Dear CERT volunteers, Covid-19 Delta variant data, as provided by the County of Los Angeles Public Health and the CDC keeps showing an increment in cases, that is why the use of face coverings regardless of vaccination status is highly advised indoors and in areas of high risk of exposure, keep doing your part by always preventing and being proactive.

You can also find the latest COVID-19 news by visiting 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 updates
- JUST IN CASE BH Zone 6 walk on August 29 2021 at 9:30 am
- Disaster Preparedness
- CERT Callout Team registrations

If you have questions, comments or concerns about the CERT program, please contact us at cert@beverlyhills.org or visit the website at http://www.beverlyhills.org/departments/firedepartment/cert/web.jsp

Neighbors helping neighbors.
Should I be concerned about the Delta variant?

New data show Delta is different than past versions of the virus: It is much more contagious.

- Vaccinated people can get breakthrough infections of Delta variant and may be contagious.
- Vaccinated individuals represent a very small amount of total transmission.

Are vaccines effective?

Yes! Getting vaccinated prevents severe illness, hospitalization, and death; it also helps reduce the spread of the virus in communities.

With the Delta variant, vaccination is more urgent than ever.

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Do I need to wear a mask?

In areas of substantial or high transmission, everyone should wear a mask in public indoor settings to help prevent the spread of Delta variant and protect others.

Sign in at:

https://canotify.ca.gov/

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Also stay in touch with your medical care provider for the latest information regarding vaccination appointments.
ARE THE COVID-19 VACCINES WORKING?

• Yes. The 163+ million fully vaccinated people in the United States have protection against all known variants, including Delta. Vaccination helps them avoid severe illness, hospitalization, and death. Unvaccinated individuals account for nearly all the hospitalizations and deaths in the country.

• Despite a surge in infections that are similar to what we saw last summer, deaths are down more than 70% thanks, in part, to vaccination.

• Getting fully vaccinated is the best thing you can do to protect yourself and those around you.

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IF KIDS GET INFECTED WITH DELTA, ARE THEY AT RISK FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS?

• Because the Delta variant is more contagious than past versions of the virus, the concern is that more kids will get COVID-19 and spread it to others.

• We know—based on national antibody studies—some children don’t have symptoms but are infected and can spread the virus.

• Protecting people from COVID-19 is more important than ever, especially those who are unvaccinated, including those too young to be vaccinated.

• If you live in an area with substantial or high COVID-19 spread, you should have your children who are 2 years or older wear masks in public indoor settings, including school.

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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

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.

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Safety Skills

Learn First Aid and CPR

Take a first aid and CPR class. You can get more information about training from your local American Red Cross chapter. Getting certified protects you under Good Samaritan laws if you have to give first aid.

Get more information about the supplies in a first aid kit.

Learn to Use a Fire Extinguisher

Have at least one up-to-date fire extinguisher and let everyone in your household know where it’s kept and how to use it. You should have an ABC type at minimum.

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The U.S. Fire Administration says you should only use a fire extinguisher if you've been trained in its proper use and maintenance. Contact your local fire department for information on training in your area. Get more information about preparedness for a fire emergency.

Know How to Shut Off Utilities

Natural Gas

Natural gas leaks and explosions cause a significant number of fires after disasters. It's important that all household members know how to shut off natural gas.

There are different gas shut-off procedures for different gas meter configurations, so it's important to call your gas company. They can help you prepare for gas appliances and gas service to your home in the event of an emergency.

Make sure everyone in your household knows the proper shut-off procedure for your meter. Do not actually turn off the gas when practicing shutting it off.

- If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and get everyone out quickly. Turn off the gas using the outside main valve if you can and call the gas company from a neighbor’s home.
- Caution: If you turn off the gas for any reason, only a qualified professional can turn it back on. NEVER attempt to turn the gas back on yourself.

Water

Water quickly becomes a precious resource following many disasters. It is important that everyone in your household learn how to shut off the main water valve to the house.

- Find the shut-off valve for the main water line that enters your house and tag it for easy identification. Make sure everyone in your household knows where it is.
- Make you can shut the valve off completely. Your valve may be rusted open or it may not close all the way. If so replace it.
- Cracked lines may pollute the water supply to your house. It's a good idea to shut off your water until authorities say it's safe to drink.

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The effects of gravity may drain the water in your hot water heater and toilet tanks unless you trap it in your house by shutting off the main house valve. (This is not the street valve in the cement box at the curb – the street valve is extremely difficult to turn and requires a special tool.)

Electricity

Electrical sparks can ignite natural gas if it is leaking. Teach all responsible household members how to shut off the electricity.

- Locate your electrical circuit box. For your safety, always shut off all the individual circuits before shutting off the main circuit.
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!

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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.

Respectfully,

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