



Hosted by Lydia Missaelides

**February 3, 2021**  
**10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Follow-up on Addressing Covid-19 Vaccinations:  
Tips for Overcoming Barriers**



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# Jan. 27, 2021 Webtalk Evaluation: 4.9!

- 1) Excellent presentation, very good information and easy to follow.
- 2) From the basic to the current situation. Thank you for clarifying.
- 3) She was a great presenter, she kept my attention the whole way through.
- 4) Great presentation!
- 5) Excellent presenter! Very easy to understand for a layperson. Thank you, Lydia...what an inspiring serendipity!
- 6) This was so educational, and by far one of my favorite speakers. Thank you! This will help me do my job better.
- 7) Very Informative Presentation!! Thank You to everyone who put all their time and effort for this informative presentation!!
- 8) Fantastic presentation! Thank you! I will definitely share all that I learned with my family, friends, and colleagues.
- 9) Outstanding Presentation! Thank You!
- 10) EXCELLENT!!!!

- 11) EXCELLENT, LOVED THE SCIENCE-FABULOUS TEACHER
- 12) Outstanding presentation by Dr Crans Yoon. Thanks for dispelling myths in the media and bringing us great facts!
- 13) Particularly effective. All the information shared was on the right level; the science is getting clearer and clearer as we learn more from repeat webinars and Dr. Crans Yoon spoke directly to most aspects of concern regarding the vaccines in a direct and encouraging way.
- 14) One of the most outstanding presentations of complex material that I have seen lately...and believe me, I participate in at least 2 such presentations weekly from a variety of scientific and medical organizations. WELL DONE!
- 15) Excellent Presentation. Definitely reminded me of biology 101 all over again. I gain a much more understanding about how the Covid-19 vaccine help fight the virus.
- 16) Enjoyed the fact that the doctor put her presentation into everyday terms for the lay person.
- 17) Speaker was well organized and objective.

# Agenda

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- I. Welcome, Overview, Announcements
- II. Covid-19 Overview and Guidance
- III. Panel Discussion - Navigating Access to Vaccinations
- IV. Panel Discussion - Supporting "Vaccination Readiness"
- V. Calendar
- VI. Thought for the Week

# Panelists

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**Raenika Butler, MA**, Program Director, Bayview Senior Services

**Lena Haroutunian, MSW**, Program Director, New Sunrise ADHC | LA County

**Richard Lee**, Program Director, Beverly ADHC | LA County

**Renee Nashtut**, Americare ADHC San Diego County

**Vanessa Tatum, MD**, Administrator, Helping Hands for Healthy Living | Orange County

**Bic Thai, MSW**, Program Director, SunnyCal ADHC | LA County

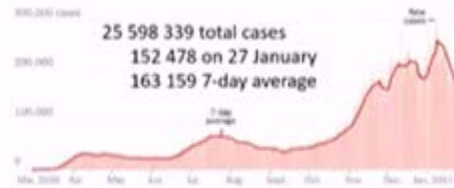
# Covid-19 Overview

# U.S. cases & deaths

## COVID-19 cases and deaths, United States, 2020-2021

- Third wave has crested
- Cases falling all states, except ND, SC and VA. Hawai'i only state not surging or recovering from surge
- COVID-19 was the leading cause of death in December in the US
- For 7 days in December and 16 so far in January there were more deaths in the US from COVID-19 than from cardiovascular disease and cancer combined (>3,300)

New reported cases by day



(1) These six days with a reporting anomaly. Please note (2021)

Note: The seven-day average is the average of a day and the previous six days of data.

