

Santa Barbara County Public Health Department
Situation Report # 8
3/31/20
COVID-19

This situation report is intended to provide information to local officials within Santa Barbara County. Updates to this report will be provided weekly ([blue text](#)), unless there are significant changes locally, nationally or globally.

Situation Overview

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (SBCPHD) is closely monitoring and responding to an outbreak caused by a novel (new) coronavirus which originated in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

- Global confirmed cases: **855,007 cases** and **42,032 confirmed deaths** from COVID-19 worldwide. There are now 180 countries/territories reporting cases.
- On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak of novel Coronavirus 2019-nCov a pandemic.
- The President of the United States declared a Public Health Emergency for the novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) on Sunday February 2, 2020.
- California declared a State of Emergency on March 5, 2020 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions underway, and help state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19.
- Santa Barbara County public health officer declared a local health emergency on March 12, 2020 and orders the cancelation of large gatherings and social distancing of at least 6 feet at all other events.
- The Public Health Department is actively investigating multiple case contacts of confirmed cases.
- The call center hours were adjusted to 9am-6pm daily on 3/23/20. 833-688-5551.
- March 16, 2020- Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order to protect the health and safety of Californians most vulnerable to COVID-19 residing at health care, residential and non-residential facilities licensed by the state
- Multiple counties in California have issued “shelter in place” or “shelter at home” orders for the population to stay home to reduce the spread of the disease.
- On March 19, 2020 Governor Gavin Newsom issued the Stay-at-Home Executive Order for all individuals living in California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain operations of the 16 federal critical infrastructure sectors.
- See the Santa Barbara County PHD COVID-19 Information Portal for daily situation report: <https://publichealthsb.org/>

Santa Barbara County Public Health Department & Emergency Medical Services Agency

COVID-19 testing and cases in Santa Barbara County as of March 31, 2020: *Please note that these numbers only reflect the number of tests being reported to the Public Health Department*

Total Tested:	799
Confirmed:	99
Negative:	600
Pending:	1
Inconclusive:	1

South County Unincorporated including communities of Montecito, Summerland and the City of Carpinteria	6
City of Santa Barbara and Unincorporated area of Mission Canyon	22
City of Goleta	2
Community of Isla Vista	1
Unincorporated area of the Goleta Valley and Gaviota	9
Santa Ynez Valley Inclusive of Cities of Solvang & Buellton and the communities of Santa Ynez, Los Alamos, Los Olivos and Ballard	2
City of Lompoc and the Communities of Mission Hills and Vandenberg Village	10
City of Santa Maria	25
Community of Orcutt	11
North County unincorporated areas Sisquoc, Casmalia, Garey, Cuyama and New Cuyama and City Guadalupe	11
Total	99

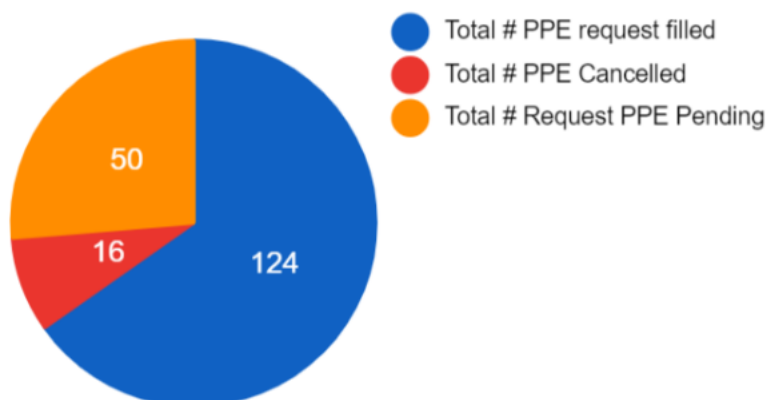
Recovery Status	
Recovering at home	57
Recovered	22
Pending	7
In the hospital	13 (11 in the ICU)

- Activated the Public Health Department Operations Center (DOC) on March 6, 2020- operating hours: seven days a week 0800-1700 starting 3/13/20.
- DOC focus on disease containment and continuity of PHD essential functions. Major functions include support of healthcare partners and contact tracing and issue quarantine and isolation orders. As of 3/25/20, contact tracing will only occur for Health Care Workers, or those who live and/or work in an congregate living facility due to high amount of cases requiring investigation.
- The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department issued [Provider Alerts](#) to all healthcare providers on the following days:
 - January 24, February 14, March 5, March 9, March 15, March 18, March 24, [March 25](#)
- In coordination with healthcare partners developed a COVID-19 Testing Triage Tool for providers which was most recently revised on March 25 and can be found on the webpage.

