

Dear Friends,

This week marks one year since I declared a local emergency in Los Angeles County regarding COVID-19. Looking back, we had no idea how much this virus would impact our communities, including devastating losses of loved ones, jobs, homes, and our sense of normalcy. Though so much has changed since a year ago, it's become clearer than ever that the resilience and strength of those on the front lines made all the difference.

Incredibly, we've conducted more than 5.8 million COVID-19 tests and administered more than 2.4 million doses of the vaccine, including more than 800,000 second doses. Since last March, we've deployed nearly 49,000 Disaster Service Workers to help distribute food, conduct contact tracing, support vulnerable residents, and staff testing and vaccination sites. To support families in need of food, Los Angeles County has distributed \$22 million in grocery gift cards, designated \$20 million in grants to community organizations for support, and given away more than 7 million meals. In our effort to ensure residents stay

housed, we've provided more than \$42 million in rent relief and helped 250,000 tenants remain in their homes. To support children, we provided \$20 million in childcare vouchers for low-income families and essential workers. Striving to protect front line workers and residents, we've also given out more than 55 million pieces of protective equipment to local health care facilities.

[Los Angeles County made a brief, powerful video](#) reflecting on the past year. It's both informative and heartfelt, memorializing the loss we've experienced and spotlighting the people who have selflessly shown up for our communities. I also spoke about the COVID anniversary on [Good Day L.A.](#) and looked back on my year as chair in the middle of the pandemic. As we reflect on the last year, I'm grateful for the everyday heroes in our neighborhoods and am eager to continue to vaccinate residents, reopen our communities, and collectively heal.

Best wishes,



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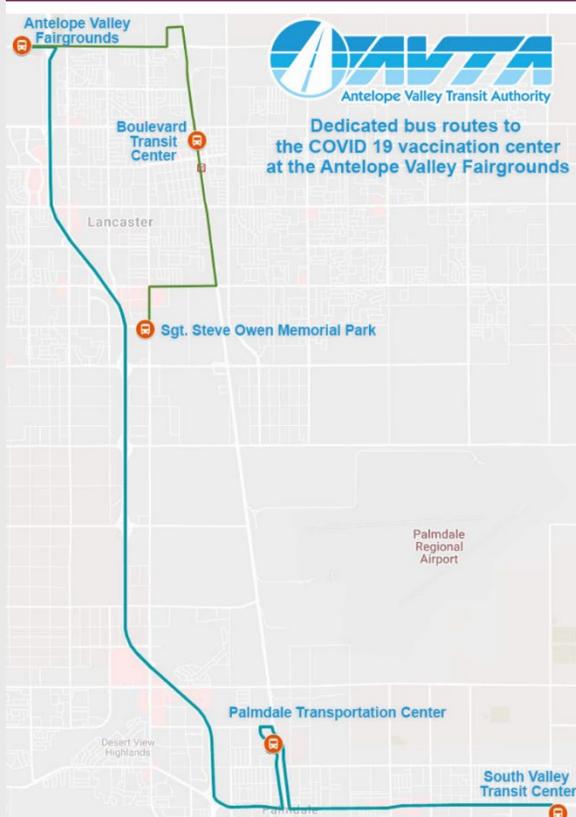
Grocery Giveaway



This week, our team was proud to serve 1,800 San Gabriel Valley families with fresh food from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank at Santa Anita Park. Next Friday, March 12, we will host another food giveaway at Shepherd Church in the San Fernando Valley from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you need food for your family, or would like to donate to the cause or volunteer, there are many opportunities available all over L.A. County.

[Give or get food.](#)

Vaccine Update



Expanding Antelope Valley efforts

On Monday, March 8, I am excited to share that [Kaiser is opening a mass vaccination site at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds](#). This new site will allow up to 2,000 more AV residents per day to get vaccinated, including both Kaiser members and nonmembers. [Antelope Valley Transit Authority](#) has designated bus routes from all four of its transportation centers in the AV to help residents conveniently get directly to the fairgrounds for their vaccine.