New reported deaths by day



28 January 2021



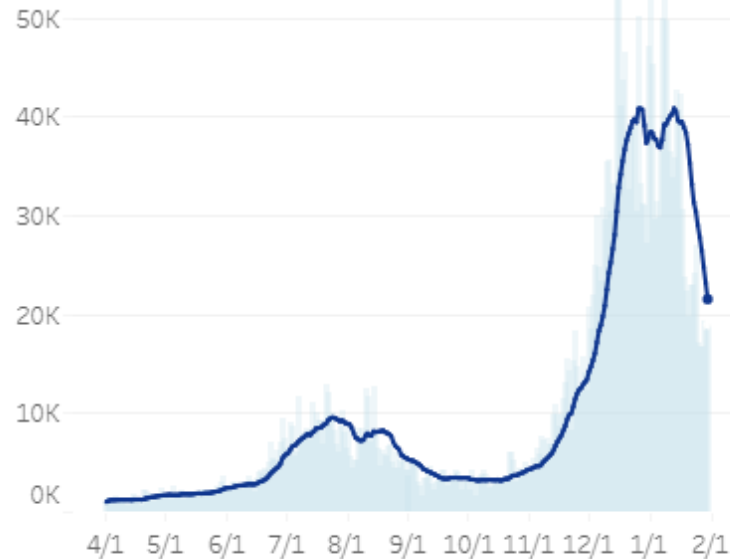
UCSF

UCSF School of Medicine Grand Rounds Jan. 28, 2021 – Dr. George Rutherford

# CA cases & hospitalizations

Total cases in California

**3,243,348** positive cases  
18,974 new cases  
0.6% increase from prior day total



COVID-19 hospitalized patients in California

Hospitalized

[ICU](#)

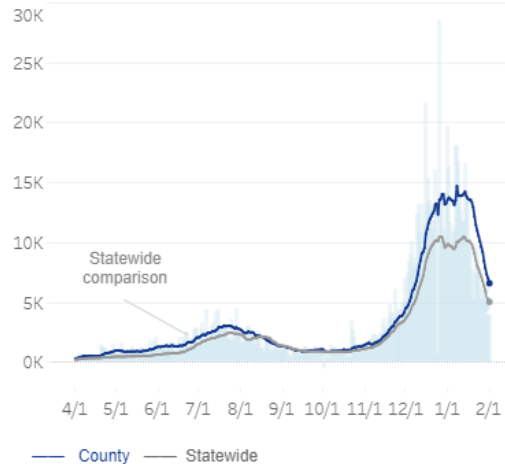
**15,676** COVID-19 hospitalized patients  
-448 patients  
2.9% decrease from prior day



