Community Connects 12-17-2021

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LA County Health Services is proud to share Community Connects, a newsletter to share helpful information to our valued partners in the community. As you work to protect our diverse and most highly impacted communities from COVID-19, we will regularly provide you with updates, information and resources.

We appreciate your continued partnership and efforts!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Get vaccinated for COVID-19 before joining others this holiday. Find a vaccine site near you at vaccinelaCounty.com.

Get tested for COVID-19 before joining others this holiday. Find a testing site near you at covid19.lacounty.gov/testing.

COVID-19 UPDATES: STAY SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON - TIPS & GUIDANCE

Winter Holiday Guidance Click Here: English | Spanish

EFFECTIVE 12/15/2021: masks must be worn in all indoor public settings throughout California, regardless of vaccination until 1/15/22. With the rise COVID-19 cases & growing concern of Omicron, masks are essential & provide an extra layer of protection against the spread of COVID.

Holiday Travel Advisories & Guidance Click Here: Travel Advisories
EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) is a benefit for low-income consumers that will show up as a discount on your bill for High-Speed Home Internet. If you are enrolled in EBB by December 31 you will get up to a $50 monthly discount for two extra months before it drops to $30 by March 2022. ENROLL BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021.

To learn more about eligibility or apply, visit:

APPLY HERE

MLK OUTPATIENT CENTER DOCTORS INCREASE VACCINE CONFIDENCE

Dr. Atul Nakhasi and Dr. Tasha Dixon of Martin Luther King Jr. Outpatient Center share their insights, perspective, and passion for ensuring their patients get vaccinated for COVID-19. With patient-doctor conversations centered on the patient’s concerns, physicians are increasing vaccine confidence in the community. Read more.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS FURTHER EXPOSED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Earlier this month, the U.S. Surgeon General issued an advisory on the youth mental health crisis further exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Surgeon General’s advisory calls for a swift and coordinated response to this crisis as the nation continues to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more on how to improve the mental health of children, adolescents, and young adults.

PROTECTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

For local resources contact, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health has a 24/7 helpline, (800) 854-7771, that serves as an entry point for mental health services for LA County Residents.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS PAGE ON THE HEALTH SERVICES WEBSITE
Partnering with Health Services – LA County has a dedicated webpage for community partners. Partnerships are important to LA County Health Services. We welcome opportunities to collaborate with community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, schools and more throughout the county.

Visit here to get more information.

DHS UPDATES: MOBILE TESTING FLYERS

COVID-19 mobile testing units are available in your community, in addition to regular sites. Customize testing flyers for your area, click here for more details.

LA COUNTY HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- Community Vaccine Resource Page
- COVID-19 Testing
- Vaccine Locator Tool
- COVID-19 Resources for Parents and Guardians (Spanish: rh.lacounty.gov/covidinfonadres)
- Holiday Guidance
- One Degree Community Resources