

COVID-19 Update From EKA – June 24, 2020

EKA COVID-19 Update Change: Beginning today, the EKA COVID-19 update will be sent out every Wednesday. If a significant development occurs during the week, we send a supplemental update.

Stay At Home Order Day 97

Today is day 95 of the [statewide "Stay-at-Home" Order](#). 105 days ago, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Pandemic. Safer at Home orders have been in place in Los Angeles since March 19.

Previous EKA COVID-19 updates

Our previous COVID-19 updates can be found [here](#). Feel free to share our updates with friends and colleagues. We hope you find the information in the EKA updates and the questions they raise to be informative. If you have any COVID-19 government or communications questions, please reach out to any member of the EKA team. If you have a specific COVID-19 question, click [here](#) and we will attempt to answer it in our update.

Glasses Fogging Up?

Point of personal privilege: It is clear that we will be wearing face coverings for some time and people like me are sometimes faced with foggy glasses. I have found a solution –if you wash your glasses with soapy water and then wipe off your glasses, your glasses won't fog up.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Latino Communities

The County's Department of Mental Health, in partnership with the UCLA Hispanic Neuropsychiatric Center of Excellence, is building up a team of 150 Spanish-speaking "*promotores*" - trusted messengers who will connect people with services - who will work side-by-side with DMH clinicians to ensure vulnerable Latino communities are tested for COVID-19 and connected with improved and expanded mental health resources. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, data shows that the Latino community is one of the hardest-hit groups economically. At the June 23 Supervisors meeting, the Board approved a [motion](#) authored by Supervisor Solis, and co-authored by Supervisor Janice Hahn, directing the County to improve and expand mental health care for underserved Latino communities.

Death Threats

Barbara Ferrer, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health said that she and other public health officials nationwide have been threatened with violence. She said that the death threats started last month, during a COVID-19 Facebook Live public briefing when someone very casually suggested that she should be shot. She acknowledged the frustration many feel over stay-at-home restrictions that have led to job losses and economic struggles but made clear that even as these rules are being relaxed and businesses are reopening, the fight against the virus is far from over.

Temporary Eviction Moratorium

Yesterday the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors issued an Executive Order which extends an existing temporary moratorium on evictions in parts of Los Angeles County in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 health emergency. The eviction moratorium, which can be extended on a month-to-month basis, will remain in place until July 31, 2020. The temporary eviction moratorium covers all residential and commercial tenants in Los Angeles County, except those who live or conduct business in cities that have already enacted their own eviction moratoria. The moratorium includes a ban on evictions for nonpayment of rent if the tenant can show they have been financially impacted by the health emergency, among other protections. The Order also extends the temporary rent freeze in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Property owners may not increase rent for rental units or spaces covered by L.A. County's Rent Stabilization and Mobile home Rent Stabilization ordinances. These actions are retroactive to March 4, 2020. The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs at the directive of the Board of Supervisors will work to educate renters and property owners of these new rules. DCBA has developed guidelines to help landlords understand the County's temporary Eviction Moratorium and take proactive steps now. To view the guidelines, click [here](#).

LOS ANGELES

Vacancy Tax

Today the Los Angeles City Council will hold a special meeting to consider an ordinance establishing the policy and parameters of a Vacancy Tax/Empty Homes Tax for placement on the November 2020 ballot ([Council File#19-0623](#)). A vacancy tax imposes a tax on property owners that maintain vacant land or units. The Council has fast-tracked this issue for the purpose of meeting the deadline to place the matter on the November 2020 ballot for voter approval. To read the related ordinance and ballot documents, click [here](#). Several reports have been issued by the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department. To read the CLA report, click [here](#). The City reports raises several issues and provides limited information addressing the underlying causes of vacancies and how a vacancy tax will meet the City's objective. At the June 16 City Council meeting, the Council provided the City Attorney with general direction about preparing the necessary documents for the placement of the vacancy tax – "Empty Homes Tax" on the November 2020 ballot. The Council noted that they were seeking a vacancy tax similar to what was adopted by the City of Oakland with some exclusions for single-family properties, except those owned by a corporation, and mixed-use parcels under two acres. At tomorrow's meeting, the Council will discuss the draft ordinance and consider additional amendments. Of particular concern to the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles and a key issue of the vacancy tax is the definition of vacant for multifamily buildings. The [Oakland Vacant Property Tax](#) defines a vacancy to provide that if any unit is occupied in the building, the entire building is deemed occupied. While the Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that includes that

definition, the Council will likely consider alternative definitions that would significantly impact property owners and potentially subject you to an annual \$6,000 per unit vacancy tax.

