

COVID-19 UPDATE



STATE ISSUES RECOMMENDATIONS TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND PROVIDERS TO ACCELERATE SAFE VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

On January 7, 2021, the State issued vaccine recommendations focused on accelerating the pace of COVID-19 vaccine administration. The recommendations clarify the vaccine prioritization process stating that health departments and providers may offer doses to lower priority groups when high-priority demand subsides, or when doses are about to expire.

Local health departments have been instructed to allocate doses on the assumption that immunization will be accepted by some but not all who are offered the vaccine, and then continue to offer vaccinations in progressive priority tiers.

[Click Here to View Full Vaccine Recommendations](#)

COVID-19 DATA

The California Department of Public Health announced the most recent statistics on COVID-19, including data on ICU capacity across the state. Based on ICU data, the San Joaquin Valley, Southern California, Greater Sacramento and the Bay Area are to continue the Regional Stay at Home Order.

California has 2,518,611 confirmed cases to date. Numbers may not represent true day-over-day change as reporting of test results can be delayed. There have been 34,760,355 tests conducted in California. There have been 28,045 COVID-19 deaths in California since the start of the pandemic.

[Read the Full Regional Stay Home Order Here.](#)

CAL/OSHA REGULATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

AB 685:

AB 685 creates a notice requirement at the workplace if an employee is exposed to COVID-19. The employer must notify exposed employees within one business day of the exposure as well as the employees' rights to sick leave and other COVID-19 related policies. AB 685 will require an employer, if the employer or representative of the employer is notified of the number of cases that meet the definition of a COVID-19 outbreak, within 48 hours, to report prescribed information to the local public health agency in the jurisdiction of the worksite. AB 685 will require an employer that has an outbreak to continue to give notice to the local health department of any subsequent laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the worksite.

For more information on AB 685, see the link below to view a Webinar recording, *Sailing Through Uncharted OSHA Waters*, hosted by Gallagher Bradford & Barthel. This hour long webinar provides great clarification on AB 685 and how it may differ from other COVID-19 related legislation such as SB 1159.

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GOVERNOR NEWSOM INTRODUCES PROPOSED CALIFORNIA BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

On Friday, January 8, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom presented a proposed \$227 billion budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, of which \$164.5 billion is from the General Fund. The Administration's budget has proposed \$4.4 billion related to COVID-19 relief:

- \$2 billion for Testing
- \$473 million for Contract Tracing
- \$372 million for Vaccine roll-out
- Additional funding for state response