included exempting PPE from sales tax. He also signed an executive order that to expand support for vulnerable populations by allowing 60-day waivers for IHSS program caseworkers their work and be able to care for older adults, as well as individuals with disabilities.

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April 6, recognizing that states, like New York, are experiencing immediate supply shortages as a result of COVID-19, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California would meet this moment by loaning 500 state-owned ventilators to the Strategic National Stockpile inventory.

Governor Gavin Newsom also announced that California is making progress in securing additional beds to treat COVID-19 patients and relieve pressure on the health care delivery system. The Governor announced California has already secured up to 4,613 additional beds at alternate care sites and shuttered hospitals to care for an anticipated surge in COVID-19 patients, with even more capacity being finalized.

April 4, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the launch of a new website, covid19supplies.ca.gov to get critical medical supplies to the front lines of California’s fight against COVID-19. The website will allow individuals and companies to donate, sell or offer to manufacture 13 of the most essential medical supplies, including ventilators, N95 respirators and testing materials.

Governor Newsom also announced the COVID-19 Testing Task Force, a public-private collaboration that will work with stakeholders across the state to quickly and significantly boost California’s testing capacity. The Task Force plans to scale up testing as demand increases.
The Governor also signed an executive order that will facilitate childcare for children of essential critical infrastructure workers by allowing the California Department of Education and California Department of Social Services the flexibility to waive certain programmatic and administrative requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The executive order can be found here.

California State Association of Counties and the California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors announced that counties will use all existing authority to cancel penalties and other charges for homeowners, small businesses, and other property owners that are unable to pay their property taxes due to circumstances caused by COVID-19 on a case-by-case basis. However, property owners who can pay or that haven’t been directly affected by COVID-19, including international corporations and out-of-state landlords, still need to pay on time to keep critical government services running.

- April 3, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order to expand protections to medical providers as they amplify the use of video chats and similar applications to provide routine and non-emergency medical appointments in an effort to minimize patient exposure to COVID-19.

  The order relaxes certain state privacy and security laws for medical providers, so they can provide telehealth services without the risk of being penalized. This action is similar to the federal HHS Office for Civil Rights waiver issued on March 17, 2020 regarding federal privacy and security laws.

  Governor Gavin Newsom also signed an executive order expanding consumer protection against price gouging as California continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

  Governor Gavin Newsom announced the launch of Project Roomkey, a FEMA approved, first-in-the-nation effort to provide safe isolation capacity for tens of thousands of people experiencing homelessness in California in order to protect them and the state from COVID-19.

- The state’s effort, Project Roomkey, has set an initial goal of securing up to 15,000 rooms for this purpose and as of April 9, county partners have
moved more than 2,000 homeless individuals most vulnerable to COVID-19 off the street, out of shelters, and into isolation.

- April 2, Governor Gavin Newsom announced OnwardCa.org, a one-stop resource for Californians impacted by job loss due to COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor also announced $50 million in loan guarantees for small businesses that may not be eligible for federal relief, as well as $17.8 million in new state initiatives to support California workers impacted by COVID-19. The allocation will come from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds.

- April 1, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a major agreement between educators to provide distance learning to California’s students. The agreement means more kids will be able to get school resources, such as quality distance instruction, and empowers teachers to create lessons within clear parameters.

- On March 31, Governor Newsom announced the Stay Home, Save Lives, Check In, Campaign, which urges all Californians to check in on vulnerable neighbors with a call, text, or physically distanced door knock.

- March 30, Governor Gavin Newsom launched the Health Corps initiative to expand California’s health care workforce and recruit health care professionals to address the COVID-19 surge. See link for more information: California Health Corps.

The Governor also signed an executive order that will temporarily expand the health care workforce and allow health care facilities to staff at least an additional 50,000 hospital beds the state needs to treat COVID-19 patients. Governor Newsom also signed an omnibus executive order allowing small businesses a 90-day extension for filing returns.

