



## Newsletter | August- September 2020

In 2013, Mayor Eric Garcetti re-established the Office of Immigrant Affairs in order to promote and advance the economic, cultural, social and political well-being of immigrant communities in the City of Los Angeles. Our mission is to develop programs and initiatives that support immigrant integration and to serve immigrant Angelenos through the coordination of city services, outreach, and legislative advocacy. We encourage you to share this newsletter with your friends, family, and colleagues. Thank you for your support!

### AUGUST- SEPTEMBER 2020 IN REVIEW

## Equity Outreach Campaign to Address COVID-19's Disproportionate Impact

### Caring for Myself & My Community During Covid-19

**How can I protect myself and my family from COVID-19?**

To help stop the spread of coronavirus there are simple steps that you can practice daily:

- Stop home as much as you can!
- Wear a mask or face cloth when you are near people outside your home
- When outside for essential activities, keep at least 6ft between yourself and others
- Wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds often & disinfect commonly touched surfaces
- Use a tissue or your arm to cover your cough and sneezes

**How can I get tested for COVID-19?**

You can get tested whether you have symptoms or not. Testing is free, and you do not need health insurance. Your immigration status doesn't matter, and getting tested will not count against you under the Public Charge rule. You can make an appointment for testing with your own medical provider. If you don't have a medical provider, you can sign up for testing at [covid19.lacounty.gov/testing](https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing)

If you do not have access to the internet or a computer, dial 311 to arrange an appointment. Drive through and walk-up testing sites are available, but you cannot get tested without an appointment.

**What are common symptoms for COVID-19?**

Symptoms for coronavirus are different for everyone. But, you may have COVID-19 if you have any of the following:

• Fever or chills	• New loss of taste or smell	• Headache
• Cough	• Sore throat	• Diarrhea
• Difficulty breathing	• Congestion or runny nose	• Muscle or body aches
• Fatigue	• Nausea or vomiting	

For a complete list of symptoms, go to [covid19.lacounty.gov/testing](https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing)

If you develop serious symptoms such as difficulty breathing, pain or pressure in your chest, bluish lips or face, or a new onset of confusion or difficulty waking up, call 911 or go to an emergency room.

**What should I do if I have to go out for medical care or to get tested for COVID-19?**

If possible, do not use public transportation. If you are able to, use a private vehicle. If you cannot drive yourself, keep as much distance as possible between you and the driver, wear a mask, and if possible, leave the car windows down.

**What should I do if I think I may have COVID-19?**

If you are experiencing symptoms or believe you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should self-isolate immediately and get tested.

Self-isolation means you end all contact with all people, including family or others in your home. Do not go to work, school, the grocery store or other public areas. Do not have visitors, do not share spaces with others, do not cook for others and do not handle pets. Use a separate bathroom, or if that's not possible, clean the bathroom after use.

If you have symptoms, you must stay home until all three of the following are true:

- At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared
- You have not had fever for at least 72 hours (without the use of medicine that reduces fever)
- Your respiratory symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath)

If you tested positive for COVID-19, but never had any symptoms:

- You must stay home for 10 days after the test was taken, but if you develop symptoms, you need to follow the instructions above

You can find more information about how to home isolate at [lacounty.gov/covidisolation](https://lacounty.gov/covidisolation).

**Eric Garcetti**  
Mayor of LA

**What should I do if I have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 (even if I don't have symptoms)?**

COVID-19 is highly contagious. If you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you need to get tested and quarantine at home for 14 days from your last contact with the infected person in order to prevent spreading the virus. During the quarantine period, you must limit your contact with others the same way as people do who are self-isolating. Being in close contact means: (1) being within 6 feet of the infected person for more than 15 minutes or (2) having unprotected contact with an infected person's body fluids (for example, being coughed or sneezed on, sharing utensils, or providing care without wearing protective equipment).

You can find more information on home quarantining and how to calculate when the quarantine period ends, at [lacounty.gov/covidisolation](https://lacounty.gov/covidisolation).

**What resources are available if I can't self-isolate at home?**

LA County has made available, at no cost, a limited number of temporary Medical Sheltering sites with medical staff onsite for people who have tested positive or been exposed to COVID-19 and are not able to self-isolate in their current living environment. You will not be allowed to leave the housing area until after your isolation period ends.

To be referred to a medical sheltering site, please call 833-540-0473 or 211. You can find out more at [lacounty.gov/medical-sheltering](https://lacounty.gov/medical-sheltering).

**What if I need food or household items delivered or need other assistance?**

- The County has the Critical Delivery Service for food and household items for a limited number of people who have, or have been exposed to COVID-19. You order and pay for the food through a store; the Critical Delivery Service picks up the food and delivers it to you at no cost.
- If you have SNAP benefits, you may order food delivery through Amazon at [amazon.com/snaps-sbt](https://amazon.com/snaps-sbt).