LAX Screening

Thermal cameras that check passengers' body temperatures have been placed throughout the Tom Bradley International Terminal and arrival areas at LAX as another layer of protection to help keep travelers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a voluntary program with signage alerting passengers where the pilot program will take place. The thermal camera temperature checks will not replace other safety measures. If someone registers a body temperature of 100.4 or higher, airport staff will request a secondary screening, and that passenger could be referred to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention staff to be instructed to quarantine. Since the start of the pandemic, the airport has installed hundreds of hand sanitizer stations, conducted deep cleanings of the airport and focused on sanitizing high-touch facilities such as elevators and doors.

SACRAMENTO

California Could Reverse Reopening

The Governor said that the state could shut down part of its economy again if the state loses control of the coronavirus pandemic. The Governor warned that troubling signs have developed since the state began gradually allowing businesses to reopen last month, including a sharp increase during the past two weeks in the number of people hospitalized with coronavirus-related problems and those needing intensive care. Although he said some increase was expected as public life resumed and that hospitals are able to handle the patient load so far, basic steps such as practicing social distancing and complying with a statewide order to wear face masks in public are crucial to keeping the pandemic in check. He said, "It's your individual decision that will determine our fate and future ... to mitigate the likelihood and need that we ever have to toggle back on these stay-at-home orders. We don't intend to do that. We don't want to do that. But I want to make this clear: We are prepared to do that if we must."

Face Coverings

California health officials have clarified which situations are considered to be 'high-risk' where masks must be worn at all times:

- Inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space.
- While outdoors in public spaces when staying six feet apart from other people is not possible.
- Going to a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank
- Waiting for/riding on public transportation or in a ride-sharing vehicle
- In the workplace, even when working off-site, when interacting with another person.
- Working in a space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution
- Working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking lots

- In a room or enclosed area where other people are present (except for members of the person's own household) and physical distance is not possible.
- Driving or operating any public transportation or ride-sharing vehicle when passengers are present. Face coverings are still strongly recommended even when no passengers are present.

Face covering is a broad term. If you're wondering what alternatives are available if you don't have a medical mask, the CDC offers guidelines on what a face-covering should look like. You can find sew and no-sew instructions from the CDC [here](#).

Riverside County

Businesses With COVID-19 Positive Cases

Unlike for measles and tuberculosis, the Riverside County Department of Public Health does not disclose businesses where employees test positive for COVID-19, their policy is to contact people who were exposed by a person with a confirmed case. When COVID-19 impact people at work, the County reaches out to the business and talk to the business directly. The County says there are exceptions to this policy. Nursing homes are listed because of the high risk population. They also say it's important for businesses to take responsibility and do everything they can to keep their employees and staff safe because if a business is deemed a public threat the County will shut them down. The County was recently added to the state's watch list because of a spike in community spread. The state's health department posted the following on its website.

REOPENING

Reporting Obligations for COVID-19 Illnesses

[Guidance](#) issued by the California Department of Industrial Relations' Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) sets forward strict obligations for recording and reporting occupational injuries and illnesses for employees who contract COVID-19. As previously mentioned, the Guidance differs in some key aspects from Guidance issued by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). California employers must record work-related COVID-19 illnesses on their Log 300s that result in death, days away from work, restricted work or transfer to another job, medical treatment beyond first aid, loss of consciousness, or a significant injury or illness diagnosed by a physician or other healthcare professional. An injury or illness is considered "work-related" if an event or exposure in the work environment either caused or contributed to the resulting condition or significantly aggravated a pre-existing injury or illness. Work-relatedness is generally presumed for injuries and illnesses resulting from events or exposures occurring in the work environment. California's recording and reporting COVID-19 Guidance differ from federal [standards](#). First, by requiring reporting in certain circumstances even without a positive COVID-19 test result, Cal/OSHA is broader than the federal reporting standard. Second, Cal/OSHA requires reporting of a serious injury or illness at work even if the COVID-19 illness is not work-related. The Guidance

underscores that reporting a serious illness is not an admission that the illness is work-related and also is not an admission of responsibility.

LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS

Lawsuits Over California Restrictions

Two landlords have filed a lawsuit challenging the California Judicial Council's refusal to allow courts to hear eviction proceedings for the duration of the state's emergency declaration, and another lawsuit is being appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals over a lower court's ruling on unequal treatment in a land use rights case. The Council, which oversees California courts, declared that courts at all levels statewide will not consider eviction cases for the duration of Governor Newsom's state-of-emergency declaration, in addition to another 90 days after the declaration ends. California's de facto ban on evictions – even where tenants are able to pay rent and don't because of the state's Order – was enacted by the Council, a state agency that lacks the authority to issue such rules according to the California Constitution, the Pacific Legal Foundation argues—filed in Kern County Superior Court, *Christensen v. California Judicial Council* asks that the ban on eviction proceedings be struck down.

Automaker/PPE Manufacturer BYD Sues LA Mask Makers

Chinese automaker BYD, which contracted with California to supply millions of N95 respirator masks to help combat the coronavirus pandemic, is suing several Southland businessmen it alleges are selling counterfeit masks. BYD said they want to stop the exploitation of consumers during the coronavirus global pandemic and that the inferior counterfeit and often defective masks are being distributed to doctors, nurses, first responders. The lawsuit, filed in federal court alleges false advertising, false designation of origin, trademark dilution and unfair competition and trademark infringement. Southland businessmen Alexander Khazai, Aaron Arredondo, James Vaughn and Roberto Banke, along with the company Dripstone LLC, are named as defendants.

NATIONAL

Food and Coronavirus

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronaviruses issued a document that says that there is no evidence to suggest that handling food or consuming food is associated with COVID-19. To read the CDC report, click [here](#).

2nd Coronavirus Stimulus?

According to the President, there should be a second COVID-19 stimulus package in the next several months. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and other Republican leaders have opposed another round of stimulus checks, calling them expensive. Instead, they argue that people should be incentivized to return to work. As [Forbes](#) pointed out, the President shifted the conversation to the word "package" instead of "checks." According to CNBC, any final legislation to shore up the second round of direct coronavirus relief likely won't come [until the](#)

[end of July at the earliest](#), when Congress returns from recess. The debate surrounding additional economic relief comes as COVID-19 cases surge in various parts of the country that have reopened, threatening the progress made during months of lockdowns. Additionally, the extra \$600 per week being provided through federal unemployment benefits is set to expire on July 31.

QUESTIONS EKA HAS RECEIVED

Who Is Responsible For Enforcing The Facemask Mandate?

With [recent Guidance](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on wearing face masks, California health officials announced that [masks would be mandatory](#) statewide in most public settings. Since this is a statewide requirement and follows the same legal authority as other state health orders, disobeying California's mandate could result in a [misdemeanor and a fine](#). However, it is unclear how this enforcement will take place. Several law enforcement agencies have issued statements encouraging the public to wear masks but have said that police officers and deputies will focus on education instead of enforcement. Please note that exceptions to the statewide Order include outdoor activity—such as hiking, running, biking— and when eating and drinking at a restaurant, provided that six feet of space can be maintained at all times.

WHAT WE'RE READING

Dr. Fauci: Coming weeks critical to reduce U.S. spikes; Scarce medical oxygen worldwide leaves many gasping for life

The next few weeks are critical to tamping down a disturbing coronavirus surge, Dr. Anthony Fauci told Congress on Tuesday — issuing a plea for people to avoid crowds and wear masks just hours before mask-shunning President Donald Trump was set to address a crowd of his young supporters in one hot spot. Fauci and other top health officials also said they have not been asked to slow down virus testing, in contrast to Trump's claim last weekend that he had ordered fewer tests be performed because they were uncovering too many infections. Trump said earlier Tuesday that he wasn't kidding when he made that remark. To read the full story, click [here](#).

