

Government Relations

- The protests have continued over the weekend and the National Guard has started to withdraw.
- Governor Newsom supports legislation to ban the use of carotid holds.
- As additional businesses begin to reopen, officials will begin to release additional guidelines.
- Over the last two weeks, there has been an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases.

Infection Prevention Medical Director

- In Los Angeles, the African American population is 8%, 3.7% of the number of reported cases, and a reported 11.7% of the reported deaths. Latinos make up 48.5% of the Los Angeles population, 35% of the number of reported cases, and 40.8% of deaths.
- As businesses start to reopen people are now able to go to restaurants, go shopping, but it is important to ensure that appropriate precautions are taken. Please sit outside when possible, continue to wear your mask when you are outside your home, and apply hand sanitizer.
- In the administrative buildings, there is increased visibility of individuals who are not wearing their mask. Every time that you are close to people, or walking around the building, everyone needs to wear a mask. Additionally, there are cleaning supplies at the front desk so that you may clean your workspace.
- This week, the evaluation centers will switch to Fulgent Lab.
- Please wear appropriate PPE. We will be working on updating the screening of patients to better identify patients. When talking to your patients, please encourage them to use video visits.

Human Resources

- As we continue to care for our patients, it is equally important to care for ourselves, which includes enrolling in our benefits program. This is a reminder that the Open Enrollment period started [on Tuesday, May 26](#) and will close [at 11:59 p.m. this Friday, June 12](#). Open Enrollment is your annual opportunity to review, enroll in, or make changes to your benefit plans, including medical, dental, vision, and life insurance coverages. During this period, you will also be able to add or drop coverage for eligible dependents. We also recommend you attend an Open Enrollment Webinar where representatives from the Benefits department will be available to answer your questions. The Benefits Support Center is available [Monday to Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.](#) to assist with benefits-related questions or to help enroll over the phone. For questions, please visit Town Square or contact the Benefits Support Center at benefits@altamed.org or by calling [\(323\) 720-5670](tel:3237205670), Option 1.