BEVERLY HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM ~ C.E.R.T ~

BEVERLY HILLS, July 10, 2021.

Dear CERT volunteers, as COVID-19 Delta variant keeps growing in numbers, I want to share the most recent information provided by the CDC & the County of Los Angeles Public Health.

Also, for the latest COVID-19 news, visit beverlyhills.org/coronavirus or call the City’s COVID-19 Hotline Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. at 310-550-4680.

This week information, as follows:

- COVID-19 Delta variant update
- BHFD Wildfire Assessment Report
- Disaster Preparedness
- (update) - JUST IN CASE BH Zone 7 walk on July 31 at 9:30 am
- CERT Callout Team registrations

If you have questions, comments or concerns about the CERT program, please contact us at cert@beverlyhills.org

Neighbors helping neighbors.
For Immediate Release
July 9, 2021
Contact: Keith Sterling, Chief Communications Officer
(714) 600-0952

City of Beverly Hills Wildfire Assessment Report
Now Available for Review

Beverly Hills, CA – The City of Beverly Hills has released an important assessment of its wildfire risk in advance of two public meetings scheduled for next week.

The draft Wildfire Assessment Report, developed by a team of wildfire safety experts, examines several key areas including public trees, private landscaping, public education, evacuation challenges, smoke impacts, structure resiliency, and many other issues.

Community meetings are scheduled for Monday, July 12 at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, July 13 at 6 p.m. Agendas for each meeting are the same, and both will be held in-person in the Council Chamber at City Hall (455 N. Rexford Drive) and virtually at www.beverlyhills.org/live. To offer comment during the meetings, please visit beverlyhills-org.zoom.us/my/bevpublic (Passcode: 90210).

The report, along with more wildfire safety information, may be viewed at www.beverlyhills.org/firesafety.

Questions regarding the report may be directed to firesafety@beverlyhills.org.

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Also stay in touch with your medical care provider for the latest information regarding vaccination appointments.
Please Join Us In-Person or Virtually
Monday, July 12 at 10 a.m.
or
Tuesday, July 13 at 6 p.m.
(Both meetings will be offered in-person and virtually; agendas are the same for each meeting)

Join the City of Beverly Hills and wildfire experts for an informative presentation on a collaborative approach toward reducing wildfire risk.

In-Person:
COUNCIL CHAMBER
455 N Rexford Dr. Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Virtual:
TO WATCH: beverlyhills.org/live

TO COMMENT:
beverlyhills-org.zoom.us/my/bevpublic
(Passcode: 90210)

For more information, visit
BEVERLYHILLS.ORG/FIRESAFETY

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The City of Beverly Hills will release an important assessment of its wildfire risk on July 9. The City will hold two public meetings following the release of the report, providing residents an opportunity to receive an overview of the report by its authors and ask questions related to wildfire safety.

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Significantly, the number of trees recommended for timely removal to reduce risk is dramatically lower than indicated in a previous study, dropping from about 1,200 to under 100. The revised number is the result of new technology that pinpoints the community’s biggest vulnerabilities.

“Protecting our community from the very real danger of wildfire is our top priority,” said Fire Chief Greg Barton. “In recent years, the Beverly Hills Fire Department has taken many steps to prepare for a wildfire bordering on the community, but additional action is necessary, especially focused on vegetation including trees that provide fuel to fires and block escape.

The Department is taking numerous actions to improve wildfire safety, but residents must also take responsibility, including clearing brush away from homes, keeping vehicles away from evacuation routes during red flag days, and creating family escape and communications plans.”

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The highly transmissible B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant continues to spread across the United States at a rapid pace. Early data suggest that B.1.617.2 now makes up more than 50% of COVID-19 cases. In some parts of the country, this percentage is even higher, especially in areas with low vaccination rates. This rapid rise is concerning and threatens the progress the United States has made toward ending the pandemic.

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We have seen the success of the U.S. vaccination program over the last 8 months. As of July 8, 2021, 183.2 million people have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 158.3 million are fully vaccinated.* However, we are also seeing new and emerging trends that are concerning. Cases and hospitalizations are on the rise in areas with low vaccination coverage. Data from recent weeks show that adults ages 18–49 now account for more than 40% of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations.