# Number of new cases among panelist counties

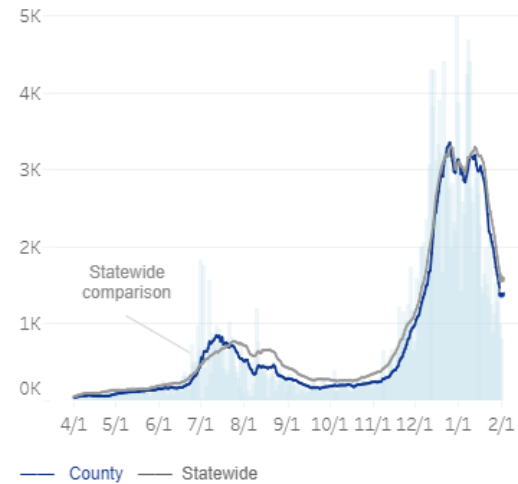
Total cases in Los Angeles

**1,094,341** positive cases  
4,037 new cases  
0.4% increase from prior day total



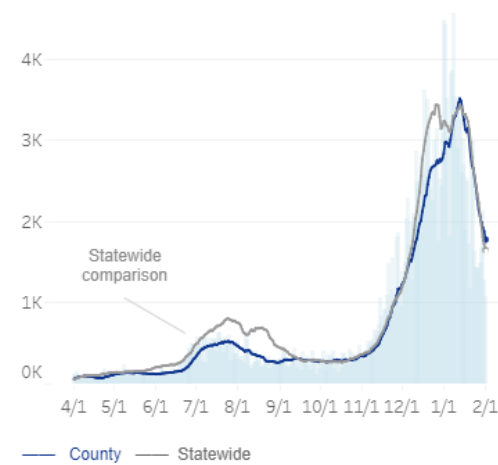
Total cases in Orange

**233,155** positive cases  
808 new cases  
0.3% increase from prior day total



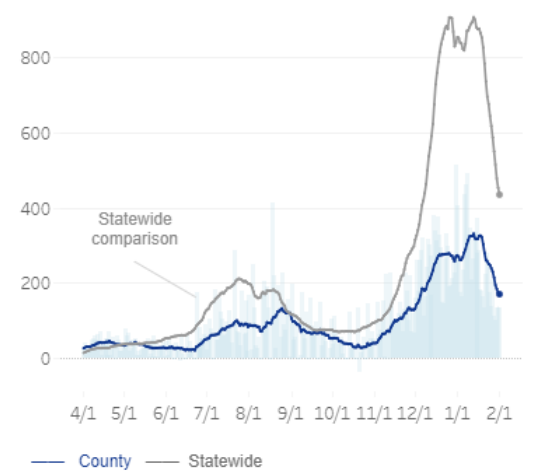
Total cases in San Diego

**239,121** positive cases  
1,082 new cases  
0.5% increase from prior day total



Total cases in San Francisco

**31,703** positive cases  
140 new cases  
0.4% increase from prior day total





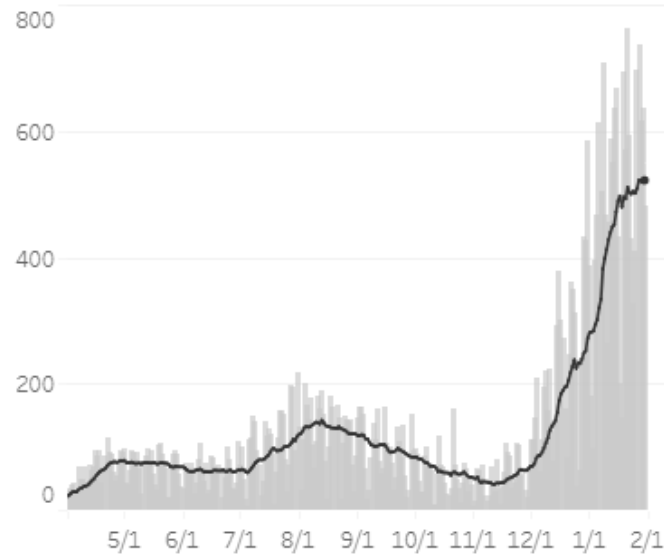
# Covid-19 deaths are a lagging indicator

Total deaths in California

**40,697** total deaths

481 new deaths

1.2% increase from prior day total

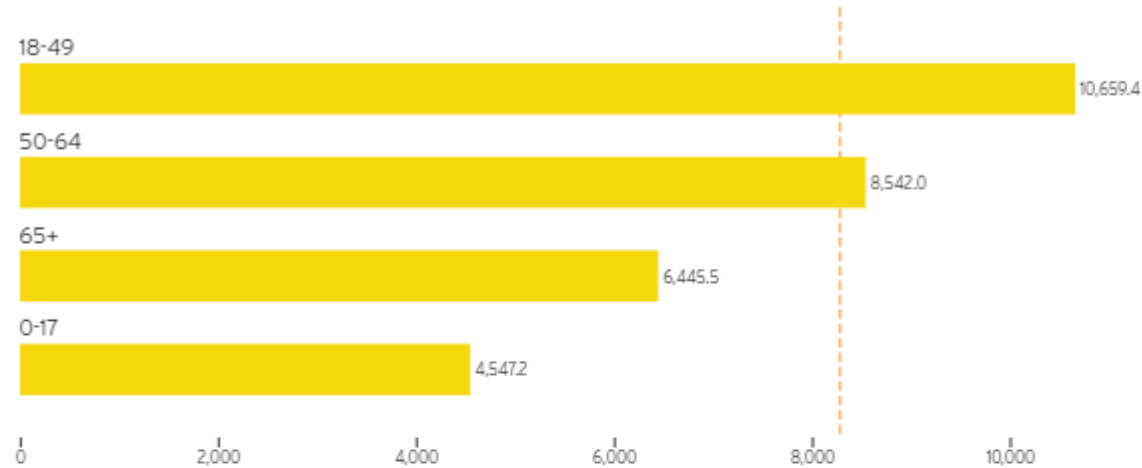


- 1 in 1,000 Californians have died of Covid-19
- Deaths are a lagging statistic by about 3 weeks
- Should begin to fall soon

## Cases of COVID-19 by age, per 100,000 residents

The age is missing for 2,127 (0.1%) cases.

-- Overall for total cases



65+ group is less likely to get covid-19 but 6 times more likely to die from covid

This, in part, is why the state vaccine advisory group shifted policy to prioritize based on age

## Deaths from COVID-19 by age, per 100,000 residents

The age is missing for 9 (0.0%) deaths.

-- Overall for total deaths



# Vaccine Guidelines & Availability



# Revision of Allocation Guidelines for COVID-19 Vaccine

1/22/2021

To prevent hospitalizations and deaths, to more effectively and expeditiously administer vaccines, and to maintain hospital services to all Californians, especially in the most impacted communities, California will prioritize vaccinating health care personnel, including vaccinators, and **all persons 65 years of age or older**. This policy shall be carried out with a deep commitment to equity, without profiteering, and in a manner that ensures no doses are wasted.