U.S. virus cases surge to highest level in 2 months

New coronavirus cases in the U.S. have surged to their highest level in two months and are now back to where they were at the peak of the outbreak. The U.S. on Tuesday reported 34,700 new cases of the virus, according to a tally compiled by Johns Hopkins University that was published Wednesday. There have been only two previous days that the U.S. has reported more cases: April 9 and April 24, when a record 36,400 cases were logged. To read the full story, click [here](#).

PPP Loan Recipients Are Facing Forgiveness Application Delays As US Banks Seek Guidance From The SBA

US small businesses that received loans through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) are facing delays in finding out whether they will qualify for forgiveness on their loans, as banks say they need more Guidance on which loans can be written off, the Financial Times reports.

Despite the fact that the Small Business Administration (SBA) published updated forgiveness application forms last Wednesday, major US banks Chase, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, and PNC all stated that they are not yet in a position to take applications for loan forgiveness, per the F.T. Chase and Wells Fargo specifically noted that they were awaiting further clarification from the SBA. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Are Retailers Required To Compensate Non-Exempt Store Associates For Temperature Checks?

Retailers around the country are eager to reopen after the lengthy and debilitating COVID-19 shutdowns. However, it is not as easy as simply throwing open ones doors to the waiting throngs of consumers who have likewise been shut-in, desperately yearning for brick-and-mortar shopping. Safety is paramount for both businesses and the consuming public. Social distancing, maximum occupancy, one-way flow, and temperature checks are just some of the safety protocols retailers are considering and implementing as part of their plans to reopen. To read the full story, click [here](#).

'In Fact, We Will Be Doing More Testing': Fauci Says He Was Never Asked To Slow Coronavirus Testing

Dr. Anthony Fauci told House lawmakers on Tuesday that despite President Donald Trump's claim that he had asked officials to "slow the testing down," he had never been given such a directive. "To my knowledge, none of us have ever been told to slow down on testing. That just is a fact," he said. Fauci said testing and contact surveillance were fundamental to "understand exactly what's going on in community spread." To read the full story, click [here](#).

In 'Cancer Alley,' A Renewed Focus On Systemic Racism Is Too Late

Robert Taylor has lived on the banks of the Mississippi River in Reserve, Louisiana, his entire life. Both of his parents worked in the local sugar refinery when plantations made up this stretch of the river between New Orleans and Baton Rouge. But where sugar cane once grew, chemicals now spew from smoke stacks. When the petrochemical industry moved in, the predominantly Black community's health began to suffer. To read the full story, click [here](#).

What P.P. Loan Borrowers Should Consider When Choosing Between The 8 Or 24 Week Forgiveness Period

PPP borrowers and their advisors are scrambling to determine how to manage their businesses and expenses to best facilitate loan forgiveness to benefit their businesses and employees. These two objectives are sometimes at odds, and the new 24-week testing period election, which most borrowers can meet, will have a powerful impact on business conduct. Borrowers whose loans were assigned a loan number by the SBA on or before June 5 can decide whether to elect to use an 8-week or a 24-week expenditure period in order to qualify for forgiveness. Borrowers whose loan numbers were assigned by the SBA after June 5 must use a 24-week testing period. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Key to Re-Opening Economy – Liability Protection

As businesses throughout the state start to reopen, there is a looming question as to whether it is safe. Consumers want to resume a back to normal lifestyle by visiting their favorite restaurants and stores, but also want to limit their risk of contracting COVID-19. Businesses, eager to bounce back from this economic crisis, also want to welcome consumers into a safe environment, but yet are hesitant about the liability that looms ahead if a consumer or contractor claims he or she contracted the virus while at the business's location. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Bye \$600 Jobless Benefit, Eviction Reprieve, Cash For Small Firms. COVID-19 Relief Ending

The extraordinary safety net that has buoyed financially stressed Americans during the coronavirus pandemic is starting to fray. In the coming weeks, the jobless will likely no longer receive an extra \$600 in their weekly unemployment checks. Many tenants who don't pay their rent can be evicted. And many small businesses won't have a forgivable federal loan to cushion the blow of meager sales. To read the full story, click [here](#).

How To Keep Workers Engaged During The Coronavirus Crisis?

Keeping employees engaged during the pandemic comes down to two things: connection and recognition. With employees at home - and most taking on the role of caregiver, teacher and parent, all while trying to stay productive at work - it is easy for remote staff to begin developing feelings of isolation and disconnect from their organization's culture, which can, in turn, contribute to low engagement. To read the full story, click [here](#).