- On March 29, California State Parks temporarily closed vehicle access at all 280 state parks to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
How Can People Protect Themselves:
We are all in this together. We are working rapidly to keep our state healthy. Every person has a role to play. Your actions save lives.

**DO:**
- Stay home
- Avoid people outside your household
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Frequently clean and disinfect touched objects and surfaces
- Maintain physical distance of six feet whenever outside of the house

**DON'T**
- Leave the house except for essential activities
- Shake hands
- Touch your face
- Go to the doctor if you are not sick
- Stockpile masks or gloves
- It is also important that anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, call their health care provider first before seeking medical care so that appropriate precautions can be taken.
- Stay away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.
Mental Health

- The steps we are taking to slow the spread are necessary, but emotional support is important to maintain our mental and physical health.

- The stress we are all feeling right now triggers the biological stress hormone. Stress shows up in individuals differently.

- There are simple things you can do at home to protect you or others health and we have developed playbooks that offer practical tools and kits to help manage your stress.

- Call you doctor or mental health professional if you have concerns.

- 16 hotlines offering emotional support for a variety of situations and other helpful mental health resources available here: https://covid19.ca.gov/resources-for-emotional-support-and-well-being/

About the Tests:

- As of April 18, approximately 280,900 tests have been conducted in California - received from commercial, private and academic labs and the 22 state and county health labs currently testing.
  - 273,721 have been received
  - 7,200 are pending

- Commercial providers and academic labs have increased testing capacity and are now reporting that data to the state. The biggest labs included in this count are Quest, LabCorp, Kaiser, University of California, and Stanford.
Small Business Assistance

- **California Small Business Loan Guarantee Program** (via IBank) is making available $50 million in state funding, providing potential capital for individuals who do not qualify for federal funds.
  - Small Businesses located in California with 1-750 employees that have been negatively impacted or experienced disruption by COVID-19 and nonprofits are eligible.

- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has declared all **California counties** eligible for the Economic Injury Disasters Loans.

- This SBA declaration makes Economic Injury Disaster Loans available to impacted small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and private non-profit organizations.

- SBA loans can be approved up to $2 million but are limited to the economic injury determined by SBA. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.
  - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, small business owners in all U.S. states, Washington D.C., and territories are eligible to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan advance of up to $10,000. This advance will provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. Funds will be made available within three days of a successful application. This loan advance will not have to be repaid.
  - This advance may be available even if your EIDL application was declined or is still pending and will be forgiven. If you wish to apply for the Advance on your EIDL, please visit [https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/](https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/) as soon as possible to fill out a new, streamlined application.
  - In order to qualify you need to submit this new application even if you previously submitted an EIDL application. Applying will not impact the status or slow your existing application.
• U.S. Small Business Administration announced changes to help borrowers still paying back SBA loans from previous disasters. By making this change, deferments through December 31, 2020, will be automatic. Now, borrowers of home and business disaster loans do not have to contact SBA to request deferment.

• Information on these and other programs can be found at: https://covid19.ca.gov/business-and-employers/

Other Resources and Press Releases

State
California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response
California Health and Human Services Open Data Portal
Immigrant Resource Guide
Department of Consumer Affairs COVID-19 site
  FAQs
  Current Waivers
  Restore Your License
  Fraud Alert for Professionals

Check in Campaign
  www.aging.ca.gov
  https://www.engageca.org/check-in
  *Or Call 211 (Local) or 1-833-544-2374 (Statewide)

Serve.ca.gov
CDPH Website
COVID-19 Guidance Documents
COVID-19 Messaging Toolkit
Cal OES News
Federal
Coronavirus.gov
Guidelines-Opening Up America Again
FEMA COVID-19

Project Airbridge Video *
FEMA is augmenting the existing supply chain through a variety of strategies, including FEMA’s Project Airbridge.

Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals.


