



## **News from the Emergency Management Committee Chair (3/26/21)**

### **California to Expand Vaccination Eligibility to Everyone 16 and Older Starting April 15**

[ABC 7 News reports](#) California is expanding the list of people who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, opening it up to everyone 16 and older starting April 15, as announced Thursday.

Governor Newsom also announced that everyone 50 and over will be able to make an appointment to receive a shot starting April 1, based on an expected increase in vaccine supply, which up until now has been limited.

The Governor also said that for the first time, family members accompanying currently eligible people can get a vaccine too, “no questions asked.”

Based on current estimates, California expects to receive about 2.5 million first and second doses per week in the first half of April and more than 3 million doses in the second half of the month. That is a big jump from the roughly 1.8 million doses a week the state is currently receiving.

The number of people vaccinated in California counties to increase on a daily basis. About a third of the adult population in many counties across the state have received at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine. About 15-25% are fully vaccinated.

In Orange County, 18% of people over the age of 16 are fully vaccinated. The county has given out about 1.2 million doses so far.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles County, the state's largest, has fully vaccinated 16% of its adult population.

To view a graphic of California COVID-19 vaccine distribution over time, [please click here](#).

### **Bay Area Counties Reach Vaccine Distribution Agreement with State After Concerns Over Blue Shield Plan**

[ABC 7 News reports](#) seven Bay Area counties formalized an agreement Wednesday with the State of California over COVID-19 vaccine distribution guidelines. This comes after weeks of the counties expressing concerns over the state’s proposal to have Blue Shield manage the distribution of coronavirus vaccines.

Santa Clara, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, and San Mateo counties were all able to secure the same COVID-19 vaccine distribution agreement with the state.

Under the agreement, individual counties will continue to be able to prioritize which groups and organizations in their communities get vaccine allotments instead of requiring individual clinics to negotiate with the state directly.

The memorandum of understanding also allows Santa Clara County to continue using its own vaccine appointment system, rather than being forced over to the state's MyTurn program, which has been plagued with technical problems. County officials say the agreement ensures that vaccines are being fairly distributed to community health providers, especially to areas hit hardest by the virus, without having to deal with Blue Shield as the middleman.

In January, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced the goal was for Blue Shield to help expedite the vaccine roll out. Blue Shield says it hopes to increase the states capacity for delivery of COVID-19 vaccines from 1 million doses per week to 4 million doses per week by the end of May.

### **Hospitals in much of California Begin Reopening to Visitors**

[CalMatters reports](#) after a year of strict rules that forced many people to abandon their family members at a hospital entrance, many California hospitals are now beginning to crack open their doors to regular visits for non-COVID-19 patients.

Most counties moved this month to less restrictive tiers and the state last week issued new, looser guidelines for hospitals. Now hospitals in 50 counties — home to more than 93% of the population — are eligible to open up to two visitors per patient, with some caveats.

Some hospitals changed their visitor policies immediately and with enthusiasm. Some hospitals, however, are cautiously weighing whether to allow more people inside. Dignity Health, Kaiser Permanente and Sutter Health hospital systems, for example, said that they will continue to reevaluate their visitor policies and could update them soon.

One patient recovering from COVID-19 finally started eating after a family member was allowed to bring home-cooked meals to a hospital in Fresno. Another patient's racing heart calmed at a hospital in Monterey when a relative was allowed inside.

Imperial County left the most restrictive purple tier in early March. So, starting this week, El Centro Regional Medical Center hospital now allows some visitors for patients in the medical-surgical and intensive care units, except for patients in isolation for COVID-19 or other diseases. One visitor per patient is allowed in the emergency room, and the hospital will now permit two parents to visit hospitalized children, one at a time.

Previously, the hospital largely barred visitors except for children, people giving birth, or people with disabilities that make it difficult for them to communicate or stand without assistance. Visitors were also allowed for patients who were dying as long as the patient was not in isolation.

While the guidance doesn't explicitly mention emergency rooms, a state health department spokesperson said it "applies to visitation for various levels of patient care, including those in emergency room care."

Doctors across the state are seeing the benefits of letting family members into hospital rooms and emergency departments. For more information on what is going on in various counties, stories about specific patients, and more quotes from health professionals, [please view the full article.](#)

## **California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Announces Donation of Nearly 8 Million Personal Protection Items from Accelerate360**

[Cal OES reports](#) on Wednesday, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Service (Cal OES) announced the arrival of nearly eight million personal protection equipment (PPE) items that have been donated by Accelerate360, of Atlanta, GA.

