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Information and Resource Updates from the Commission on HIV: Sustaining the HIV Movement Amidst the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (April 14, 2020)

*Please check our [website](#) and [HIV Connect](#) for information and resources. Thank you.
Remember to read past bulletins on the Commission's dedicated [COVID-19 site](#).*

Local Resources

- **COVID-19 Testing:** To find out if you're eligible for a test and to schedule an appointment at a drive-up mobile testing site in Los Angeles County, please [click here](#).
- Good news! Our efforts are working and we are "flattening the curve". Our case count is growing, but the rate of transmission is slowing. LA County's "Safer at Home" Order has been [extended until at least May 15th](#) so we can continue flattening the curve and prevent COVID-19 from overwhelming our healthcare system.
- If you or a loved one are over the age of 60 or are living with disabilities, LA County is offering a free [24/7 grocery and supply delivery service](#) to get you the items you need so you can remain safer at home.
- If you have lost your job, or just need assistance, please apply for benefits online by visiting the Your Benefits Now website at <http://www.dpss.lacounty.gov/> and clicking on the YBN logo to get started. **For immediate assistance by phone**, please call our Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777.
- [L.A. County Business and Worker Disaster Help Center](#) is a new centralized call center and website providing free, one-on-one counseling and support for business owners and workers who have been adversely affected by the ongoing Coronavirus/COVID-19 emergency. **Telephone:** (833) 238-4450.
- [County-wide](#) resources, information, and emergency response activities
- **[Get counted for the 2020 Census:](#)** You can still respond! April 1 is the reference date, not a deadline to respond. An accurate and complete 2020 Census count is vital to Los Angeles County. Census data is used to determine funding for programs and projects ranging from early childhood education to senior nutrition.

- The [Philanthropy California](#) team vetted the list of COVID-19 response funds to help the most vulnerable communities.
- The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) would like to provide you with specific measures [persons with HIV](#) should take to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- **Local Ryan White-funded Mental Health Services:** If you need mental health services, contact the following local agencies for information and appointment.

AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Nathalie Valdez, MSSW (818) 380-2626 x 5733 nathalie.valdez@ahf.org
AltaMed Health Services	Alonso Bautista, Mental Health Supervisor (323) 869-5408 abautista@altamed.org
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	Carolyn Menasaghanian, Section Manager (213) 738-4717 cmenasaghanian@ph.lacounty.gov
JWCH Institute	http://iwchinstitute.org/about-us/wesley-health-centers-appointments/ or Toll Free Appointment Line: (866) SEE-JWCH / (866) 733-5924, or call: (562) 867-7999
LAC + USC - Rand Schrader Clinic	Stella Quan, Sr. Health Educator (323) 409-8258 squan@dhs.lacounty.gov
Northeast Valley Health Corporation	Nick Rocca, Program Director (818) 988-6335 x50701 nickrocca@nevhc.org
Special Service for Groups	Lisa Cash, Clinical Supervisor (213) 553-1849 lisac@apaitonline.org
St. John's Well Child & Family Center	Elena Fernandez, Chief of Programs (323) 541-1600 x1467 efernandez@wellchild.org
Tarzana Treatment Centers	Sherry Winston, Program Coordinator(818) 342-5897 x2195 swinston@tarzanatc.org
Venice Family Clinic	Julie Garcia, Program Manager (310) 664-7613 juliegarcia@mednet.ucla.edu

State Resources

- [California Department of Public Health](#) COVID-19 response page and information.
- Have questions about how to access health care during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic? [Health Consumer Alliance \(HCA\) coronavirus website](#) has devoted a page specifically to this topic.

National Resources

- The [COVID-19 and People Living with HIV: Frequently Asked Questions document](#) provides clear and culturally responsive information to ensure PLHIV and communities

disproportionately impacted by HIV have a reliable resource for the latest information to help them protect and take care of themselves.

- What's Inside the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ([CARES Act](#))? The Act authorizes \$90 million for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program response to COVID-19. HRSA is working to determine an expedient process to release funds to recipients when available.
- The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) has launched a [Frequently Asked Question \(FAQ\) webpage](#), to keep Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients, subrecipients, and partners updated on the latest information regarding COVID-19.
- HRSA Health Center Program has launched a [Health Center Program COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) for COVID-19 updates for community health clinics.
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.](#)

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