



Los Angeles County Supervisor

HILDA L. SOLIS

First District



September 16, 2022

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A Letter from Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis

Dear Friends,

The Los Angeles Department of Public Health recently issued a health alert after four adolescents overdosed after purchasing counterfeit narcotic pills at Lexington Park, including one student found deceased on campus at Bernstein High School in Hollywood this week.

Nationwide, there has been a growing trend of illicit drugs (particularly methamphetamine and cocaine) and counterfeit pills contaminated with fentanyl and other life-threatening substances. This has impacted both adults and youth. In 2021, fentanyl was identified in about 77% of adolescent overdose deaths nationally, and over 80% of drug overdose deaths among adolescents aged 15 – 19 in 2015 were unintentional. Fentanyl and methamphetamine-related overdose deaths have increased in Los Angeles County even before the pandemic and continue to rise at an alarming rate.

Fentanyl is a high potency synthetic opioid that is colorless and odorless and can cause rapid respiratory depression resulting in accidental death. Awareness of the risk of fentanyl in counterfeit pills, stimulants, and other substances sold outside pharmacies is necessary for the public, including youth and adults, as well as healthcare providers.

This is an urgent crisis that needs a comprehensive, coordinated response, and we need to utilize targeted efforts focused on prevention, early intervention, and access to evidence-based treatment services. That is why I introduced a motion in July to ensure strategies to end the epidemic are in place to help those disproportionately impacted by drug overdoses, including communities of color, our justice-involved residents, persons experiencing homelessness, and LGBTQ+ residents. And it ensures collaboration with our housing system to expand available housing options to help provide residents in need with stability and expands access to navigation services to connect residents to resources. This fight won't be easy, but we owe it to those we serve by making sure our efforts here are coordinated and informed by those in the community who are most impacted.

Guidance for parents and families is available [here](#) and [here](#).

Sincerely,

Hilda L. Solis

Supervisor, First District

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Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!



During Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate the independence days of several Latin

American countries — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua all observe their independence on September 15. Mexico recognizes its independence on September 16, Chile on September 18, and Belize on September 21. It is also during this time that we reflect on the sacrifices and struggles Latino Americans have overcome to establish a sense of belonging in this country. Latino Americans are entrepreneurs, artists, public servants, and servicemembers committed to building a brighter future for generations to come. May we recognize their numerous contributions and honor their diverse cultures this month and all year round.

HSPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROGRAMMING

Get your Updated COVID-19 Booster!

UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTERS

now available in LA County

Get boosted today. To find a location near you, visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinatelacounty.com)



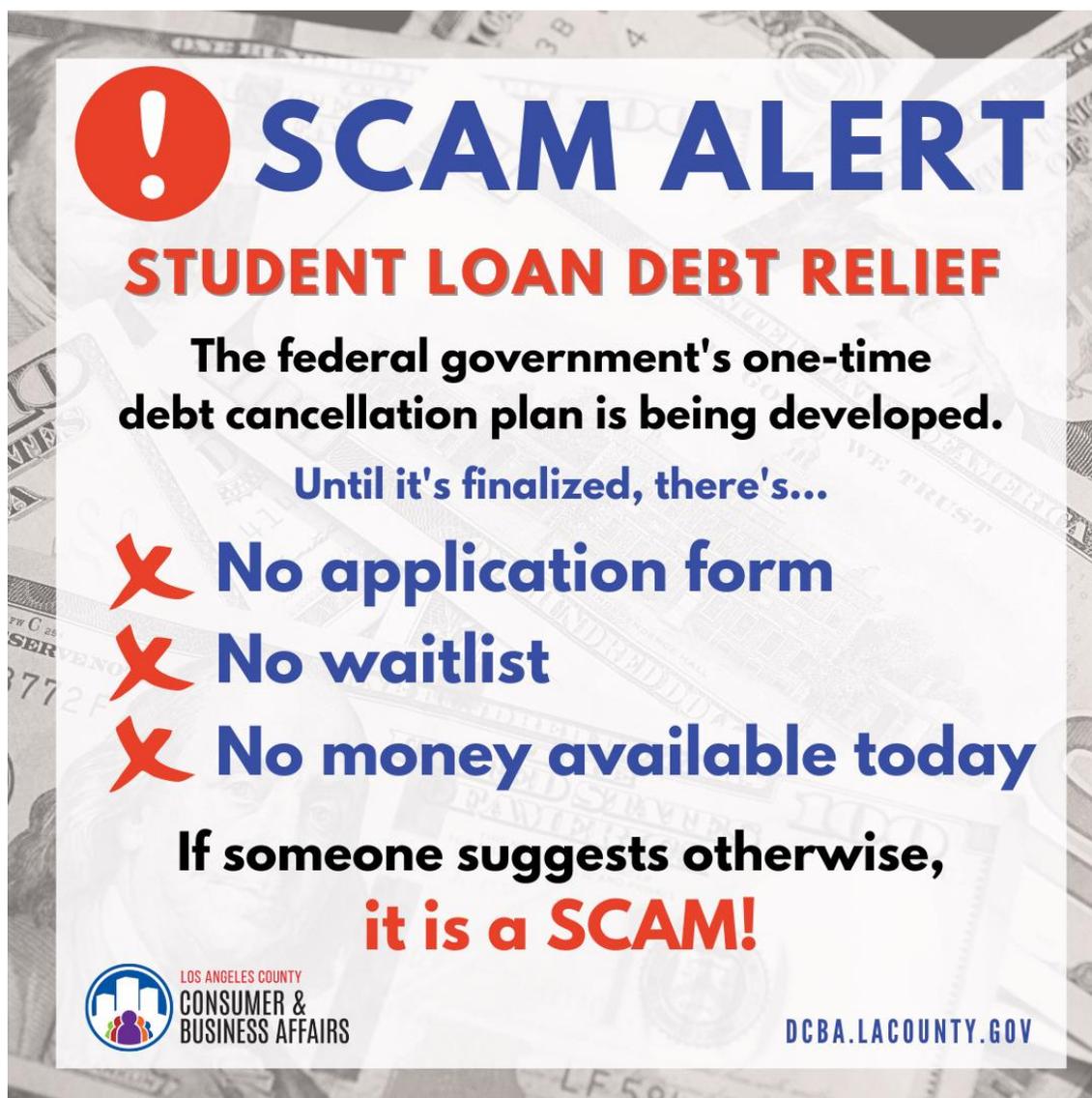
The updated COVID-19 booster increases immunity against the newer Omicron variants, which account for most current cases, as well as prior strains. As Omicron variants keep emerging, the updated booster dose is an important tool to protect us as it includes the dominant strains now.