More than 7.8 million items, including protective face masks and hand sanitizer, will be distributed to small businesses, tribal communities, migrants crossing the border into the United States and California's essential workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cal OES has worked to support the state's more than 38 million residents throughout the COVID-19 pandemic as it challenged local residents, schools, and businesses unlike anything else in recent history. Despite the declining hospitalizations and infection positivity rates, widespread support is still needed to assist the vulnerable communities and essential workers who remain at the forefront of risk.

Accelerate360 has previously donated PPE supplies to communities across the country. In late 2020, the company teamed up with Mark Wahlberg's Performance Inspired brand to donate supplies to local schools in 13 U.S. cities. In addition to the donation, the company also posted a "Thank You" to essential workers, featuring Wahlberg, on billboards across the country.

For photos, videos, and additional details on this donation, please [visit this link](#).

## **Red Cross looks to Central Valley for New Emergency Response Vehicle**

[Your Central Valley reports](#) the Emergency Response Vehicle or ERV provides help during disasters by delivering food, water, supplies and even hope to those in need. The American Red Cross is hoping to deliver those needs more efficiently by upgrading to the next generation ERV.

The new ERV makes it easier for volunteers in helping disaster survivors. Some of the new upgrades the ERV has are ergonomic seating, a sliding lift system to load supplies, better gas mileage and it's easier to maneuver through difficult terrain. The cost of a new ERV is \$150,000.

95 percent of the [Red Cross](#) is made up of volunteers and on Red Cross giving day they're hoping the Central Valley can give back so they can continue to help those in need even better.

## **RapidDeploy and OnStar to Provide California 9-1-1 Centers with Real-Time Crash Data**

[PRNewswire reports RapidDeploy](#), a cloud-based emergency response platform, announced Tuesday that it will supply every California 9-1-1 center with real-time Automatic Crash Response notifications through a first-of-its-kind agreement with General Motors' OnStar. Beginning in May, a majority of Telecommunicators at over 400 public safety answering points (PSAPs) will have direct access to available OnStar crash data on RapidDeploy's [RadiusPlus](#) 9-1-1 map screen, without having to rely on verbal relay of information.

Each vehicle crash requires a unique response plan based on medical necessity, location and factors relating to the vehicle itself. If properly equipped, OnStar's Automatic Crash Response technology provides Telecommunicators with a more accurate location, the make and model of the vehicle, available critical crash details, and whether there is a high probability of severe injury. OnStar's data and technology can indicate whether the vehicle involved in a crash is

electric or being operated by an automated driving system providing emergency personnel with critical information they need to safely respond and quickly rescue the vehicle occupants, when applicable.

OnStar responds to more than 3,500 cases of Automatic Crash Response notifications per month, including about 200 in California alone.

RapidDeploy's RadiusPlus mapping software integrates supplemental emergency data from the most trusted names in technology and Public Safety to offer [Unified Critical Response](#) to 9-1-1 agencies of all sizes. This data increases situational awareness, reduces emergency response times and better prepares first responders for each emergency. With scalable, cloud-based mapping software, every PSAP no matter its size or location, can access this data.

To learn more about RapidDeploy and its integrated mapping solution RadiusPlus, visit [RapidDeploy's website](#).

### **Interactive: Tsunami Map Details Hazards for Los Angeles County Residents**

[NBC Los Angeles reports](#) an interactive tsunami map for Los Angeles County now allows users to type in an address to determine whether their property is within a hazard zone.

The California Geological Survey released the map and said that it serves two main purposes. The first, using new data and improved computer modeling, updates 2009 inundation maps showing how far inland a surge of seawater might go in a worst-case scenario. Secondly, it ties a small buffer beyond the modeled inundation area to roads or landmarks to help local officials easily communicate evacuation plans. Local tsunami evacuation material will be added to the online map interface as it is developed.

Changes to the existing Los Angeles County inundation map are modest, with the inundation potential upgraded in some areas and downgraded in others, noted Rick Wilson, head of the CGS Tsunami Program.

The CGS and Cal OES have advised several communities with isolated pockets of population and few roads for evacuation – such as in Alamitos Bay, Marina del Rey, and the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles – about their increased inundation areas.

