



Helping Californians Find Food



With unemployment at 20 percent and food banks serving up to 10 times more Californians during the COVID-19 pandemic than before, L.A. Controller Ron Galperin launched a statewide guide to food resources. The first and only map of its kind in the state, "[Food for Californians](#)" maps 1,800+ food



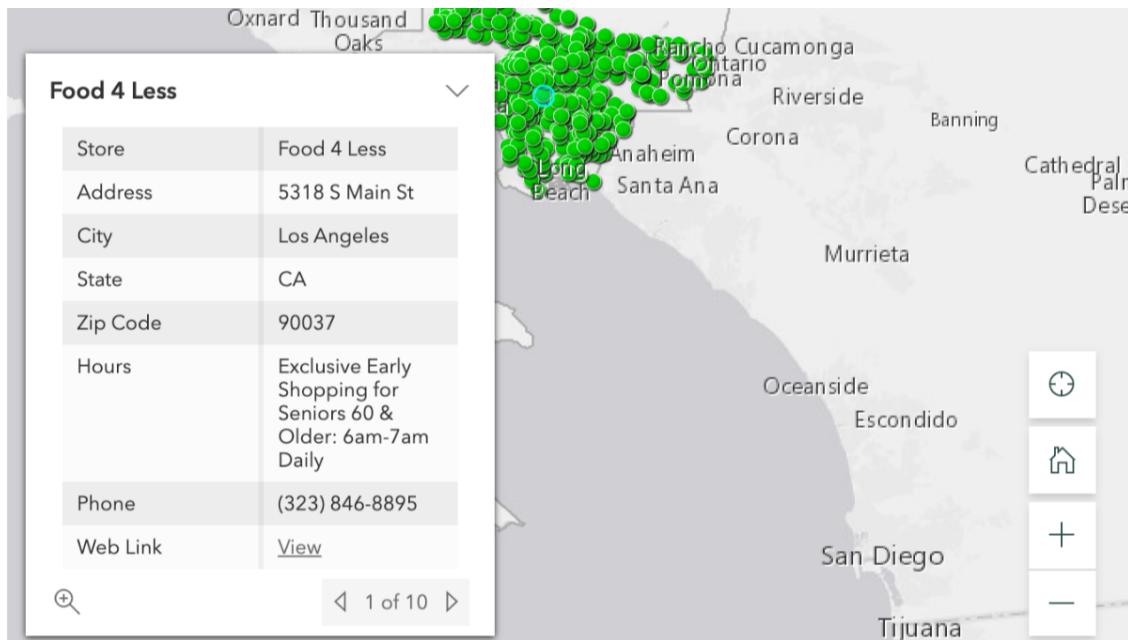
banks, pantries and emergency distribution centers up and down California where residents can pick up free food.

This follows Controller Galperin's release of two local Southern California food resource maps tracking all of the food banks and pantries in the [City](#) and [County of Los Angeles](#), as well as a comprehensive [COVID-19 Resource Hub](#) to make it easier for people to take advantage of hundreds of available federal, state and local resources.

“There is an alarmingly high level of food insecurity in every corner of the state right now,” said Controller Galperin. “Job losses, reduced work hours and school closures have made it hard for Californians to both pay their bills and get enough food to feed their families. We mapped food resources that serve every single California county so that anyone seeking assistance during the pandemic can quickly and easily find free, nutritious sustenance.”

[Find free food resources](#)

Special Senior Shopping Hours



In addition to free food resources statewide, Controller Galperin's "[Food for Californians](#)" map shows the location of nearly 500 grocery stores in L.A. County with special shopping hours for seniors, individuals with disabilities and the immunocompromised.

"Access to food is so critical, especially for our elderly neighbors who make up about 746,000 of the City's population," said Controller Galperin. "As a public servant, I want to do my part to support residents and businesses, especially the most vulnerable members of our communities. This map provides useful information to help our seniors and other high-risk shoppers during this crisis."

[Explore the map](#)

Protect Your Community

Face Covering Do's and Don'ts:

DO:



- ✓ Make sure you can breathe through it
- ✓ Wear it whenever going out in public
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth
- ✓ Wash after using

DON'T:

- ✗ Use if under two years old
- ✗ Use surgical masks or other PPE intended for healthcare workers

Although the City's Safer at Home order is still in place, the City began to gradually ease restrictions on May 8. Trails and beaches are accessible and car washes, retail stores and pet grooming shops are open for curbside pickup. Following the guidance of public health experts, modifications will continue to roll out on an ongoing basis. Until there is a vaccine or effective treatment, COVID-19 will continue to be a serious threat to the health of Angelenos.

To protect against this threat as the City begins to reopen, the Mayor issued a new [order](#) requiring all Angelenos to wear face coverings outside their homes. The order does not apply to young children at risk of suffocation and people with certain disabilities.