Fortunately, we have safe and effective vaccines that prevent severe disease, hospitalization, and death. People who are fully vaccinated are protected from B.1.617.2. If you are not yet vaccinated, you are at risk of infection and should continue to practice prevention strategies and get vaccinated as soon as possible. Turning the corner on the pandemic, getting back to normal, and stopping the spread of B.1.617.2 requires all of us doing our part.

* People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series (such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines), or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine (such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine). If you don’t meet these requirements, regardless of your age, you are not fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated.

**Note to readers:** To find a vaccine provider near you, visit Vaccines.gov or your state or local public health department website. You can also text your zip code to 438829 to get 3 locations near you with vaccines in stock. If you prefer your information in Spanish, text your zip code to 822862. You can also call the National COVID-19 Vaccination Assistance Hotline at 1-800-232-0233 to get help in English, Spanish, and more than 150 other languages. It also has a TTY line to support access by hearing impaired callers. If you or someone you know is hesitant about COVID-19 vaccination, CDC has information and answers to frequently asked questions to help inform the decision.

**Reported Cases**
The current 7-day moving average of daily new cases (14,885) increased 16.0% compared with the previous 7-day moving average (12,832). Compared with the highest peak on January 10, 2021 (251,897), the current
7-day average decreased 94.1%. A total of 33,604,986 COVID-19 cases have been reported as of July 7.

### Total Cases Reported

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### Change in 7-Day Average since Prior Week

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*Historical cases are excluded from daily new cases and 7-day average calculations until they are incorporated into the dataset for the applicable date. Of 72,292 historical cases reported retroactively, 697 were reported in the current week and 360 were reported in the prior week.

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### Daily Trends in COVID-19 Cases in the United States Reported to CDC

- 7-Day moving average

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More Case Data

**SARS-CoV-2 Variants**

Multiple [variants](#) of the virus that causes COVID-19 are circulating globally and within the United States. To date, four variants have been classified as a [variant of concern](#) (VOC). [Nowcast estimates](#) of SARS-CoV-2 cases caused by these VOCs for the two weeks ending July 3 are summarized here.

Nationally, the proportion of cases attributed to B.1.617.2 (Delta) is predicted to increase to 51.7%, becoming the predominant lineage in the United States; B.1.1.7 (Alpha) proportion is predicted to decrease to 28.7%; P.1 (Gamma) proportion is predicted to decrease to 8.9%; and B.1.351 (Beta) is predicted to decrease slightly to 0.2%. Nowcast estimates predict that B.1.617.2 (Delta) will increase in all HHS regions and be more than 70% in regions 7 and 8.

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B.1.1.7 (Alpha) is predicted to be less than 50% in all HHS regions. P.1 (Gamma) is predicted to be more than 10% in regions 1, 4, 5, 9, and 10; and B.1.351 (Beta) is predicted to be less than or equal to 0.5% in all HHS regions.

*The median time from specimen collection to sequence data reporting is about 3 weeks. As a result, weighted estimates for the most recent few weeks may be unstable or unavailable. CDC’s Nowcast is a data projection tool that helps fill this gap by generating timely estimates of variant proportions for variants that are circulating in the United States. View Nowcast estimates on CDC’s COVID Data Tracker website on the Variant Proportions page.

SARS-CoV-2 Variants Circulating in the United States

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More Variants Data

**Testing**
The percentage of COVID-19 NAATs (nucleic acid amplification tests) that are positive (percent positivity) has increased from the previous week. The 7-day average of percent positivity from tests is now 2.7%. The 7-day average number of tests reported for June 25 – July 01 was 558,867, down 7.9% from 606,864 for the prior 7 days.

472,035,159
Total Tests Reported

558,867
7-Day Average Tests Reported

2.7%
7-Day Average % Positivity

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2.0%
Previous 7-Day Average % Positivity

+31.9%
Change in 7-Day Average % Positivity since Prior Week

COVID-19 NAAT Laboratory Test 7-day Percent Positivity by State/Territory

More Testing Data external icon

Vaccinations

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The U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Program began December 14, 2020. As of July 8, 332.3 million vaccine doses have been administered. Overall, about 183.2 million people, or 55.2% of the total U.S. population, have received at least one dose of vaccine. About 158.3 million people, or 47.7% of the total U.S. population, have been fully vaccinated.* As of July 8, the 7-day average number of administered vaccine doses reported (by date administered) to CDC per day was 239,497, a 54.5% decrease from the previous week.