The county's beaches can have over a million visitors per mile of beach during summer weekends and holidays, posing an evacuation challenge. According to the scenario used by CGS, the first surges of a worst-case tsunami would reach the Los Angeles coastline in about six hours.

More than 150 tsunamis have hit California's shore since 1800. Most were barely noticeable, but a few have caused fatalities or significant damage -- most recently the 2011 tsunami that not only devastated Japan but caused \$100 million of damage to California ports and harbors.

The most destructive tsunami to hit California occurred March 28, 1964. Several surges reaching 21 feet high swept into Crescent City four hours after a magnitude 9.2 earthquake in Alaska, killing 12 people and leveling much of the town's business district.

The map can be found [here](#).

### **Vehicle Collides with CA Ambulance at Medical Emergency**

[Firehouse reports](#) a CARE Ambulance driver suffered minor injuries after the vehicle was struck from behind with a patient inside while responding to a call in Pomona.

Los Angeles County firefighters and CARE Ambulance responded to a medical emergency in Pomona on Saturday, March 21. Another vehicle then struck the rear of the ambulance after a patient had been loaded inside and still at the scene.

The ambulance driver suffered minor injuries in the collision and was taken to the hospital. No LA County firefighters were injured in the incident, and the patient was taken to the hospital by another ambulance.

It is unclear how the collision happened as Pomona police are still investigating the incident.

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **DHS-21-TTP-132-00-01 Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP)**

The Department of Homeland Security and FEMA have created the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program as a critical support for the development of local prevention frameworks that address priority areas and diverse threats.

These frameworks are called for by the Department's Strategic Framework and align with the Department's goal to "Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security Threats," as described in the DHS Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024. It builds off the lessons learned and promising practices from the department's past and ongoing activities and seeks to make awards to projects that will build local capacity to prevent targeted violence and all forms of terrorism.

Objectives the FY21 TVTP Grant Program seeks to provide funding to implement local prevention frameworks and explore innovative approaches to preventing targeted violence and terrorism.

Applications are being sought in three application tracks: Promising Practices-Single Project, Promising Practices-Multiple Projects, and Innovation. Each track, as explained in Appendix A, supports the development of local prevention frameworks in accordance with the 2019 DHS Strategic Framework. Local prevention frameworks and the approaches sought in the Innovation track support terrorism prevention objectives in the March 2021 Interim National Security Strategic Guidance, to align resources to evolving threats.

The objectives of the TVTP Grant Program align with the objectives of developing local prevention frameworks (see Appendix A for additional details):

- Raising awareness of radicalization to violence, Raising awareness of the risk factors for - and the protective factors against - radicalization to violence,
- Ensuring members of the local community engage the broadest set of local stakeholders that sustain trusted partnerships and increased communications addressing radicalization to violence,

- Ensuring members of the local community have the ability to act on their awareness training by knowing how to contact - and understanding the role of - threat assessment and management teams,
- Ensuring members of the local community have access to multi-disciplinary threat assessment and management teams,
- and Ensuring the local community has a variety of programs that address risk factors while also providing services supporting threat management approaches.

The TVTP Grant Program seeks to provide funding to applications that align with these objectives and that protect privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. Please see Appendix D for research, logic model, performance measurement, and other resources that can be referenced to design project proposals.

Priorities the FY21 TVTP Grant Program has the following priorities:

- Preventing Domestic Violent Extremism Enhancing Local Threat Assessment and Management Capabilities
- Implementing Innovative Solutions for Preventing Targeted Violence and Terrorism
- Challenging Online Violence Mobilization Narratives

Eligible applicants include:

- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Independent school districts
- Private institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- City or township governments
- County governments
- State governments
- Special district governments

The deadline to apply for this funding is **Tuesday, May 25, 2021**. Total estimated program funding is \$20 million. For full details on the research behind the need for this funding and full details on how to apply, [please click here](#). The link to the application can be found [here](#).

### **Local Government Waste Tire Amnesty Grant Program**

[The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery](#) has designed this program to help divert waste tires from landfill disposal and prevent illegal tire dumping. Funds pay for waste tire collection events that are held in convenient locations for the public to bring in their used tires at no charge. An amnesty event may also consist of a coupon program that allows citizens to bring in their tires on specified days.

Amnesty events are intended to be free and convenient waste tire collection events for the public to bring in tires that they generate and for businesses that have been victims of illegal dumping. Tires generated from farming equipment, or a small business are also allowed.

