

Good morning,

Below are some updates from the Mayor's office I thought would be of value to you.

Key updates

**COVID #s:** From yesterday's release from the County Department of Public Health: 11,366 new cases in the county. There have been a total of 68,059 positives in West Valley communities, an increase of 6,754 new confirmed cases since January 10th.

COVID Vaccine Town Hall

On Tuesday, January 19th, at 6pm, the LA County Department of Health will hold a virtual town hall to discuss the COVID-19 vaccine, how it was developed, where it will be distributed in our communities, and when it will be made available to the general public.

Use this link to watch or submit questions <http://tinyurl.com/askcovidtownhall>

COVID Care Kit expansion

Mayor Eric Garcetti will be joined by Councilmember Monica Rodriguez and American Red Cross Los Angeles Region CEO Joanne Nowlin, to announce an expansion of the COVID-19 Care Kit program.

Live video will be available on Mayor Garcetti's Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/MayorOfLA](https://www.facebook.com/MayorOfLA)

Vaccine Update

Dodger Stadium is now a vaccine site.

Here are two resources for updates on the availability of vaccines in Los Angeles County:

Vaccine information webpage for the public:

<http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/index.htm>

Vaccine distribution page (updated regularly with information regarding who is eligible to receive the vaccine):

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/covidvaccinedistribution/>

COVID testing information

Check available sites at [coronavirus.lacity.org/testing](https://coronavirus.lacity.org/testing)

Upcoming **mobile/pop-up testing sites** are listed here:

[Coronavirus.LACity.org/MobileTesting](https://Coronavirus.LACity.org/MobileTesting)

**Business Resources:**

Los Angeles City Policy Guide for Businesses

Guide to help small businesses understand and navigate regulations that provide relief or require compliance.

<https://ewdd.lacity.com/images/c19/COVID19-Policy-Toolkit.pdf>

**LA Optimized** Does your business need help optimizing or creating a website? Do you need help optimizing or creating business listings and a digital presence? Mayor Eric Garcetti launched LA Optimized to help small businesses adapt to the rapid shifts in consumer behavior and technological advances by empowering them to boost their digital marketing, maximize their online business listings, create or optimize their websites, and increase their knowledge and presence in the e-commerce space - all at no cost to businesses. In addition, this program will provide grants to select creatives (photographers, graphic designers, videographers, writers, etc) for providing creative and digital content services including branding, videography, photography, website copy, and graphic design to small businesses.

If you are a business owner interested in the program, please learn more [here](#).

If you are a creative professional interested in supporting businesses, please apply [here](#).

**Al Fresco** permits have been extended through June 30, 2021. [Applications](#) are still being accepted.

Additional COVID resources can be found [HERE](#)

### **Neighborhood Council Elections**

90 Neighborhood Councils will hold vote by mail elections in 2021.

Information on the elections, timeline and candidate registration can be found [HERE](#).

West Valley area Neighborhood Council election timeline:

April 27th: Granada Hills North, Granada Hills South, North Hills West, Northridge East, Northridge West, Porter Ranch

May 4th: Canoga Park, Encino, Reseda, Tarzana, West Hills, Winnetka, Woodland Hills Warner Center

May 11th: Sherman Oaks, Studio City

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