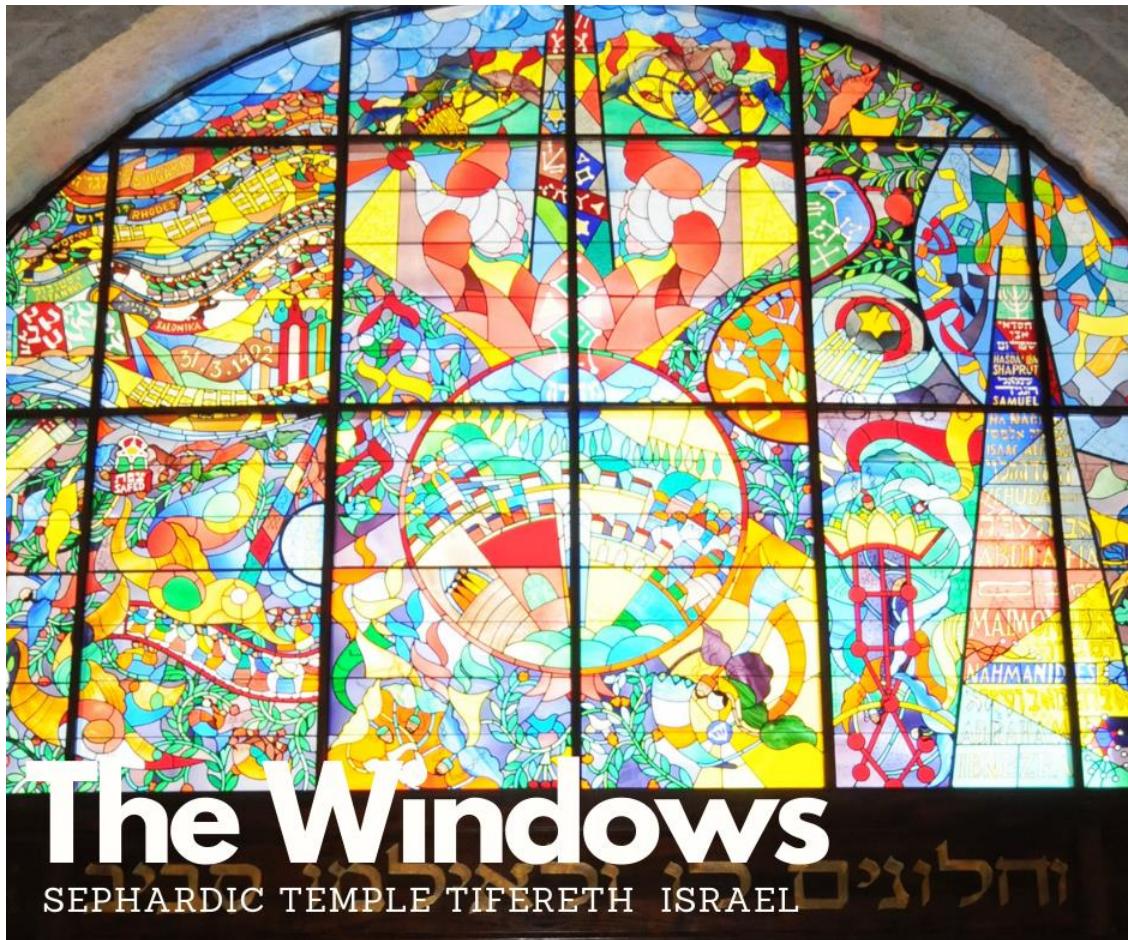


"Face coverings help add a layer of protection against COVID-19, especially when we're wearing them in public," said Controller Galperin. "But please remember to

exercise caution whenever you step outside your home. Physical and social distancing is still the best way for us to stop the spread of the virus."

Face covering facts

Celebrating Jewish American Heritage



May is Jewish American Heritage Month, and although in-person celebrations have been canceled due to COVID-19, there are still ways to honor the community's achievements and contributions to the United States. Last week, JAHM-LA launched the online exhibit "[L.A.' Chayim! The Sephardic and Mizrahi Jewish](#)

[Roots of Los Angeles](#)." The exhibit is co-sponsored by Controller Galperin, along with many other City leaders and community partners.

"I'm grateful to live and serve in the City of Los Angeles where we celebrate diversity and have been a welcoming home to so many over the years," said Controller Galperin. "It's an honor to sponsor this online exhibit that teaches us something new about the rich history of Jewish people in Los Angeles."

[View the exhibit](#)

Survey: How Does the City Communicate With You?



Controller Galperin wants to learn more about the information you receive from the government of the City of Los Angeles and what municipal issues spark your interest. Please take this brief survey and forward it to your friends. Your responses will help improve the way your government communicates with you.

[Take the survey](#)

L.A. Still Serves You



Even with COVID-19 slowing society down, City workers are still on the job – working remotely, in offices and in the field. Some are also taking on critical tasks as Disaster Service Workers. Hundreds are delivering meals to seniors in need,

staffing coronavirus test locations and temporary homeless shelters, and much more. Here are some photos of Disaster Service Workers in action.

Follow Controller Galperin on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep up with our everyday heroes over the next few weeks.

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