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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!

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#### RESOURCES TO SHARE FOR MONTEREY PARK VICTIMS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

On behalf of the DHS family, we extend our condolences to our [Monterey Park](#) community and those involved in the tragic shooting event that took place on the evening of Saturday, January 21, 2023. It is devastating to learn of the senseless violence that took the lives of 11 innocent people and injured 9 others. We grieve with the families and those who are working diligently to support the victims in this time of need. A resource guide has been compiled by AAPI Equity Alliance that features services for community members dealing with trauma from the event.



**AAPI EQUITY**  
**ALLIANCE**

If you have resources to share or other feedback, please email Tina Pham at AAPI Equity Alliance (tpham@aapiequity.org). The guide will be updated daily.

[Resource Guide](#)

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## FEBRUARY 7TH IS BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY



Do you know your status? According to the 2021 Los Angeles Department of Public Health HIV Surveillance Annual report, 9 out of 10 individuals living with HIV in Los Angeles County (LAC) are male.

Despite Black males making up 4% of the LAC population, they are disproportionately impacted by HIV and make up 17% of individuals living with HIV. The National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS) has shown, among survey participants, which is utilized to gather data to obtain a representative sample of the county, HIV prevalence has consistently been highest among Black men who have had sex with men, at 36%, between 2004 and 2017 within LAC.

Additionally, 36% of Black Heterosexual women and 31% of Black Heterosexual men residents of LAC have tested positive for HIV in the last 12 months. Within the Transgender (TG) community, HIV prevalence was highest among Black TG women at 52%. Knowing your status is part of self-care for you and your partner!

[Pocket Guide LA](#)

[DPH STD Resources](#)

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month is a chance for Americans to learn details of their nation's history that, unfortunately, are far too often neglected and pushed to the wayside or commemorated out of seeming obligation in reparation for transgressions. Yet black history is American history – and it's rich and vital. What has happened and continues to now informs us of our potential future.

This month is of paramount importance so that we all can observe and acknowledge the state of our Union's past, present and future. We encourage you to take time to discover more about the history of how this month was designated by us and for us ALL. Now watch a straight-talk video "Why do we still need Black History Month" by Now This News.

[Video](#)

Celebrate Black farmers, chefs, and entrepreneurs at the [Prosperity Market pop-up at CAAM \(CA African American Museum\)](#)! Expect your favorite farmers market goodies like fresh fruits and vegetables, discover delicious, prepared foods and handcrafted artisan goods, and enjoy a DJ, cooking demonstrations, a kid's corner, and the following additional wellness offerings including healing sound bath and self-care yoga.

[More Info](#)

For a list of local events, visit [Black History Month 2023 Events](#).

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[Moms LA BHM Events](#)

AT YOUR SERVICE - GET VACCINATED AT HOME

# Get vaccinated in the comfort of your own home!

Request in-home vaccination for the whole family or a loved one.

 Call 833-540-0473  
(8:00 AM – 8:30 PM 7 days a week)

 OR Fill out the request form at:  
[tinyurl.com/drr4kh3k](https://tinyurl.com/drr4kh3k)

Self-referrals or referrals from third parties are welcomed. All available vaccines are offered at no cost. For more information, please visit: [ph.lacounty.gov/vaxathome](https://ph.lacounty.gov/vaxathome)



If you or a loved one have difficulty leaving the home to get vaccinated against COVID-19, you can request in-home vaccination by calling 2-1-1 or the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Vaccine Call Center at 833-540-0473 (8am-8:30pm; 7 days a week).

Residents can also fill out the [online request form](#) (multiple language options available) or visit [ph.lacounty.gov/vaxathome](https://ph.lacounty.gov/vaxathome) for more information. Referrals from caregivers, loved ones, organizations, agencies, providers (among others) are welcome. All doses are available for eligible individuals ages 6 months and older at no cost.