To find out more about the Critical Delivery Service, call 888-863-7487 or go to [lacounty.gov](https://lacounty.gov).

The County also has a COVID-19 Resource Line for questions about how to care for yourself and others and how to access other resources. You may call 833-540-0473 daily from 8am to 8:30pm, or call 211. Interpreters for most languages are available at all phone numbers. Resources are also at [covid19.lacounty.gov/resources](https://covid19.lacounty.gov/resources) or at 211.

**What is contact tracing?**

Contact tracing is an important step in slowing the spread of COVID-19. If you test positive, County health workers will reach out to you to share important next steps and connect you to resources to help you self-isolate. They will also ask questions about the places you have been and the people you have spent time with in order to notify them that they may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Health workers will not share your identity with the people you name, so please answer fully and truthfully. Your honesty could save lives. Afterwards, County health workers will contact the people you identify by phone call, text, or email to let them know that they were in contact with an infected person and should get tested and quarantine to prevent further infecting their loved ones.

The personal information of everyone contacted throughout this process is confidential and will not be shared. Health workers will never ask about your immigration status, social security number, or bank account number.

**Will getting tested or treated for COVID-19 affect my immigration status?**

All prevention and treatment programs and services provided by the City and County in response to COVID-19 are open to all and will not affect you negatively under the Public Charge rule analysis. If you have questions about the Public Charge rule, please contact a qualified immigration attorney. You can find more information and legal resources on the Public Charge rule at [lacounty.gov/public-charge](https://lacounty.gov/public-charge). We encourage all Angelenos to obtain the needed resources to stay healthy.

More information about the City of LA response to COVID-19 and answers to frequently asked questions are at [lacounty.gov/covid19](https://lacounty.gov/covid19). More information about the County of LA response and answers to frequently asked questions are at [lacounty.gov/media/communications](https://lacounty.gov/media/communications). If you are a business and need to locate the protocols, you can also find them on the County website.

While COVID-19 does not discriminate, its impact has been felt more acutely in African American, Latinx, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI), and immigrant communities. In order to address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 in these communities, the Mayor's Offices of Immigrant Affairs and Public Engagement partnered with other mayoral offices, the City of Los Angeles Department of Civil and Human Rights, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to strategize on an organized equity outreach campaign effort. Components of the campaign include using available County and City data to map out outreach areas with the highest number of COVID-19 cases and deaths, creating and distributing

accessible and multilingual outreach materials, and offering virtual presentations with information on prevention and resources for impacted communities. For example, the campaign published a COVID-19 outreach flyer with information about testing, preventing the spread of the virus, the contact tracing process, medical sheltering, and more, all in one place. This flyer is available in English, Spanish, Korean, Eastern Armenian, Simplified Chinese, Thai, Farsi, and Russian. To view these flyers, click [here](#).

As part of the equity outreach campaign, volunteers through VolunteerLA are also canvassing disproportionately impacted neighborhoods and sharing these flyers. As part of the dissemination strategy of this flyer and, in order to reach and inform more vulnerable communities disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus, Diana Escamilla, Immigration Outreach Coordinator at the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, has been presenting on the content of the COVID-19 flyer at appropriate virtual Census volunteer trainings and safely distributing printed copies of the COVID-19 outreach flyer to Angelenos. Diana continues to coordinate presentations with community partners to share the information on the COVID-19 outreach flyer, in detail. If your organization is interested in a virtual presentation, please email us at [mayor.immigrantaffairs@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.immigrantaffairs@lacity.org).

### **Webinar “Let’s Chat About DACA: Updates and What’s Next”**



On August 6, 2020, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs co-hosted a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) webinar, *Let's Chat About DACA: Updates and What's Next*, in collaboration with Clark Hill PLC and the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA). Mayor Garcetti provided opening remarks expressing his continued support and advocacy for DACA recipients and reaffirming that Los Angeles is a Welcoming City. This webinar provided updates on DACA following the June 18 U.S. Supreme Court's ruling, and the July 28 memorandum issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In addition, Program Manager Maria Peñaloza shared information about City and County resources available to DACA recipients and encouraged immigrant Angelenos with questions about their case to consult trusted immigration legal services providers. Participants' top concerns were how to access legal help and whether to start preparing their documents in case USCIS begins to accept new applications in the future. To view the recording of the webinar, click [here](#).