To Sell Supplies to FEMA
FEMA Rumor Control Page
Dept. of Justice Covid-19 Fraud Prevention Page
Federal Trade Commission Coronavirus Scam Page
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration’s (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress

CDC Webpage
Travel Notices: COVID-19 and Cruise Ship Travel-CDC
Travel notices - CDC
Resources for the Community

State Department Travel Advisories
FDA COVID-19 Guidance
FDA Enforcement Policy for Ventilators
USDA SNAP Guidance
SBA- COVID-19 Small Business Guidance
U.S. Health and Human Services
Red Cross

Orders & Press Releases
Governor Newsom Visits Project Roomkey Site in Santa Clara County to Highlight Progress on the State’s Initiative to Protect Homeless Individuals from COVID-19
Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order on Foster Youth Services in Response to COVID-19
Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order on Actions in Response to COVID-19
President Donald J. Trump Announces Guidelines for Opening Up America Again
Governor Newsom Announces Paid Sick Leave Benefits for Food Sector Workers Impacted by COVID-19, Additional Protections for Consumers
Governor Newsom Announces New Initiatives to Support California Workers Impacted by COVID-19
Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order on Division of Juvenile Justice Discharge and Reentry Process
Governor Newsom Outlines Six Critical Indicators the State will Consider Before Modifying the Stay-at-Home Order and Other COVID-19 Interventions
Governor Newsom Announces $42 Million to Protect Foster Youth and Families Impacted by COVID-19
California, Oregon & Washington Announce Western States Pact
Governor Newsom Announces New Program to Provide Front-Line Health Care Workers with Hotel Rooms
Governor Newsom Announces Additional Unemployment Benefits for Workers Impacted by COVID-19, as Unemployment Claims Reach Record Levels
Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order to Expand Support for Vulnerable Populations
Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order to Help State Procure Necessary Medical Supplies

Governor Newsom Announces Progress in Expanding Hospital Capacity to Fight Coming Surge in COVID-19 Cases

California to Send 500 State-Owned Ventilators to the National Stockpile to Help States in Need

Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order to Provide Expanded Access to Child Care for Essential Workers during COVID-19 Response

Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order to Expand Telehealth Services

Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order to Protect Consumers from Price Gouging

At Newly Converted Motel, Governor Newsom Launches Project Roomkey: A First-in-the-Nation Initiative to Secure Hotel & Motel Rooms to Protect Homeless Individuals from COVID-19

Governor Newsom Announces New Help for Small Businesses & Workers Displaced by COVID-19

Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order Protecting Homes, Small Businesses from Water Shutoffs

Governor Newsom Announces Agreement between Teachers, Classified Employees and School System Management to Support Student Instruction during COVID-19 Outbreak

Governor Newsom Launches Campaign to Protect Health and Well-Being of Older Californians during COVID-19 Pandemic

Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order Providing Relief to California Small Businesses
Governor Newsom Announces California Health Corps, a Major Initiative to Expand Health Care Workforce to Fight COVID-19

California State Parks Closes Vehicular Access at all State Parks

Governor Newsom Statement on Federal Supplemental Stimulus Bill

Statement from the President Regarding the Defense Production Act

Governor Newsom Takes Executive Action to Establish a Statewide Moratorium on Evictions

Governor Gavin Newsom Announces Major Financial Relief Package: 90-Day Mortgage Payment Relief during COVID-19 Crisis

Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order on State Prisons and Juvenile Facilities in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak

California Secures Presidential Major Disaster Declaration to Support State's COVID-19 Emergency Response

Governor Newsom Takes Action to Strengthen California's Health Care Delivery System to Respond to COVID-19

Governor Newsom Signs Order to Protect Public Health by Expanding Vote-by-Mail Options and Extending Deadlines for Presidential Primary Canvass

Governor Newsom Takes Emergency Actions & Authorizes $150 Million in Funding to Protect Homeless Californians from COVID-19

Small Business Administration - Disaster Loan Assistance-Declaration Details

DMV allows customers to avoid coming to a DMV office for 60 days

FEMA Support under Emergency Declaration