AMC Theatres Will Require Guests To Wear Face Masks At Locations Nationwide

AMC Theatres said Friday that it's reversing course and will require all guests to wear masks when it reopens locations in the U.S. starting in July. The move comes a day after AMC CEO Adam Aron said in an interview with Variety that the company wouldn't be implementing mandatory face mask rules in its theaters because it didn't "want to be drawn into a political controversy." To read the full story, click [here](#).

California Now Has Second Highest Number Of Coronavirus Cases In U.S., Surpassing New Jersey

California has surpassed New Jersey as the state with the second highest number of coronavirus cases in the country with more than 176,000 infections as of Sunday afternoon, according to a Chronicle analysis. The infection rate, per capita, is still significantly lower in California, where nearly 40 million people live, versus 9 million in New Jersey. New York has more than 387,000 cases, more than any other state. To read the full story, click [here](#).

'I Don't Kid': Trump Says He Wasn't Joking About Slowing Coronavirus Testing

President Donald Trump insisted on Tuesday that he was serious when he revealed that he had directed his administration to slow coronavirus testing in the United States — shattering the defenses of senior White House aides who argued Trump's remarks were made in jest. "I don't kid. Let me just tell you. Let me make it clear," Trump told reporters, when pressed on whether his comments at a campaign event Saturday in Tulsa, Okla., were intended as a joke. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Don't Blame The Bars: Here's What's Behind Sacramento's Recent Coronavirus Surge

The coronavirus epidemic in Sacramento has found a new and alarming nesting ground – inside family homes. A week-long surge in coronavirus cases culminated with 267 new cases Friday through Sunday, the biggest three-day increase by far since COVID-19 hit the region three months ago. But to the surprise of health officials, most of the spread is not happening at newly reopened nail salons, restaurants and barbers, or at previously hard-hit nursing and assisted care living centers. The surge also does not appear to be related to police brutality protests held in the earlier this month. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Early COVID-19 Cases In The U.S. May Have Been More Than 80 Times Greater Than Originally Believed

Many epidemiologists believe that the initial COVID-19 infection rate was undercounted due to testing issues, asymptomatic and alternatively symptomatic individuals, and a failure to identify early cases. Now, a new study from Penn State estimates that the number of early COVID-19 cases in the U.S. may have been more than 80 times greater and doubled nearly twice as fast as originally believed. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Top Trump fundraiser sought to cash in on valuable 3M masks

In early April, as U.S. supplies of N95 surgical masks were dwindling, President Trump took aim at 3M, America's biggest mask maker. Mr. Trump invoked the Defense Production Act, which authorized the head of FEMA to "acquire" any and all 3M N95s. The move set off a week of negotiations leading 3M and the White House to strike a deal to distribute more N95 masks in the U.S. Four days later, Eric Beach, who had no experience in supplying medical goods, formed Colt International, Inc. touting connections with 3M. Beach is also the co-founder of the Great America PAC, which has raised more than \$40 million for Mr. Trump. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Employees At Five Las Vegas Restaurants On And Off The Strip Test Positive For COVID-19

The past week, a few restaurants closed due to employees testing positive for COVID-19. One resort, the Flamingo Las Vegas, reported that it started contract tracking protocols on Thursday after identifying two COVID-19 positive cases. Parent company Caesars Entertainment did not reveal whether guests or employees tested positive. The Flamingo was one of the first resorts to open on June 4 after Gov. Steve Sisolak and the Nevada Gaming Control Board allowed casinos to reopen in Nevada. On July 2, the resort plans to open its new restaurant, Buggy & Meyer's Steakhouse. To read the full story, click [here](#).