Eligible applicants include: Local governments (cities, counties, or cities and counties) as defined in PRC section 48617, Special districts, Qualifying Native American Tribes and Joint Powers Authorities (JPA) as an eligible entity (where all of the participating entities are otherwise eligible).

Funding: \$1,250,000 available for fiscal year (FY) 2021–22 - \$40,000 for individual grant awards and \$90,000 for regional grant awards.

Projects serving disadvantaged communities or are located within the Southern Border Region (San Diego and Imperial counties) will be considered first.

The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, April 6, 2021**. To see eligible costs and additional grant specific information, [please click here](#). The online application can be [found here](#).

### **GFO-20-310 – Mobile Renewable Backup Generation (MORBUGs)**

[The California Energy Commission](#) has created this solicitation to fund projects to advance clean energy mobile backup systems or Mobile Renewable Backup Generation Systems (MORBUGs) that increase the resiliency of the electricity system to climate change and extreme weather events.

The purpose of this solicitation is to provide \$8 million of Technology Demonstration and Deployment (TD&D) and \$6 million of Applied Research and Development (AR&D) funding to support the 2018-2020 EPIC Investment Plan Strategic Initiative S7.2.3 to Integrate Climate Readiness into Electricity System Operations, Tools, and Models.

With efficiency improvements and cost reductions in renewable generation and the development of more energy-dense storage technologies, primarily for electric vehicles, it is now possible to create a clean energy mobile backup system. Some technologies are currently coming on the market to provide services such as providing power for charging phones or other electronic devices, usually in a public space, such as a campus, or to provide vehicle charging in remote locations. However, they have not been demonstrated in environments requiring greater capacity and reliability, such as during grid outages in emergency response. The lack of data on performance of these systems during critical needs, such as in power outages, is impeding their broader deployment. Demonstrations of system performance in different applications is needed to build confidence for their applications in emergencies.

Due to these reasons, these newer systems can only supplement mobile fossil backup generation but cannot fully replace a mobile fossil backup generator. Applied research is needed to design and pilot systems that can provide sufficient power and duration to fully replace a mobile fossil-fueled system.

This solicitation is open to all public and private entities with the exception of local publicly owned electric utilities.

At least 25% of available EPIC technology demonstration and deployment funding must be allocated to project sites located in, and benefiting, disadvantaged communities; and an additional minimum 10% of funds must be allocated to projects sites located in and benefiting low-income communities.

Match funding is required in the amount of at least 20% minimum for Groups 1 and 2 of the requested project funds. Match funding for Group 3 will be extra credit.

Funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis (where the Recipient spends out-of-pocket and is reimbursed by the grantor).

The deadline to apply is **Friday, April 9, 2021**. To view the full grant guidelines along with the application, [please click here](#).

### **2021-22 Minor's Counsel (MC) Program RFP**

[The Governor's Office of Emergency Services \(CalOES\)](#) has created this program to support the courts by appointing a minor's counsel in child custody cases involving child abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and to determine if the appointment of minor's counsel improves the criminal justice system's response to these cases.

Eligibility requirements:

1. To be eligible to receive funds, the Applicant must be a California Superior Court with a Family Court Services Program with no more than three to four judges. The Applicant must submit a letter, signed by the Court Executive Officer, certifying the number of judges working in the Family Court Services Program and confirming the judges will complete a survey, post resolution of the case, for all cases in which a minor's counsel is appointed.
2. The Applicant must receive a minimum of 50% of available points on the Rating Sheet.
3. Applicants applying for federal funds must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) and have an expiration date that is at least eight weeks after the Application due date. Check SAM status.
4. Applicants that are non-governmental organizations must be registered with the California Department of Justice's Registry of Charitable Trusts with a "current" or "pending" status. Check nonprofit status.

Only one proposal per Applicant will be eligible to receive funding. If an Applicant submits more than one proposal, only the highest scoring proposal, meeting the criteria above, will be considered for funding.

Source of Funds: Detailed information on all Victim Service (VS) Branch federal fund sources can be found in the VS Branch Federal Fund Information Guide. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review this document to familiarize themselves with the requirements for all fund sources that support this Program.

The deadline to apply is **Friday, May 28, 2021**. Total estimated funding available is \$600k. A full description of the funding, along with the online application, can be [found here](#).