All vaccination providers should:

1. Continue vaccinating all persons in Phase 1a.
2. Begin vaccinating persons 65 years of age or older. Based on available supply, prioritize and target outreach efforts as follows:
  - **Age**, with persons 75 years or older prioritized due to increased risk of mortality and other severe disease
  - **Occupational Risk Exposure**, individuals working in sectors in Phase 1b, Tier 1 with high occupational exposure
  - **Residence in vulnerable communities**, as determined by the California Healthy Places Index or comparable local health department knowledge, to address equity and communities disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

Health departments and providers may offer doses promptly to people in lower priority groups when:

- Demand subsides in the current groups or
- Doses are about to expire according to labeling instructions or
- Doses that have been thawed and would otherwise go to waste.

Use all first doses immediately and do not hold first doses for second doses. Coordinate with your allocating entity about when you will receive second doses.

The recommendations continue to be subject to review and further revisions.



<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Revision-of-Allocation-Guidelines-for-COVID-19-Vaccine.aspx>

- Local public health departments (LPHDs) are responsible for managing the allocation and distribution procedures of the vaccine locally.
- Be sure to explore county website and keep in touch with your LPHDs regarding the distribution of the vaccine in your area.

# Vaccine overview from White House Briefing

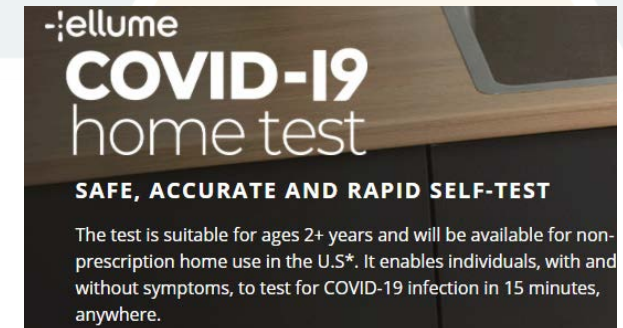
## Vaccines Dashboard:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#California-vaccines-dashboard>

- White House briefings each M, W, F
- 3-week notice to states about vaccine delivery numbers and more steady flow and pace
- 1 in 13 Americans have gotten 1<sup>st</sup> shot
- J&J vaccine may get EAU by June (100 M doses-good results)
- Masks required on all public transportation
- Ellume at home rapid antigen test kits just approved and scaling up to 19 m / mo. by year end (15 min. results)



Dr. Walensky – CDC Director



# Vaccine Availability



Vaccines will become available in **phases** as supplies increase.

- Phase 1: Limited supplies of COVID-19 vaccine doses are available. Efforts will focus on reaching critical populations.
- Phase 2: More doses will be available. Focus will be on providing vaccine to more prioritized populations.
- Phase 3: Enough doses for entire population will be available. Focus will be on ensuring equitable vaccination access across the entire population.

# How to get vaccination

## How can I get the COVID-19 vaccination?

Most Californians will be vaccinated at:

- Community vaccination sites
- Doctor's offices
- Clinics
- Pharmacies

Healthcare workers and individuals 65+ in LA and San Diego Counties can book appointments immediately through the [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) pilot. Online appointment scheduling for other groups and residents of other counties will be available soon.

Every Californian can [sign up](#) to see if it's their turn to get the COVID-19 vaccine. If you're not currently eligible, you can sign up to be notified when it's your turn.



# Polls

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# Navigating Vaccine Appointments & Sites

Experiences from the Field

# Vaccination: County overview

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What methods are you using to successfully connect participants with safe and secure vaccination locations?

# Scheduling via Gmail Variations

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- ALEVAX@GMAIL.COM
  - Establish e-mail address.
- ALEVAX+123@GMAIL.COM
  - Use “+characters” to add unlimited addresses to main account.
  - Useful for registering multiple participants to one account.
  - Removes need to sign up for individual accounts.
  - Search function in Gmail can be used to locate by “+character” identifiers.
  - Example: ALEVAX+001@gmail.com, ALEVAX+002@gmail.com.