### **Sociedad Organizada De Latinas Activas (SODLA) Cafecito Presentation**



COVID-19: Keeping Los Angeles Safe

La Oficina de Asuntos Migratorios del Alcalde de Los Angeles

Página web: [www.lamayor.org/immigration](http://www.lamayor.org/immigration) y <http://stepforward.lacity.org>

Por correo electrónico a: [mayor.immigrantaffairs@lacity.org](mailto:mayor.immigrantaffairs@lacity.org)

Todo relacionado con la respuesta de la ciudad de Los Angeles al COVID-19: [coronavirus.lacity.org](http://coronavirus.lacity.org)



On September 3, 2020, Director Nora A. Preciado presented in Spanish on behalf of the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs at the Sociedad de Latinas Activas (SODLA) cafecito. SODLA is a South Los Angeles community group composed of Latina women that advocate on behalf of their community to create visibility for the needs of immigrant families in the South LA area. This cafecito was part of SODLA’s series of guest speaker presentations from various agencies and organizations to inform their community about resources and services available to them. Dir. Preciado provided information about our Office’s role and priorities, the City’s COVID-19 response and resources available, as well as Census information. Dir. Preciado’s presentation included a discussion on how the City is responding to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on African American, Latinx, AAPI, and immigrant communities.

### Cities for Action (C4A) DACA Tele-Town Hall



In collaboration with the NYC Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Denver Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, Dir. Preciado participated in the Cities for Action (C4A) DACA Tele-Town Hall on September 17, 2020. This tele-town hall discussed the latest information on the DACA program and local resources available to DACA recipients and DACA eligible populations in these three cities. Dir. Preciado provided the latest litigation updates and shared City of Los Angeles resources available to DACA recipients, including our [DACA Support Resource Guide](#). Audience members presented questions and shared concerns about the

uncertainty of the program, the cost of the application for renewal, and barriers in accessing legal help. To view the recording of the tele-town hall, click [here](#).

### **Citizenship Virtual Fair**

In September, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs collaborated with CHIRLA to host a Virtual Citizenship Fair to help eligible immigrant Angelenos learn more about the application process for naturalization and becoming a U.S. citizen. Outreach was targeted to areas in the City of Los Angeles with less access to immigration legal services. This virtual fair effort was led by our Immigration Outreach Coordinator Diana to encourage Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) to apply for citizenship before the increase in USCIS application fees. The application fee increases were announced by USCIS and scheduled to go into effect on October 2, 2020 [read more on this below under "Immigration Policy News"]. Participants attended a virtual orientation where CHIRLA shared general information on the naturalization process and requirements. After the orientation, participants who met the requirements for citizenship received a free legal consultation and assistance with their naturalization and fee waiver applications.

### **IMMIGRATION POLICY NEWS**

#### ***National***

#### **Latest on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**

On August, 24, 2020, after the Supreme Court decision and DHS DACA [memorandum](#), USCIS issued guidance on how the agency will implement the DHS DACA memo. In accordance with the memo, USCIS will reject all new DACA applications and reject all advance parole applications except where there are "exceptional circumstances." In addition, the period of deferred action and employment authorization will be for one year for all pending and newly-filed renewal applications granted after July 28, 2020. To view the full USCIS guidance, click [here](#).

Current DACA recipients are encouraged to file renewal applications in consultation with a trusted immigration attorney or Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited representative. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) awarded funding to nonprofit organizations across our state to provide immigration legal services. To find the complete list of agencies providing DACA legal services free-of-charge and assistance with paying USCIS fees, click [here](#). Additionally, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs has compiled a [DACA Support Resource Guide](#), which includes information about trusted legal services providers, health care and wellness, workplace rights, and other resources across the City of Los Angeles that may be helpful to DACA and DACA-eligible individuals.

#### **U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Fee Increase Rule**

On August 3, 2020, the proposed rule [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\) Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements](#) became final. USCIS had proposed an increase in fees on November 14, 2019, by publication in the Federal Register, followed by a period for public comment. The final version of the rule was scheduled to go into effect on October 2, 2020. If the rule becomes effective, it would impact the

fees for various immigration benefits, including the citizenship application filing fee, drastically increasing from \$725 to \$1,170, and eliminate most fee waivers and reduced fees. The rule also includes an unprecedented \$50 fee for asylum applications. On September 29, 2020, a federal district court in Northern California granted a preliminary injunction in one of the cases challenging the USCIS fee increase rule, *ILRC v. Wolf*, preventing the rule from being implemented for now. To read the court ruling, click [here](#).

### **Public Charge Rule in Effect Nationwide**

The Public Charge inadmissibility test is used by federal immigration officials to determine if a person can enter the U.S. with a visa or obtain a green card (Lawful Permanent Residency). On August 14, 2019, DHS proposed changes to the “Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds” rule. After legal challenges, on February 21, 2020, the Supreme Court allowed the rule to go into effect. The rule became effective on February 24, 2020. The final rule can be found [here](#).

