



Stay Healthy & Get Tested



Dear Friends,

As we gear up for the holiday season, we must recommit ourselves to slowing the spread of COVID-19. This week, we saw a startling spike with more than 5,000 positive new cases in just one day. If we don't act now, we may regress to where we were at the start of the pandemic. But, we aren't helpless— there are simple actions we can take to prevent the pandemic from worsening. It's really about going back to the basics; wear a mask when you're around other people, stay six feet apart, and wash your hands.

We are deeply grateful to our business community for their efforts to maintain health and safety protocols as they've reopened. Trends show the spread is largely caused by group gatherings where people are close together without

distancing. This really will make all the difference.

We are also ramping up our testing efforts and have added more sites in our North Los Angeles County communities. Testing appointments are available at Palmdale Hammak Center, the Lancaster High Desert Regional Health Center, the Lake Los Angeles Community Clinic, and Santa Clarita's College of the Canyons. To make an appointment at one of these sites or another near you, please visit covid19.lacounty.gov.

If we all work together, I know we can protect our residents and continue to progress on the path back to normalcy. Thank you for your commitment to the health of your family and your neighbors.

Best wishes,



Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Food for Families



As we near Thanksgiving next week, we are partnering with county departments and local organizations to ensure every family is fed. This week, our Santa Clarita Valley field office joined Parks After Dark for a Thanksgiving grab and go event at Val Verde Park. By the end of the day, 300 families received a gift card for turkey, a box of shelf-stable canned goods, and a holiday themed craft kit.

Upcoming Lancaster Food Distribution

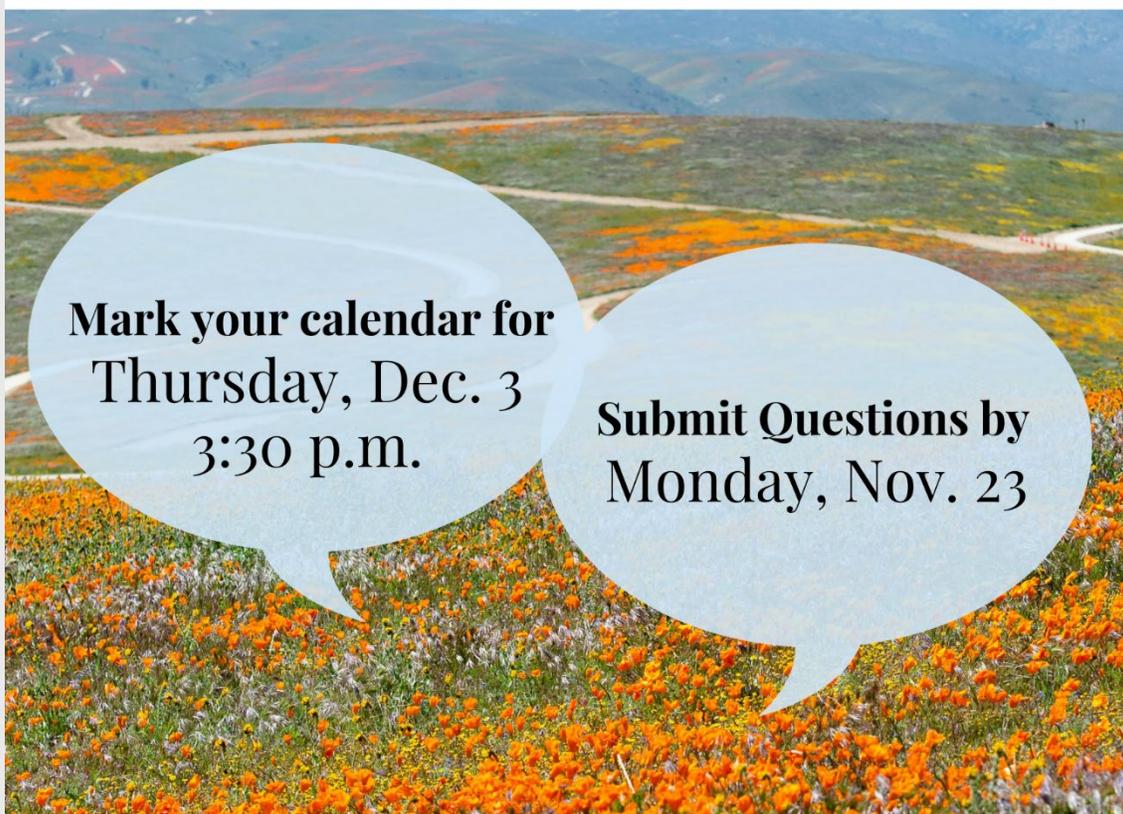
Our office is hosting a food distribution in partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank on Tuesday at Deputy Pierre W. Bain Park on 45045 5th St. E., Lancaster, 93535. This drive thru event is open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and will serve more than 1,000 families. You can also call 2-1-1 to find more county food resources near you.

Get involved with Foothill Unity Center

If you'd like to lend a helping hand, you can participate in the Foothill Unity Center's [Day of Giving](#) on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. by dropping off canned goods and other needed items in the Denny's parking lot at 7 E. Huntington Drive. Also, those who need food can attend [Foothill Unity Center's](#) Thanksgiving distribution on Monday, Nov. 23 or Tuesday, Nov. 24. Our staff is excited to be there to help distribute food.

[Find food or volunteer.](#)

AV Town Hall



Antelope Valley community members are invited to ask questions about any local issues

to address community relationships with law enforcement. Please submit your questions so we can make sure to answer them.

[Submit your questions.](#)

Adoption Day



This sweet event is sure to warm your heart! Tune in tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 21 beginning at 8:15 a.m. to witness 150 children get officially adopted into their forever families in honor of National Adoption Month! It's sure to be an occasion to remember.

[Celebrate these special families.](#)

Super Superintendent



Congratulations to Lancaster School District Superintendent Dr. Michele Bowers, the Los Angeles County Superintendent of the Year! My Antelope Valley Field Deputy Donna Termeer presented her with a special scroll to commemorate her well-deserved honor. Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo said, “During this time of extraordinary challenges, Michele Bowers remains a visionary education leader who finds innovative ways to engage students and inspire staff. She is a tireless, passionate advocate for educational equity and for ensuring the needs of the whole child are met.”

[Read more about our deserving honoree.](#)

Toy Giveaway



Note: This photo was taken in December 2018.

The Spark of Love toy drive is made possible by the generosity of our communities. If you're able, consider donating a toy to this collaborative effort between the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Department of Public Social Services, and ABC7. With your help, we can make the holiday season merry and bright for local youth.

[Give a gift to a child in need.](#)

Arts Grants



The Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture is here to support your favorite local arts organizations. The department is distributing \$12 million in COVID Arts Relief Grants to several hundred deserving artists and nonprofits. COVID-19 has had significant impacts on Los Angeles County's arts and culture sector. These organizations bring hope, youth development, and creative civic engagement to our communities. They also have an unsung role in the county's economy and serve as bridges to careers in the broader creative economy.

[Connect with the Department of Arts and Culture.](#)

Bobcat Fire Support



If you were impacted by the Bobcat Fire or Lake Fire, there are resources available for you. The Department of Public Works is offering appointments to share rebuilding help and information on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. from now through January. Also, you can apply for legal assistance for both fires from FEMA for no-cost referrals to nonprofit legal organizations. When you call (888) 382-3406, you'll receive assistance with insurance claims, repair contracts, and counseling for mortgage, foreclosure, or landlord issues.

[Rebuild with Public Works.](#)

[Receive assistance from FEMA.](#)





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