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## **COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center LOS ANGELES COUNTY UPDATE**

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### **PROSPER LA, COVID-19 EXPOSURE, SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE, AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS UPDATE**

The County of Los Angeles is regularly updating resources on COVID-19 and offers today's update in an effort to keep you and yours informed. Please share the following up-to-date information:

#### **Prosper LA**



Submit your ideas! LA County is seeking innovative ideas to streamline our contracting process, assist businesses, and identify potential cost-savings to County operations. This effort is part of the County's roadmap to economic recovery from the impacts of the pandemic. Actionable ideas will help the County: 1) improve its internal procedures, 2) empower businesses, and 3) expand public-private partnerships.

To submit ideas, visit [prosperla.lacounty.gov](https://prosperla.lacounty.gov) and fill out the intake form.

For more on Prosper LA, including COVID-19 resources & business assistance, [click here](#).

## **What Does It Mean to Have Been "Exposed" to COVID-19?**



If you're wondering what it means to have been exposed to COVID-19, today's segment is for you. You (or someone you know) may have been exposed to COVID-19, if you:

- Were within 6 feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes; or
- Had unprotected contact with an infected person's body fluids (i.e., being coughed or sneezed on); or
- Shared utensils or saliva with an infected person; or
- Provided care for an infected person without wearing appropriate protective equipment

**This may prompt you to ask "How do I know if a person is infected?"** Chances are you may not. Unfortunately, based on everything we know about COVID-19, knowing a person is infected is not easy. Many COVID-19 infected individuals are asymptomatic (have COVID-19 and don't exhibit symptoms). This is precisely the reason health experts are urging the public to follow safety protocols by wearing face coverings and maintaining a 6 ft. distance from those outside of your household.

**So, what if you hear you were in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19?** If this is your predicament, you'll want to learn as much as you can! The infected person you were in contact with was infectious 48 hours before their symptoms began, and remain infectious for a minimum of 2 weeks. This reality makes LA County's DPH [Home Quarantine Instructions for Close Contacts to COVID-19](#) more important than ever. You'll want to follow our quarantine guidance to avoid spreading the disease.

**If you've tested positive and have no symptoms** (are asymptomatic), you are considered infections from 48 hours before your test was taken, until a minimum of 10 days after your test. You'll need to follow our DPH [Home Isolation Instructions for People with COVID-19](#).

If you think you've been exposed to COVID-19, call your doctor. If you don't already have one, dial 2-1-1 and get connected to one. For more information on LA County's health guidance and safety protocols, [click here](#).

## Backpack & School Supply Drive

The LA County Department of Public Social Services' (DPSS) [Toy Loan Program](#), which serves approximately 3,500 children a month at more than 50 locations, is hosting a School Supply Drive to benefit low-income children across the County.



The Backpack & School Supply Drive will run through **August 6** and is currently accepting the following items (in new condition):

Backpacks, lined paper (college and wide rule), index cards, folders, notebooks/notepads, calculators, pencils and pens, binders, pencil cases/sharpeners, art supplies, erasers, glue, and rulers (among other school items).

To help LA County's most vulnerable children prepare for the new school year, you can: 1) Donate via Amazon Smile [here](#) OR 2) Schedule your donation drop-off by e-mailing: [toyloan@dpss.lacounty.gov](mailto:toyloan@dpss.lacounty.gov).

## Update from LA County's Superintendent of Schools



LA County parents, teachers and students may be wondering what the start of the new school year will bring. While many factors, metrics or conditions are being considered, LA County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo has issued the following statement:

We want to do everything possible to bring students back to school as safely as possible. Districts have been planning to reopen since the day they closed, and we know our young people learn best in the classroom. However, it is important to acknowledge that planning for reopening is complicated. Our plans must abide by public health orders. Our models must meet the needs of all students, including their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Districts have plans for different types of instructional models and scenarios. The goal of each plan is to get students back into safe classroom environments, whether we bring everyone back at once, in phases or with hybrid models. Different models will offer parents choices in what works best for their child. We are working on partnerships to find alternative locations to support our families who need childcare support. We are looking at ways to support students who struggle with learning.

School districts are faced with difficult decisions as we await final guidelines from the Department of Public Health. We are grappling with financial uncertainty and concerns about paying for required health and safety equipment, even as supplies arrive from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

While the future is uncertain, we want every family, student, educator and school employee in Los Angeles County to know our 80 school districts are focused on continuing to educate and support our young people while complying with public health guidelines. It is LACOE's commitment to help districts succeed by leveraging partnerships and resources and providing guidance, technical assistance and support.



For information on LA County's School Reopening Guidelines, [click here](#).

To keep up with LA County's Office of Education visit them online at [lacoed.edu](http://lacoed.edu) or follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), or [YouTube](#).

## **Do You Know a Senior in Need of Free Meal Assistance?**



If you know a senior in need of meal assistance, it's not too late for them to apply for LA County's Great Plates Delivered Program.

Through Great Plates Delivered, LA County is providing three (3) home-delivered meals a day to qualifying older adults & adults over 60 who are at high-risk for COVID-19. This effort is not only assisting LA County seniors, but it is also helping LA County's local restaurant, hospitality and transportation community get back to work.

To learn more & apply for meal assistance, [click here](#).

## **Incident Report**

Our daily report is a high-level summary of L.A. County Emergency Operations Center's response to the COVID-19 health emergency. [Click here](#) to view.

## **COVID-19 Digital Communications Guide & Toolkit**

[View](#) our updated COVID-19 Digital Communications Guide, and get tips on Best Practices, Do's and Don'ts, Key Messaging, and our Social Media Toolkit - with multi-lingual graphics and messages like the ones seen below.

Access our Social Media Toolkit [here](#).

COVID-19 is easily transmitted through communities. Wear a face cover to protect everyone and slow the spread. #BYOM

**Armenian:** COVID-19-ը հեշտությամբ փոխանցվում է համայնքի մեջ: Կրեք դիմակներ՝ բոլորին պաշտպանելու և տարածումը դանդաղեցնելու համար:

**S Chinese :** COVID-19 易于通过社区传播。戴上口罩，保护每个人及减缓传播。



**Spanish:** El COVID-19 se transmite fácilmente a través de las comunidades. Usa una mascarilla facial para proteger a todos y disminuir la propagación

**Tagalog:** Ang COVID-19 ay madaling naipapasa sa mga komunidad. Magsuot ng pantakip sa mukha upang protektahan ang lahat at pahinain ang pagkalat.

**Vietnamese:** COVID-19 dễ dàng lây truyền qua cộng đồng. Đeo khẩu trang để bảo vệ mọi người và làm chậm sự lây lan.

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## Additional Resources

The County of Los Angeles appreciates your continued partnership in responding to COVID-19 questions and needs of residents. For additional information, please visit:

- County of Los Angeles: [covid19.lacounty.gov](https://covid19.lacounty.gov)
- County of Los Angeles Public Health: [publichealth.lacounty.gov](https://publichealth.lacounty.gov)
- California Department of Public Health: [cdph.ca.gov](https://cdph.ca.gov)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [cdc.gov](https://cdc.gov)
- Los Angeles County residents can also call 2-1-1