

**Community Connects 1-14-2022: TEST**

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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!

Three informational graphics are displayed side-by-side. The first graphic, titled 'COVID-19 BOOSTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ANYONE 12+', states that 12-17 year-olds are eligible for a Pfizer booster five months after their 2nd dose and provides the website VaccinateLACounty.com. The second graphic, titled 'Pick-up COVID-19 Testing Kit Locations:', lists 12 locations across LA County with their addresses and hours. The third graphic, titled 'KNOW YOUR COVID-19 TESTING OPTIONS', lists three options: 1. Contacting a doctor or pharmacy, 2. Testing at work or school, and 3. Free County-sponsored tests at various locations.

## COVID-19 UPDATES: VACCINE AND TESTING

Celebrate the new year by getting your COVID-19 vaccine or booster. If you have symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19 get tested.

*Note: All testing options for LA County testing sites are PCR tests.*

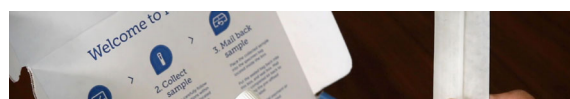
Find a site near you: [Vaccinate LA County](#)    [Testing in LA County](#)

**NEW:** Social Media Graphics Available [HERE](#)

## LA County Home Test Collection Program

The [LA County Home Test Collection program](#) offers an at-home nasal swab test-kit via mail to LA County residents who meet the following criteria:

- Have symptoms of COVID-19, OR
- Think you were exposed to COVID-19.
- Home test collection kits are provided at no cost to you and are available on a limited and intermittent basis.





### LA County Pick Up Testing Kit

- The LA County Pick Up Testing Kit program is designed to help LA County residents who cannot get testing appointments. The **Pick-Up Testing Kit** program allows residents to pick up a PCR test kit at a designated site. Residents then perform the test and return it to a site for processing.

### Pick-Up Testing Kit Information

### LA County 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.

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### NATIONAL BLOOD CRISIS - DONATE TODAY



The Red Cross declared its first ever national blood crisis.

We're feeling the crisis here at home as our hospital - Harbor UCLA - was forced to close it's trauma center to new patients earlier this week because of the shortage.

[Click here](#) to out where you can donate today!

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### BUSINESSES: FREE AND LOW-COST PPE

Do you need PPE? Find out more about how your California small business, nonprofit or organization can obtain free and low-cost PPE. [Check here](#) for more info. Don't forget that the LA County Health Officer Order requires employers to adhere to mask guidance and requirement for employees who are working indoors and in close contact with others.



The LA County Health Officer Order requires employers to provide masks or respirators to employees who are working indoors and in close contact with others. They must be worn at all times while the employee is in the workplace or facility. The masks/respirators must be well-fitting medical

grade masks, surgical masks, or higher level respirators such as an N95 or KN95.

FREE PPE packages, including N95 masks, are available through PPE Unite at [www.ppeunite.org](http://www.ppeunite.org) or by calling (747) 224-7742.

The City of Los Angeles also has low-cost N95 masks available for purchase at [www.la.gov](http://www.la.gov).

Three Key Factors for a Respirator to be Effective:

1. The respirator must be put on correctly and worn during the exposure.
2. The respirator must fit snugly against the user's face to ensure that there are no gaps between the user's skin and respirator seal.
3. The respirator filter must capture more than 95% of the particles from the air that passes through it.

For more information visit the Centers for Disease Control: [How to Properly Put on and Take off a Disposable Respirator](#)

[www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus)  
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## APPLY TO BECOME A 2022 NATIONAL EQUITY ATLAS FELLOW



The National Equity Atlas research partnership, a collaboration between PolicyLink and the USC Equity Research Institute, is seeking applicants for its 2022-2023 class of National Equity Atlas Fellows.

Fellows will design and develop a data project with support from Atlas staff on research and data visualization. This 12-month fellowship program is designed to support community-led efforts to advance racial and economic equity by building the capacity of people of color working in grassroots organizations to analyze, visualize, and use deeply disaggregated data in support of equity campaigns. **Application deadline is January 21, 2022.** [Click here](#) for more info.

## LA COUNTY NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK



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Let your voice be heard! On June 23, 2020, Supervisors Solis and Kuehl authored a motion to adopt the [Countywide Cultural Policy](#). From January 3 - 31, 2022, [Arts and Culture](#) is seeking public comment on the draft set of Cultural Policy Strategy Proposals.

The department wants to hear from community members and organizations about important cultural strategies that will have the greatest impact in LA County.

**Submit your comment [here](#) to let us know your top three strategies. Public comment is open until January 31.**

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#### A ZOCALO/CALIFORNIA WELLNESS FOUNDATION EVENT



**Can California Solve Its Air Quality Inequality?**  
A Zócalo/California Wellness Foundation Event  
Thursday, January 27—7:00 PM PST  
Streaming live online from  
ASU California Center  
in downtown Los Angeles  
Register: [zps.la/airquality](https://zps.la/airquality)

Join [@zocalopublicsquare](#) and [@CalWellness](#) live online to discuss  
“**Can California Solve Its Air Quality Inequality?**”  
at 7 PM PST on Thursday, January 27.

While smog in Los Angeles and wildfire smoke in San Francisco dominate headlines, California’s rural communities are also besieged by a constellation of forces that foul their air. What political and economic strategies have succeeded in improving air quality locally and statewide?

**[Register Here](#)**

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#### LA COUNTY HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- [Community Vaccine Resource Page](#)
  - [COVID-19 Testing](#)
  - [Vaccine Locator Tool](#)
  - [COVID-19 Resources for Parents and Guardians](#) (Spanish: [ph.lacounty.gov/covidinfopadres](https://ph.lacounty.gov/covidinfopadres))
  - [Holiday Guidance](#)
  - [One Degree Community Resources](#)
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