- The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department [Press Releases](#) on COVID-19 and is having weekly press conferences at 4:30 pm M-F.
- Conducted N-95 Fit Test Train the Trainer sessions for healthcare partners on March 11 in South County and March 12 in North County for approximately 40 individuals.
- Distributed over 80,000 N-95 masks and other PPE resources to healthcare partners throughout the county.
- [Public Health staff have produced approximately 600 face shields from office supply material and the first batch was used at the Franklin Healthcare Center. The supplies for the face shields will be combined into kits for individual healthcare facilities to assemble themselves.](#)
- On February 5, 2020 Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services Agency issued EMS and Dispatch Provider Alerts to implement dispatch travel history screening and recording of travel history in EMS electronic medical records.
- Support County call center and maintain updated **COVID-19 Information Line at 805-681-4373**. This line has a recorded message (English/Spanish) about the status of the outbreak.
- Weekly COVID-19 planning conference calls with hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, outpatient providers, and assisted living, dialysis, and EMS providers began on February 7, 2020 to provide situation update, assess resource shortages, provide guidance, coordinate communication, and answer questions.
- Multiagency Coordination Group designated to evaluate scarce medical resource allocation. Committee set up prioritization process and online resource request process. Providers complete status reports and submit resource requests to the PHD DOC see resource request numbers below.
- Providing guidance to community organizations and service providers and cities.
- Assessing surge capacity of hospitals and healthcare system.
- Coordinating with long term care facilities on process for isolating and caring for suspect or confirmed residents and for taking discharged confirmed COVID-19 patients from the hospital.
- PHD is responding to and has removed/isolated several patients experiencing homelessness who have tested for COVID-19. Shelters across the county are reporting capacity concerns and Public Health is working with community partners to obtain additional locations to house and keep isolated those who are symptomatic.
- [The Santa Maria High School gymnasium is currently being used as a temporary shelter for those experiencing homelessness and display no symptoms. This site is currently at capacity. PHD is working with other facilities in the Lompoc and Santa Barbara area to identify temporary shelters in those areas.](#)

Resource Requests

Amount of PPE resource requests filled as of March 31, 2020.



190
Total # PPE Request

124
Total # PPE request filled

50
Total # Request PPE Pending

- To submit a situation report and resource request use the following link:
<http://www.countyofsb.org/phd/epp/forms.sbc>

Status of PHD Programs

- The County Health Centers are in the process of rescheduling those patients whose visits were postponed or cancelled earlier in March and setting them up with visits by phone or through the telehealth feature in the electronic health record system. The first telehealth visits began on March 18th. In-person urgent and essential visits are continuing as normal. Anyone who wishes to enter any of the healthcare centers will be screened for temperature and symptoms prior to being allowed entry.
- Environmental Health Services North and South County offices continue to accept materials via drop-boxes and are manning the phone lines. Office doors to the public have closed. Normal business operations continue with EHS staff, conducting complaint and other specific-need or high-needs inspections as needed.
- The Office of Vital Records is currently open to the public with no restrictions; however, walk-in customers must go through the screening process by clinic staff prior to entering the building.
- All three animal shelter locations are limiting their in-person services to adoptions, shelter intakes and animals returned to owners. Adoptable animals can be viewed on Petharbor.com and staff are on site to answer questions by phone only. Field officers will only respond to priority calls, including law enforcement assistance, injured or sick stray animals, cruelty and neglect complaints, bite reports and dangerous/aggressive animal complaints.
- WIC is still open and taking enrollments community members can call (877) 275-8805 to set up an appointment.

California Situation & Response

California (as of March 31, 2020 4pm):

Confirmed California COVID-19 Cases by Gender:

Female	3,155
Male	3,666
Unknown	111

Ages of all confirmed positive cases:

