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LA County Health Services is proud to share Community Connects, a monthly newsletter designed to inform our valued community partners. As you work to engage and support our diverse communities we will provide you with updates, information and resources.

We appreciate your continued partnership and efforts!

AUGUST IS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH (NIAM)



This annual observance highlights the importance of making a lifelong commitment to staying current on vaccinations. NIAM presents a reminder to talk with your healthcare provider to ensure you and your family are protected against serious illness and disease by getting caught up on routine vaccinations.

Find out what vaccines [you](#) and [your family](#) may need based on individual risk factors, including [pregnancy](#). Protect yourself and your loved ones.

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AUGUST IS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH



August is Child Support Awareness Month, an opportunity to raise awareness about the critical income support program that helps millions of children and families. The support helps families in L.A. County thrive and sets kids up to succeed. Watch a [3-minute video](#) to learn about the services the child support program offers. You can also visit [Child Support Services – Los Angeles County \(lacounty.gov\)](#) or call 866-901-3212 for more information.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT MONKEYPOX

Symptom onset ranges from 5-21 days.



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Please check out the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's dashboard for more information about Monkeypox. It features information about symptoms, prevention and vaccines, testing, treatment, LA County cases and current news updates. You can sign up for the newsletter to receive ongoing updates.

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Back to School Safety Tips and Recommendations



Have a child in a TK-12 school in LA County? Visit us online for the current guidelines and recommendations to keep staff, students, and families safe throughout the year. Learn more from the LA County Department of Public Health [Education Toolkit](#).

TELASOFA PRESENTS THE 15TH ANNUAL EAST LA FILM FESTIVAL



The theme this year is "From the hood to Hollywood" showcasing films about artists, activism, LGBTQ+ mental health, and suicide prevention.

Save the Dates:

September 30 – October 1, 2022

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LOS ANGELES AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE WELLNESS WALK



The National African American Male Wellness Agency (AAMWW) Los Angeles, in partnership with LA County Health Services, is holding the 18th annual walk on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex. The agency has been addressing health disparities among African American men and the related impact on families. Please consider helping by becoming a vendor, sponsor or providing volunteer support for event setup, registration and/or distributing water and merchandise. For questions contact LA Walk Chair Jade Barnes at jbarnes@ncusolutions.com or call (614) 441-7955 or visit the website [HERE](#).

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LA COUNTY OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS (OIA) AWARDING GRANTS TO STRENGTHEN IMMIGRANT-FOCUSED CBOS



The Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) in the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) has announced the launch of the [Capacity Strengthening Grants for Immigrant Focused Community Based Organizations](#) initiative.

The program will support community organizations in LA County immigrant residents who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Grant-specific questions can be addressed to CNM's Joni Byun at grant@cnmsocal.org or (213) 266-8448.

HERMOSA BEACH HOSTS HOMELESS (HOUSING INITIATIVE) COURT



The Housing Initiative Court gives people experiencing homelessness the opportunity to avoid prosecution on nonviolent misdemeanor charges or municipal code violations in exchange for accepting judge-mandated services that can eventually lead to placement in housing. Hermosa Beach will host three more sessions this year, on Aug. 24, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19. Read the article [here](#). For more info countywide Call (213) 978-1937 or email: att.heart@lacity.org. Enrollment info on link below.

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TAKE METRO HALF-PRICE THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR



Metro has announced that a half-price discount fare program will be extended through the end of the year. Metro one-day passes, which typically cost \$7, are discounted to \$3.50. Weekly passes are \$12.50 instead of \$25, and 30-day passes are \$50 instead of \$100. According to Metro, the agency provided the discounts to “promote affordability and incentivize customers to purchase unlimited-use passes.”

Visit www.metro.net/fares for more information on Metro fares.

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RESOURCES FOR CA RESIDENTS STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT AND BILLS

Your local [211](#) is the best resource for help finding options to pay rent or mortgage. Click the button for the [website](#) or dial 211 direct anytime.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

If you need help finding housing immediately, call 2-1-1. Your local 211 is the best resource for help finding options to pay your rent or mortgage.

Renters: Find Rental Assistance

- **Struggling to pay rent or bills?** Call 2-1-1 for help finding local or state financial assistance.
- As of April 1, 2022, the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program is no longer accepting new applications. **Contact your city or county**, there may be additional resources, including local rent relief programs, to help you cover the cost of your rent or utility payments.

Renters: Find an Affordable Unit

- Contact a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency calling toll-free at 1-888-995-4673.
 - Visit: [Resources.hud.gov](https://resources.hud.gov)

Renters: Received An Eviction Notice?

- **Get legal help:** If you have questions about what the Notice says, what it means, or if you think there's something wrong with the Notice, you can find legal aid offices and referral services that offer free and low-cost services in your area.
 - Visit: [Courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-eviction](https://courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-eviction)
 - Visit: LawHelpCa.org

Homeless Housing Help

- **Are You Experiencing Homelessness?** Call 2-1-1 to speak with someone who can help you find housing or shelter.
 - Visit: [Hudexchange.info/housing-and-homeless-assistance/homeless-help/](https://hudexchange.info/housing-and-homeless-assistance/homeless-help/)

*Select "California" from the dropdown menu under the "Filter" section on the left.

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EXPEDITED CALFRESH BENEFITS AVAILABLE



If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, you may be eligible for Expedited CalFresh benefits. **<cut this, there are no above requirements listed : if you meet any of the above requirements.>** Visit the DPSS [CalFresh Program webpage](#) for information, which is available in multiple languages. **Expedited benefits are accessible on the same day of registration and up to 3 days after meeting program requirements.** Call toll free (866) 613-3777 Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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EXPANDED MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY FOR CALIFORNIANS AGED 50 & OLDER

An advertisement for Medi-Cal. It features a photograph of an elderly man and a woman smiling. The text reads: "CALIFORNIANS AGE 50 OR OLDER MAY QUALIFY FOR MORE MEDI-CAL BENEFITS. Did you know that if you are a California resident and are 50 or older, you may qualify for full-scope Medi-Cal beginning May 1, 2022, regardless of your immigration status? Ask a Customer Service Representative or call 1-866-613-3777 to find out if you qualify or to get more information. Or visit BenefitsCal.com to apply". At the bottom, it says "dpss.lacounty.gov" and "dpss BenefitsCal".

Californians aged 50+ now qualify for full scope Medi-Cal coverage regardless of immigration status. Call 866-613-3777 or visit [Health Care \(lacounty.gov\)](https://www.lacounty.gov/health-care) to learn more about eligibility.

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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