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

We appreciate your continued partnership and efforts!

FIND A COVID-19 TESTING SITE NEAR YOU

HOW TO GET A COVID-19 TEST IN LA COUNTY

- ▶ Get a home test kit for free from your health plan
- ▶ Sign up for free test kits from the Federal Government at covidtest.gov
- ▶ Call your doctor
- ▶ Go through your school or employer
- ▶ Visit an LA County testing site
- ▶ Use the County Home Test Collection Program. Sign up at covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/home-test-collection-program
- ▶ Purchase a test kit (from a pharmacy or store)

Uninsured?

No problem. COVID-19 testing is free at all LA County operated sites, regardless of immigration status or insurance. If you do have health insurance, have your insurance information ready.



For more information and to find a testing site, visit Covid19.LACounty.gov/Testing. To report a fraudulent site, call 800-593-8222.



[Find A Testing Site Here](#)

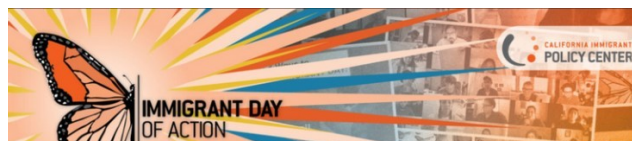
JOIN COVID-19 COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION - RECEIVE A \$40 GIFT CARD

The LA County Department of Public Health is looking for community members to share their opinions on the COVID-19 pandemic response. If you have opinions on what DPH did well, what DPH could have been done differently, and how DPH can better serve you moving forward, you are invited. [FIND ALL THE FLYER HERE.](#)

- **Where:** Video call using Zoom.
- **When:** [CLICK HERE](#) for the date and time of each session. Sessions are in English, Spanish, or Mandarin. You can join the session for the region where you live.
- **Why:** You will receive a \$40 gift card for participating. DPH will learn from your feedback and use those lessons for future emergency response plans.
- **How to sign-up:** To sign up for an English or Spanish listening session, email esampson@manatt.com.

[More Info](#)

TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH IS IMMIGRANT DAY OF ACTION (IDA) 2022!





Taking the Lead: Centering Immigrant Equity and Voices is an event organized by the California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC). IDA will provide a diverse line up of leaders, partners, and impacted community members from across the state to celebrate accomplishments and discuss timely issues facing the immigrants' rights movement in the Golden State. *General registration is \$15 USD.* English to Spanish translation will be provided during this rally. Your participation is critical to ensure an equitable post-pandemic recovery. *General registration is \$15 USD.* English to Spanish translation will be provided during this rally.

[Register Here](#)

ANNUAL CALFRESH AWARENESS MONTH CAMPAIGN (CFAM)



May is CALFRESH Awareness Month! DPSS is preparing to launch activities for the County of L.A.'s annual CalFresh Awareness Month (CFAM) campaign to prevent food insecurity by informing low-income residents about the benefits of CalFresh Program.

Join us on May 4 for the Community Kick-off Event featuring free produce giveaways, yoga and Zumba classes, recruitment for summer employment, toy giveaways for children in attendance, and more.

[CalFresh Info](#)

LA COUNTY RACIAL EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN LISTENING SESSION



The LA County Chief Executive Office in collaboration with the Anti-Racism, Diversity, & Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative invites public comment on the draft Los Angeles County Racial Equity Strategic Plan in a listening session to take place on:

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

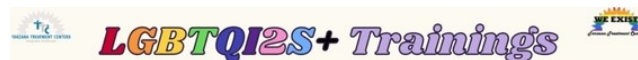
5:00 – 7:00 PDT

[Register Here](#)

Come learn more about the ARDI Initiative, share your thoughts on the potential impacts, and suggest strategies to address the needs across the county's Districts and communities.

[Learn More](#)

LGBTQI2S+ TRAININGS AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS BY WE EXIST



Increase your capacity to provide affirming care to LGBTQ+ clients and their loved ones. We Exist offers free online training and community presentations for all of LA County. Participate in open conversations as we explore LGBTQ+ terminology, intersecting identities, intersectionality of various identities, unique risk and protective factors, clinical considerations, making safe spaces and more. Or schedule a presentation for your agency.

For more information contact We Exist at (818) 527-6562.

Email: WeExist@tarzanatc.org

Toolkit Training

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

9:00 am

[Register Here](#)

18TH ANNUAL ENACT ADVOCACY DAY 2022: JOIN US APRIL 27-28 FOR 2 DAYS OF VIRTUAL HEALTH EQUITY ADVOCACY



Build advocacy skills, share space, expertise and lived experience to inform policy solutions that impact Californians' health and address racial and health inequities. This year, [#enact2022](#) will take place over two days. Focus areas include community safety, housing access, economic and environmental justice, public health infrastructure, and more.

[Sign up here to participate](#), and please share widely with your members, colleagues, and networks! No lobbying or other advocacy experience needed. This is a virtual event that will take place on Zoom.

Please reach out to Sophia Simon-Ortiz at sophia@humanimpact.org with any questions. We hope to see you there!

[Learn More](#)

LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINE



▶▶ **LACDMH HELP LINE**
(800) 854-7771

The LACDMH Help Line serves as the primary entry point for mental health services with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. Services provided by our Help Line staff include:



Access Center (ext. 1) for service referrals, crisis assessments and field deployments. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Emotional Support Warm Line (ext. 2) to speak with trained active listeners. Available 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Veteran Line (ext. 3) for mental health support and connection to [Veteran Programs](#). Available 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Those with hearing or speech disabilities may obtain a Sorenson phone or call **711** to connect with our Help Line. With 711, please ask the operator, who will serve as the interpreter between the caller and our staff, to call our Help Line at (800) 854-7771. For more information, visit: dmh.lacounty.gov/get-help-now.





Get help now: LACDMH 24/7 Help Line (800) 854-7771 or Contact Crisis Text Line ("LA" to 741741)

Check out the LACDMH Mental Health Resources page at [Resources - Department of Mental Health \(lacounty.gov\)](#)

LEAD COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS IN COUNTY DISTRICT 2



The Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell is seeking community-based partners to lead beautification services in the unincorporated neighborhoods of the 2nd Supervisorial District. If you share a commitment to racial and social justice and can commit to providing high quality jobs targeted to residents facing barriers to employment, we encourage you to apply.

[Apply Here](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: DEMONSTRATING POLICY EFFECTIVENESS TO PROMOTE BLACK YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers grant programs to support projects that implement innovative models to improve minority health and reduce health disparities.



Award Amount: \$350,000 to \$400,000

Application Due Date: June 22, 2022, 6:00 PM ET

[Learn More](#)

LA COUNTY HELPFUL RESOURCES:

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



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