The updated boosters are available for everyone ages 12 and up:

- Following completion of their primary series of any COVID-19 vaccine.
- Regardless of the number of booster doses received.
- And are the only mRNA booster doses that are available to those 12 years and older. Those 12+ are no longer eligible for the current mRNA boosters based only on the original strain of the virus.

[FIND ALL LOCATIONS](#)

Student Loan Relief Scam Alert



! SCAM ALERT

STUDENT LOAN DEBT RELIEF

The federal government's one-time debt cancellation plan is being developed.

Until it's finalized, there's...

- X No application form**
- X No waitlist**
- X No money available today**

If someone suggests otherwise, it is a SCAM!

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The Federal Government's recently announced [Student Loan Debt Relief Plan](#) promises good news, notably a one-time cancellation of up to \$20,000 for eligible borrowers. However, as with any public program involving money, scammers are already trying to take advantage of consumers.

There is no current application form. There is no waitlist. There is no money available today. If you get a phone call or a text message or an email message that suggests anything else,

it's a scam.

- If someone says you can get your debt relief funds early, it is a SCAM.
- If someone says they **can** get you to the front of the line for relief, IT IS A SCAM.
- If someone says they can guarantee you will be eligible for the new program, IS. A. SCAM.

If you are asked for your personal or financial information, hang up or delete the email or text. You can also report it to the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/identity-theft).

The LA County Library Annual Bookmark Contest is Back!



LA County Library's 43rd Annual Bookmark Contest for grades K – 12, which celebrates the joy of reading and creativity, is now open. Kids and teens are encouraged to let their imagination shine using original designs to draw, paint, or create their bookmarks. Each of the Library's 85 locations will select 1 winner from 4 categories— Kindergarten through Grade 2, Grades 3 through 5, Grades 6 through 8, and Grades 9 through 12

To participate, kids can visit their [local library](#) to pick up an entry form or download the form online. For more information and to download, click [here](#). Entry forms can be submitted in person, by mail, or online.

The deadline for submissions is October 29, 2022.

Community Resources & Events



Youth Engagement Resource Fair in Downtown LA

The LA County Youth Commission, in partnership with the Commission for Children and Family Services & the Probation Oversight Commission, is hosting a resource fair for transition-age youth tomorrow. There will be activities, food trucks, an art space, and more.

Date: Saturday, September 17

Time: 11 am - 3 pm

Location: Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration – North Lawn, 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.



El Gran Festival de East LA

You cannot miss El Gran Festival de East LA next Saturday! Come and support more than 90 local businesses and artists. There will be music, live performances, food vendors and much more!

Date: Saturday, September 24

Time: 10 am - 6 pm

Location: East Los Angeles Civic Center, 4801 E. Third St. Los Angeles, CA, 90022.



Monkeypox Vaccine Clinic at the Queer Mercado

For second month in a row, my office in partnership with the Department of Public Health, will bring a monkeypox vaccine clinic to the Queer Mercado tomorrow! Come and support queer Latinx local vendors and artists.

Date: Saturday, September 17

Time: 10 am - 4 pm

Location: Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy, 319 Humphreys Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90022



Alhambra Veteran Resource Fair

Saturday, September 24th
10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 139

24 N. Stoneman Ave
Alhambra, CA 91801
(626) 458-2723

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Women • LGBTQ • VVA Veteran Benefits •
Eligibility • Reservists National Guard • NCA
Veteran Cemetery Administration • Burial
Information • Volunteers of America and more



Alhambra Veterans Resource Fair

Save the date and join us for a veterans resource fair in the city of Alhambra

Date: Saturday, September 24

Time: 10:30 am - 2 pm

Location: 24 N. Stoneman Ave. Alhambra CA, 91801

Give Us A Call!

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East San Gabriel Valley Office:

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