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## DHS RANCHO LOS AMIGOS SITE FEATURED IN PBS SERIES



[Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center](#) patient and research collaborator [Erik Sorto](#), 41 years old, was among the individuals featured in the PBS Series "Searching: Our Quest for Meaning in the Age of Science." An ongoing research collaboration involving the University of Southern California, the California Institute of Technology, and Rancho Los Amigos helped to develop brain-controlled prosthetic

devices like robotic limbs to enable injury-caused paralyzed individuals to become more functionally independent.

[Read More](#)

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## RESOURCES FOR FOOD INSECURITY - FIND FOOD NEAR YOU

**| Let's Feed L.A. County**

[More Info](#)

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## SAN GABRIEL AND POMONA VALLEY OPPORTUNITIES:

A graphic for the Community Wellbeing Grant. It features a background image of three people sitting at a table in a library, looking at books. The text "Community Wellbeing Grant" is overlaid in large white and black font. In the top right corner, there is a logo for TRI-CITY United Health, which consists of three stylized mountain peaks above the text "TRI-CITY" and "United Health".

**Community Wellbeing Grant**

TRI-CITY  
United Health

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## COMMUNITY WELLBEING GRANT (CWB)

[The Community Wellbeing Grant](#) provides monetary grants up to \$10,000 to fund projects that enhance the wellbeing of your members and provide technical assistance to help communities build their own capacity to strengthen the wellbeing of their members and the community as a whole. The Community Wellbeing Grant is for communities who work, serve and support 0-25 year olds in the cities of Pomona, La Verne and Claremont.

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## PAIRS FREE RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM

# PAIRS Program

## Parents Invested in Relationship Success

Parents Investing in Relationship Success (PAIRS) coaches individuals and couples to strengthen existing or future relationships in both English and Spanish. Participants are eligible to receive a \$50 gift card per couple, \$30 per individual and may enroll in free financial literacy and parenting classes. Evening, Saturday and virtual classes and case management are available. Couples or individuals ages 18 and over, who are parents or caregivers and live in the San Gabriel or Pomona Valleys are eligible to enroll. Click below for more information.

[More Info](#)

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## BAILA PRESENTATIONS TO UNDERSTAND CASH AID AND PUBLIC CHARGE



The [Benefits Access for Immigrants Los Angeles \(BAILA\) Network](#) in partnership with [Visión y Compromiso](#) will be hosting trainings on **Wednesday, February 8!**

**Understanding Cash Aid and Public Charge:**

- Recent changes to the public charge rule clarify that a child's or family member's use of cash aid programs does not impact their parent or family member
- Cash aid programs available for income maintenance: CalWORKs, Cash Assistance Program of Immigrants (CAPI), General Relief (GR), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

English presentation: 10:00 to 11:00 AM via ZOOM (register [here](#))

Spanish presentation: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM via ZOOM (register [here](#))

**SMALL/MICRO BUSINESS GRANTS FOR COVID IMPACTED ORGANIZATIONS**

**Recover  
and reopen!**

**Microbusinesses in LA County can now  
apply for grants starting at \$2,500.**

The **Economic Opportunity Grant** program offers \$54+ million in grant awards, one-on-one technical assistance, and other County services to help businesses recover, stabilize, and grow!

*Apply today*

**department  
of economic  
opportunity**  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

[grants.lacounty.gov](https://grants.lacounty.gov)

There are grant opportunities for awards to small or microbusinesses and nonprofit agencies negatively impacted by the COVID pandemic between \$2,500 and \$25,000 through the County's Economic Opportunity Grants program. There are two phases of the grant; Phase 1 launched on January 25th and Phase 2 will launch on February 23rd. Scan the QR code above for more info or click the link below.

[More Info](#)

## FREE LIFEGUARD READY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR TEENAGERS



The Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to expanding its diverse workforce and developing lifeguards within the communities we serve.

The program is intended to train interested students/participants to an acceptable level to participate in the [County Pool Lifeguard Training Academy](#) as a Pool Lifeguard candidate.

[More Info](#)

## 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](http://ph.lacounty.gov/covidinfopadres))
- [One Degree Community Resources](#)



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