A Little Known Clause In The CARES Act Can Mean Big Savings For Some Small Businesses

When the CARES Act was passed back in late March, much attention was paid to the relief given to small businesses by the Paycheck Protection Program. But another, lesser-known part of the bill is also providing for many small-business owners who are smart enough to take advantage of a significant opportunity. That portion has to do with a loan program from the Small Business Administration. The program, called Section 7(a), has been in existence for many years. And like the Paycheck Protection Program, it's delivered through the SBA's member lenders. But, unlike

PPP, this is not a grant program. It's a loan that can be used for purchasing equipment and real estate, and even to acquire another company. Or it can be used just for working capital. Because the loans are backed by the SBA, bankers can provide this crucial type of financing for small businesses that otherwise wouldn't be able to receive the help. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Coronavirus Hardship Loans: What They Are, How They Work And How To Get One

With more than 40 million Americans filing for unemployment since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, increasing numbers are having trouble making ends meet. Whether it's for paying the mortgage, keeping the lights on or securing the next meal -- there are times when you need to drum up some cash. A coronavirus hardship loan can help. It's a personal loan that can help provide temporary financial relief from the impact of the pandemic. If you've lost your job or your income has been reduced, a hardship loan could help hold you over. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Why Public Health Officials Are Quitting During a Pandemic

Nichole Quick had had enough. As the chief health officer in Orange County, Calif., she issued an order requiring face masks. At a hearing in May, nearly a hundred people spoke out against the Order. Quick's home address and the name of her boyfriend were read aloud by one speaker, while Quick was threatened with gun violence. Quick was assigned a security detail, but still decided to resign her position earlier this month. She is not alone. Across the country, more than two-dozen top public health officials have resigned, retired or been fired since April, including half a dozen each in Colorado and California (with three in Orange County alone). No fewer than eight state health directors have quit, although two of those were long-planned retirements. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Budgets Put Limits On Social Distancing Options For Schools

As schools consider how and when to reopen their buildings during the pandemic, many are finding themselves overwhelmed by the potential expenses that would come with operating under social distancing guidelines: protective equipment, staff for smaller classrooms, and additional transportation to keep students spread out on bus rides. To read the full story, click [here](#).

South Carolina Beaches Fill, But COVID-19 Takes No Vacation

The coronavirus has not taken a vacation. When hotels were allowed to start taking reservations again on May 15, there had been 283 COVID-19 cases in Horry County, which includes Myrtle Beach. By June 22, that number had climbed to more than 2,000, and infections had doubled in nine days. To read the full story, click [here](#).

WatchOS 7 Includes A New Apple Watch Hand-Washing Feature For COVID-19 Protection

As part of its new WatchOS 7 software, Apple's wearable device, the Apple Watch, will automatically detect when you start washing your hands. It will then time how long you scrub in front of the sink. The device does this by listening for the sounds of running water and bubbling suds. And for those who are a little impatient, the smartwatch will provide gentle

prompts to continue washing for the recommended 20 seconds. After all, keeping up good hygiene during a pandemic is always the right call. To read the full story, click [here](#).

IRS Eases Rules On Reversing Required Retirement Savings Withdrawals

Although the CARES Act eliminated required minimum withdrawals from retirement accounts for 2020, some savers may already have taken their money earlier in the year. The IRS says those withdrawals can now be rolled back into the accounts they came from. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Budget No. 4 won't be the last -- big tax increase?

Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders announced this week that they have a deal on a new state budget to take effect on July 1. Facing the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic plunge, they said, "we have agreed on a budget that is balanced, responsible and protects core services — education, health care, social safety net and emergency preparedness and response." To read the full story, click [here](#).

Copper Won't Save You From Coronavirus

It began in mid-March. Every time Michael D. L. Johnson checked his email, the University of Arizona microbiologist would find a new batch of messages, all asking the same question: Will products made with copper keep the coronavirus at bay? "I was getting three to four emails about it a day," Dr. Johnson said. Some asked if he recommended ingesting copper as a cure. Others wondered if it was a good idea to outfit their homes with it. A few inquisitive citizens even wanted to know whether wearing copper accessories, such as bracelets, would stave off disease. To read the full story, click [here](#).

Things To Consider When Visiting Elderly Relatives Amid Coronavirus Crisis

Given the rise in COVID-19 cases, public health officials warn people to be more vigilant when they're out. Is there a safe way to visit grandma and grandpa and other elderly relatives or friends? To read the full story, click [here](#).

6,000-Plus: California Shatters Its Single-Day Record For Most New Coronavirus Cases

California shattered its single-day record for most new coronavirus cases Monday as the number of people hospitalized statewide due to the virus also reached record levels. To read the full story, click [here](#). To read the full story, click here.

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