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Report to Mayor and City Council

Tuesday, September 06, 2022

Consent

SUBJECT:

COVID-19 UPDATE (CITY COUNCIL)

I. SUMMARY

COVID-19 Positive Case Information by the Numbers

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health COVID-19 case data as of 8/17/2022 listed below.

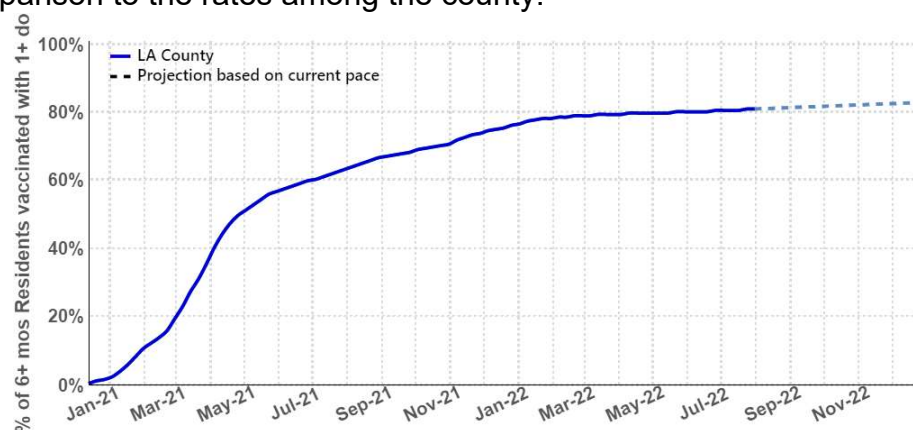
- New Cases: 4,829*
- Total Cases Reported: 3,368,366*
- 7-Day Daily Average Positivity Rate: 11.50%
- Carson Total Confirmed Cases: 31,124

*includes cases reported by Long Beach and Pasadena Public Health Departments

Additional COVID-19 testing information can be found at
<https://dhs.lacounty.gov/covid-19/testing/>.

County/City of Carson Vaccination Status

As of the date of this report, 83.7% of Carson residents 6+ months of age and over have received at least one vaccine dose. The chart below shows vaccination rates for the City of Carson in comparison to the rates among the county.



Additional COVID-19 vaccine information can be found at <https://carsonca.gov/vaccine/>.

City of Carson specific updates:

- The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to affect many city employees. Employees who were unable to work due to being ill with the virus or for being contact traced were provided leave benefits under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA); Supplemental Paid Sick Leave of 2021 (SPSL) and Supplemental Paid Sick Leave of 2022 (SPSL22).
 - Number of employees who tested positive since start of Pandemic: 325
 - Number of employees who tested positive since January 1, 2022: 188
 - Number of FFCRA, SPSL and SPSL22 benefit recipients: 300
- Masks continue to be required by all city employees and participants in city recreational and educational programs and camps.

Public Health updates:

- While COVID-19 case rates are declining and LA County entered the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) medium community level, being cognizant of your health status remains key to slowing the spread in schools, workplaces, and homes.
- Individuals should get tested when: they have been exposed, have symptoms, before and after gatherings, and when they travel. Individuals who test positive, even with an at-home test, need to isolate to avoid infecting others. Individuals who test negative but have symptoms should remain home and test again in 24-48 hours to be sure they aren't infected.

Monkeypox Information

In early August, both State of California and County of Los Angeles declared states of emergency due to the growing number of monkeypox cases. Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by a virus not commonly seen in the United States. Infections in the U.S. are usually associated with travel to West or Central Africa or contact with imported infected animals. Monkeypox can also spread when a person has close contact with a person infected with monkeypox virus or when a person comes in contact with materials that are contaminated with the virus.

As of August 22, there were 15,433 reported cases in the US, and 1,209 cases in LA County. In response to the increasing numbers, LA County Public Health has made vaccination available to certain high-risk groups.

II. RECOMMENDATION

1. RECEIVE and FILE.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

COVID-19 is a viral respiratory illness caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, a novel coronavirus. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Some people without symptoms may spread the virus. The virus spreads mainly from person-to-person between people in proximity with one another (within about 6 feet) by aspiration of respiratory droplets by an infected person.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

City costs are either being covered by existing department appropriations or new appropriations from the General Fund. All costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic are being tracked separately by staff who will continue to pursue all available reimbursements for eligible City costs incurred from FEMA or other sources.

VI. EXHIBITS

N/A

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