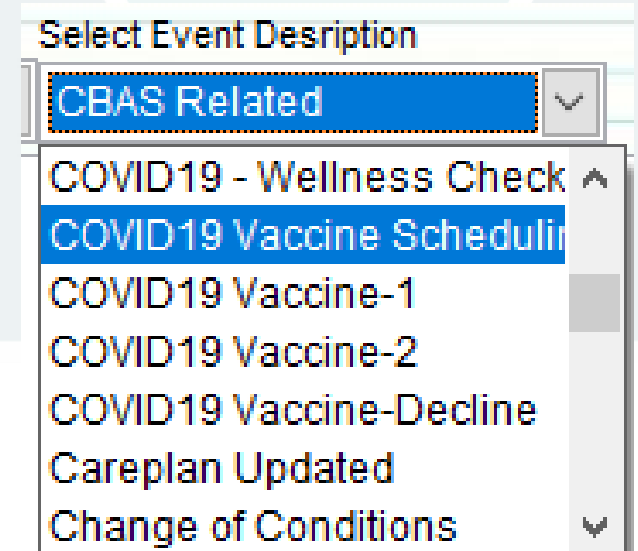
# Vaccine Clinic at SunnyCal – LA County

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- Initial connection was because of earlier flu clinic discussion with Immunization Coalition of LA County
- Persistence in connecting with county and pharmacy
- Success after many weeks in getting a date set for a clinic at center
- Requires a great deal of staff support/preparation, but worth the effort to get vaccination to our high-risk monolingual participants
- Will share experience and lessons learned

# Record Keeping

1. What have you set up and used to keep track of appointment scheduling?
2. How are you keeping track of vaccination status?
  - Which vaccine, when, timing for 2nd dose?
3. Ideas to avoid duplication of vaccine administration?



Select Event Description

CBAS Related

COVID19 - Wellness Check

COVID19 Vaccine Scheduling

COVID19 Vaccine-1

COVID19 Vaccine-2

COVID19 Vaccine-Denial

Careplan Updated

Change of Conditions

# Barriers & challenges

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If you were in charge of vaccination logistics to reach vulnerable populations, with equity in mind, what would you do differently than what you are experiencing today?

- State level
- County level
- Neighborhood level

# Supporting Vaccination Readiness



# Vaccine Communication Goals

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- 1) Make recommendation for vaccination (per the CDC and CA Dept of Public Health for at-risk populations)
- 2) Identify concerns (non-judgmentally and with cultural empathy)
- 3) Educate on risks and benefits (using reliable sources)
- 4) Dispel misconceptions (see 1/27/21 Webtalk “myth busting” slides from Dr. Crans Yoon, and CDC and CDPH websites also have great information)



# Communication strategies

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- How are you addressing participants' needs for information about vaccine safety and effectiveness and what seems to be the most helpful?
- What messages are you using that seem to be making the most impact on advancing participant knowledge and individual decision-making?

# Polls

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# Resources

Stay Up To Date  
on COVID-19



- General Info: [Dept of Public Health COVID-19 \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Drafting-Guidelines-Workgroup.aspx/)
- Info on Covid Vaccines: [COVID-19 Vaccines \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Vaccines.aspx/)
- Drafting Guidelines Work Group
  - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Drafting-Guidelines-Workgroup.aspx/>
- State Council on Developmental Disabilities Plain Language Resource
  - [scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2020/12/COVID-Vaccine.docx](https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2020/12/COVID-Vaccine.docx)
- "Avoiding COVID Scams"
  - [scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2020/12/avoidingscams.docx](https://scdd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2020/12/avoidingscams.docx)
- Partner Toolkit (multiple languages): [Resources for Partners | Covid19Toolkit \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Partner-Toolkit.aspx/)
- CDC Post Vaccine Considerations for Health Care Workers
  - [Post Vaccine Considerations for Healthcare Personnel | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s1119-covid-vaccine-healthcare.html)
- Administration for Community Living
  - [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) | ACL Administration for Community Living](https://www.acl.gov/coronavirus)
- National Center on Advancing Person- Centered Practices and Systems (NCAPPS)
  - [COVID-19 Resources \(acl.gov\)](https://www.nccapss.org/covid-19)

# Upcoming ALE webtalks

All webinars are held Wednesday at 10:30 am to Noon, unless otherwise noted

Beginning Feb 17, 2021 Webtalk moves to **every other Wednesday schedule**

## Save these dates:

Feb 10, 2021	CA Dept of Social Services Team: Vaccination Guidance, featuring Dr. Louise Aronson, UCSF Geriatrician
Feb 17, 2021	TBD
Mar 3, 2021	TBD
Mar 17, 2021	TBD

# Thought for the Week

“The virus cannot mutate  
if it cannot replicate”



**NIH** National Institute of  
Allergy and  
Infectious Diseases

Anthony Fauci, M.D.  
Director