Last weekend, I visited Wesley Health Center to see the amazing work they're doing to vaccinate our AV communities. In addition to our community-based facilities, we are also deploying six mobile vaccination teams to our hardest to reach residents.

Additionally, the [Los Angeles County Development Authority partnered with the Department of Public Health](#) to offer vaccines to residents 65 and older who live in public housing. Providing access for our most vulnerable residents, including those living in

directly to those most in need.

Supporting veterans in the San Gabriel Valley

Veterans in our San Gabriel Valley communities are invited to get their vaccine at the American Legion in West Covina or VFW in El Monte. Veterans of all ages can call to make an appointment at (310) 268-4900. The West Covina location is open for first doses on March 6 and 13 and second dose on March 27 and 29, and the El Monte location is open for first doses on March 8 and 15 and for second doses on March 29 and April 5.

[Get a vaccine appointment in your area.](#)

Spring Session



The poster features a pink background with a purple header. At the top left are the logos for the County of Los Angeles and the Department of Parks and Recreation. The text 'Register now!' is written in a black cursive font next to a bee icon. Below this, 'SPRING CLASSES' is written in large, bold, teal letters, and 'ARTS & CULTURE' is in bold, yellow letters. To the right are icons of a camera and an artist's palette with a brush. At the bottom, it says 'Virtual & outdoor classes for all ages begin March 8' and 'COVID-19 guidelines are followed during the outdoor classes'.

Register now! 

SPRING CLASSES

ARTS & CULTURE

**Virtual & outdoor classes
for all ages begin March 8**

COVID-19 guidelines are followed during the outdoor classes

If you want to put a spring in your step with a new activity, Los Angeles County has the perfect opportunity. The Department of Parks and Recreation is hosting their next session of classes both outdoors and online. There are courses for arts and culture, exercise and fitness, improv and acting, finance, languages, computer programming, mental health, and more. Sign up to learn a new skill!

[Sign up for a spring class.](#)

School Reopening



As we vaccinate teachers and gear up to safely allow students to return to the classroom, many of our local school districts are implementing safety protocols so they can seamlessly transition back to in-person learning. [Glendale Unified](#) is one example, and their team has prepared precautions including taking students' temperatures, designating entrances and exits, mandating mask wearing, putting up plexiglass shields on desks, delivering individually-packed lunches to classrooms, holding class outdoors when appropriate, adding hand washing stations, [installing air filters](#), and more.

[Stay updated on reopening efforts.](#)

[Learn more about Glendale's plans.](#)

School Symphony



Students can enjoy the LA Phil this season through the Symphonies for Schools Digital Field Trip program. The virtual sessions include immersive lesson plans and on-demand concerts to bring the magic of the Philharmonic to your home.

[Send the symphony to students.](#)

Women's Marketplace



As part of their annual Power Women Power Tools event, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles is featuring local women-owned small businesses in their virtual Women's Empowerment Marketplace. When you shop with one of the incredible businesses, 10% of proceeds support Habitat L.A.

[Support and shop.](#)

[Check out business development services.](#)

Rent Workshop



The Los Angeles County Development Authority and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs are hosting a workshop for tenants and property owners on Thursday, March 11 at 12 p.m. During the Lunch and Learn virtual event, attendees will get information about rent stabilization, COVID-19 eviction protection, upcoming legislation, and landlord resources. If you'd like to attend, email HCVWorkshops@lacda.org to RSVP.

[Receive resources for renters and landlords.](#)

Wizard of Oz Ballet



Dorothy, Glinda the Good Witch, the Wicked Witch of the West, and all the iconic characters from "The Wizard of Oz" will be pirouetting at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse in a new production from the Pasadena Civic Ballet. The drive-in event will be available March 12, 13, and 14 and will be a fun event for the whole family.

[Head down the yellow brick road.](#)



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