Age 0-17	73
Age 18-49	3,529
Age 50-64	1,765
Age 65+	1,531
Unknown	34

Fatalities in California

Fatalities	150
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- California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Medical and Health Coordination Center (MHCC) is activated at a Level 1.
- CDPH, Cal OES, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) have formed a Multi-Agency Coordination Group (MAC) for scarce resource allocation of N-95 respirators.
- Approximately 11,900 people are self-monitoring, across 49 local health jurisdictions, after returning to the U.S. from travel.
- CDPH continues to update their website with the most current information regarding COVID-19 located at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>
- The website now includes a link to a new webpage for all guidance documents: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>
- CDPH is hosting weekly healthcare provider calls and calls for local health departments.
- Testing continues to be prioritized for highest risk patients, [health care workers and those who live or work in congregate living facilities](#). Commercial labs continue to expand capacity to provide COVID-19 testing. These include Quest, WestPak, and LabCorp.
- [Twenty-two \(22\) California public health labs are verified and currently also testing. These have limited capacity and are reserved for health officer approved submitted specimens.](#)
- CDPH has provided guidance for the following and can be found [here](#):
 - Healthcare facilities
 - Schools and institutions
 - Event organizers
 - First responders
 - Home cleaning
 - Laboratories

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Risk Assessment & Actions

- Tables below update on March 31, 2020 on CDC webpage- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

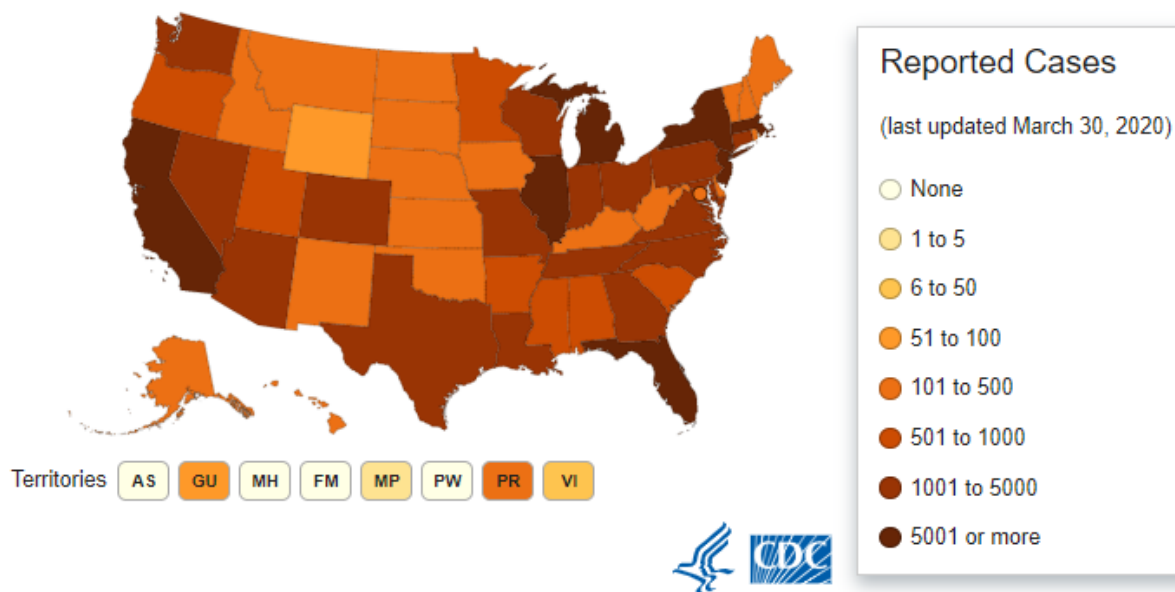
COVID-19: U.S. at a Glance*†

- Total cases: 163,539
- Total deaths: 2,860
- Jurisdictions reporting cases: 55 (50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)

* Data include both confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 reported to CDC or tested at CDC since January 21, 2020, with the exception of testing results for persons repatriated to the United States from Wuhan, China and Japan. State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.

† Numbers updated Saturday and Sunday are not confirmed by state and territorial health departments. These numbers will be modified when numbers are updated on Monday.

States Reporting Cases of COVID-19 to CDC*



- CDC has released guidance for [Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities](#) with specific guidance for the following groups:
 - At Home, Childcare & Schools, Colleges & Universities, At Work, Healthcare settings, Large community events/mass gatherings, first responders

- On February 29, 2020, the CDC posted information regarding the release of stockpiled N95 respirators beyond the manufacturer-designated shelf life. This information can be found on the CDC website linked below: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/release-stockpiled-N95.html>

Useful Links

- Santa Barbara County Public Health Department 2019 Novel Coronavirus webpage: <https://publichealthsb.org/>
- CDC 2019 Novel Coronavirus webpage: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- CDC About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>
- California Department of Public Health webpage: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>
- WHO COVID 19 Situation Dashboard- <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5beeeee1b9125cd>