The COVID Data Tracker [Vaccination Demographic Trends] tab shows vaccination trends by age group. As of July 8, 88.5% of people ages 65 or older have received at least one dose of vaccine and 78.8% are fully vaccinated. Just over two-thirds (67.3%) of people ages 18 or older have received at least one dose of vaccine and 58.5% are fully vaccinated. For people ages 12 or older, 64.5% have received at least one dose of vaccine and 55.8% are fully vaccinated.

332,345,797
Vaccines Administered

183,237,046
People who received at least one dose

158,287,566
People who are fully vaccinated*

55.2%
Percentage of the US population that has received at least one dose

47.7%
Percentage of the US population that has been fully vaccinated*

+0.6
Percentage point increase from last week

+0.7
Percentage point increase from last week

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*People are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series (such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines), or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine (such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine).

Daily Change in Number of COVID-19 Vaccinations in the United States Reported to CDC

7-Day moving average

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More Vaccination Data

Hospitalizations
New Hospital Admissions

The current 7-day average for June 29–July 5 was 2,037. This is an 8.6% increase from the prior 7-day average (1,875) from June 23–June 29. The 7-day moving average for new admissions has been consistently increasing since June 28, 2021.

2,297,764 Total New Admissions

2,037 Current 7-Day Average

1,875 Prior 7-Day Average

+8.6% Change in 7-Day Average

The start of consistent reporting of hospital admissions data was August 1, 2020.

Daily Trends in Number of New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions in the United States

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New admissions are pulled from a 10 am EST snapshot of the HHS Unified Hospital Timeseries Dataset. Due to potential reporting delays, data from the most recent 7 days, as noted in the figure above with the grey bar, should be interpreted with caution. Small shifts in historic data may also occur due to changes in the CMS Provider of Services file, which is used to identify the cohort of included hospitals.

More Hospital Data

COVID-NET: Trends in Hospitalizations in Adults 18–49 Years

CDC’s Coronavirus Disease 2019-Associated Hospitalization Surveillance Network (COVID-NET) shows that since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, people ages 65 years and older were the age group with the largest percentage of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations, sometimes accounting for more than half of hospitalizations. Data from May and June show that as more adults ages 65 and older became vaccinated, they accounted for fewer than 1 in 3 hospitalizations. However, data from recent weeks show that even though the number of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations continues to decline in all age groups, the proportion of hospitalized adults ages 18–49 years continues to climb and now accounts for more than 40% of COVID-19-
associated hospitalizations. Since April, these younger adults now account for more hospitalizations than people 65 years and older, likely reflecting lower vaccination rates in this age group compared with older adults. **Proportion of COVID-19-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group**

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)-Associated Hospitalization Surveillance Network (COVID-NET) is an additional source for hospitalization data collected through a network of more than 250 acute-care hospitals in 14 states (representing ~10% of the U.S. population). Detailed data on patient demographics, including race/ethnicity, underlying medical conditions, medical interventions, and clinical outcomes, are [standardized case reporting form](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/nets.html).


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Deaths
The current 7-day moving average of new deaths (154) has decreased 25.2% compared with the previous 7-day moving average (205). As of July 7, a total of 603,958 COVID-19 deaths have been reported.

603,958
Total Deaths Reported

154
Current 7-Day Average*

205
Prior 7-Day Average

-25.2%
Change in 7-Day Average Since Prior Week

*Historical deaths are excluded from the daily new deaths and 7-day average calculations until they are incorporated into the dataset by their applicable date. Of 6,134 historical deaths reported retroactively, 30 were reported in the current week and 10 were reported in the prior week.

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Deaths in the United States Reported to CDC

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More Death Data

Recent CDC COVID-19 Publications

1. Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine After Reports of Myocarditis Among Vaccine Recipients: Update from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, June 2021
2. Efficacy of Portable Air Cleaners and Masking for Reducing Indoor Exposure to Simulated Exhaled SARS-CoV-2 Aerosols — United States, 2021
3. Outcomes Among Patients Referred to Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinics after COVID-19 diagnosis — United States, January 2020–March 2021

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Recent COVID Data Tracker Updates

- A new Vaccination Equity tab displays a combined county-level view of vaccine coverage and Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) rating to visualize how each county’s vaccine coverage and estimated vulnerability level intersect
- Static bivariate maps that illustrate cases by vaccination coverage were added to the COVID Data Tracker Communications Toolkit

For more information, please visit: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

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Businesses, and all
by seamlessly assisting
during and after
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As a CERT member we
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brings Residents,
City services together
each other before,
emergencies through
organizational
communication.”

encourage you to
let everyone know
for a better community.

Watch Fire Chief Greg Barton’s message https://vimeo.com/510836137

SIGN UP WITH THE FOLLOWING LINK:

http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/justincasebh/web.jsp

DO YOU KNOW YOUR JUST IN CASE BH ZONE? One of the
major aspects of JUST IN CASE BH is the division of the City into geographic
zones. Each zone is designed to support itself during times of emergency or disaster.

Get to know your zone area:

https://gis.beverlyhills.org/VBH/MyJICBHZone_FinderApp/

For more information, please visit: www.justincasebh.org

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The JUST IN CASE BH program is making a great progress, but we need your participation to make it successful and make it your plan-to-go!

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The Just In Case BH program is offering emergency kits through Beverly Hills CPR. Automated External Defibrillator, AED can be purchased for any home or facility. Stop The Bleed kits are available for purchase, as well CPR books.

On July 1, 2021 the Beverly Hills Fire Department celebrated 96 years of serving the citizens of Beverly Hills.

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Returning Home After a Wildfire

- Do not return home until authorities say it is safe to do so.
- Avoid hot ash, charred trees, smoldering debris, and live embers. The ground may contain heat pockets that can burn you or spark another fire. Use appropriate masks or respirators and maintain a physical distance of at least six feet while working with someone else to protect yourself from COVID-19. When cleaning up ash, use a respirator to limit your exposure.
- When cleaning, wear protective clothing, including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, work gloves, appropriate cloth face coverings or masks, and sturdy thick-soled shoes during clean-up efforts.
- Use appropriate masks or respirators.
- When cleaning up ash, use a respirator to limit your exposure and wet debris to minimize breathing dust particles
  - People with asthma and/or other lung conditions should take precautions in areas with poor air quality, as it can worsen symptoms. Children should not help with clean-up efforts.
  - Pay attention to any health symptoms if you or your children have asthma, COPD, heart disease, or are pregnant. Get to medical help if you need it.

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• Document property damage with photographs. Conduct an inventory and contact your insurance company for assistance.

• Continue taking steps to protect yourself from COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, such as washing your hands often and cleaning commonly touched surfaces.

• Send text messages or use social media to reach out to family and friends. Phone systems are often busy following a disaster. Make calls only in emergencies.

• Engage virtually with your community through video and phone calls. Know that it’s normal to feel anxious or stressed. Take care of your body and talk to someone if you are feeling upset. Many people may already feel fear and anxiety about the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). The threat of a wildfire can add additional stress. Follow CDC guidance for managing stress during a traumatic event and managing stress during COVID-19.

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CERT CALLOUT TEAM

HIDRATION UNIT, RED FLAG PATROL, DOWNED WIRE WATCH

The BHFD-CERT is actively looking for volunteers to join the Callout Team to have an active participation within the training acquired. Please sign up at cert@beverlyhills.org subject line: COT

Thank you to the CERT volunteers who already signed up!

Follow and Share our BHFD and Just in Case BH Social Media sites:
Facebook @BeverlyHillsFire Instagram @beverlyhillsfd Twitter @CityofBHFire
Facebook @JustincaseBH

Beverly Hills Community Connect Find out more about Los Angeles County Community Connect, brought to you by the Beverly Hills Fire Department. Together, Building a Safer Community Through Prevention, Preparedness & Response.

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