On July 29, 2020, a federal district court in New York issued a nationwide injunction on the Public Charge rule blocking the government from implementing the rule during the COVID-19 national public health emergency. On August 12, 2020, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit narrowed the injunction and indicated that it applies only to the states in the Second Circuit (New York, Connecticut and Vermont). Unfortunately, on September 11, 2020, a panel of judges on the Second Circuit lifted the district court’s injunction, allowing the Public Charge rule to be implemented nationwide.

It is important to remember that the Public Charge rule does not apply to most immigrants, and that the USCIS March 13, 2020, announcement that COVID-19 related “treatment or preventive services will not negatively affect” immigrants “as part of a future Public Charge analysis” remains in effect. The USCIS announcement can be found [here](#).

If you have questions about your specific situation and whether the rule applies to you, you can find updated information and resources by visiting the Mayor’s website [here](#).

### **Update on Litigation Against the Termination of TPS**

On March 13, 2018, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders from El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua and Sudan, and five U.S. citizen children of TPS holders filed a lawsuit against DHS, *Ramos v. Nielsen*, challenging the termination of TPS for those countries. The City of Los Angeles [led an amicus brief](#) filed by 31 cities and six counties in support of the litigation. On October 3, 2018, the Northern District Court of California enjoined DHS from implementing the termination of TPS for those four countries while the case continued its way through the legal system. As a result of the injunction, the TPS designation for those countries remained in effect and DHS continued granting work authorization for eligible TPS beneficiaries from those countries.

On September 14, 2020, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals [issued a decision](#) in the *Ramos v. Nielsen* case, which impacts TPS families from El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Sudan, and may also impact TPS beneficiaries from Honduras and Nepal. As a result, the injunction blocking the Trump Administration from terminating TPS for El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Sudan is vacated. At this time, because of an agreement between the litigation parties, TPS protection for Haiti, Sudan, Nicaragua, Nepal, and Honduras will not end before March 5, 2021; TPS protection for El Salvador will not end before November 5, 2021, if all litigation appeals fail. Employment authorization documents (work permits) for these TPS holders continue to be valid.

### **USCIS Adopts AAO Decision on TPS and Authorized Travel**

On August 20, 2020, USCIS issued a [memorandum](#) adopting the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) decision on TPS and Travel Authority. This new policy instructs USCIS personnel to no longer use authorized travel or advanced parole, to satisfy the requirements of “inspected and admitted or paroled” into the United States for purposes of adjustment of status under section 245(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Advance parole gives you permission to leave the United States and return during a specified period of time. This new policy does not affect TPS holders who already adjusted their status to LPR under the past practice and/or prior to this guidance. Please note that TPS holders living under the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals jurisdiction, which includes California, have different requirements to establish “admission” into the United States when seeking to adjust status. To read the full policy memo, click [here](#).

### **Census 2020 Response Deadline Extended**

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau adjusted its 2020 Census operations. On April 13, 2020, the Census Bureau announced that it was extending the window for field data collection and self-response to October 31, 2020. On August 3, 2020 the Census Bureau announced it would be ending the data collection and self-response period on September 30, 2020. The City and County of Los Angeles and other cities, counties and organizations filed litigation challenging the deadline changes. On September 24, 2020, a federal district court in Northern California issued a preliminary injunction preventing the government from ending the 2020 Census count earlier than the scheduled October 31 completion date. The government expeditiously appealed to the Ninth Circuit. On September 25, 2020, the district judge denied the government’s motion to stay the injunction pending the appeal. On September 28, 2020, the Secretary of Commerce announced a target date of October 5, 2020 to conclude the 2020 Census self-response and field data collection operations. On September 30, 2020, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied the government’s request for an immediate administrative stay pending resolution of their stay motion. Additional legal proceedings are scheduled in both district court and the court of appeals in the coming week.

For now, you can still respond to the Census in a number of ways: online at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov), over the phone in English at 844-330-2020 and in Spanish at 844-468-2020, by mail, or by talking to an enumerator that comes to your door. We encourage you to fill out the Census as soon as possible.

### ***Regional: California State Bills***

#### **California Earned Income & Young Child Tax Credit for Individuals with a Federal Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (AB 1876)**

On September 18, 2020, Governor Newsom signed AB 1876, a bill that allows undocumented workers who file taxes with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) to get California’s tax refund for low-income residents, starting next spring. Previously, only households in which every earner had a Social Security Number could claim the refund known as the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC). This spring’s budget deal extended the credit to undocumented workers who file taxes with an ITIN only if they had children under the age of 6. Mayor Garcetti was proud to support this bill, which will now allow all California tax

filers to claim the credit, regardless of immigration status—providing a much-needed safety net during this economic downturn. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Wage Accountability and Enforcement (AB 3075)**

Mayor Garcetti also endorsed AB 3075, a bill signed by Governor Newsom on September 30, 2020, that aims to prevent businesses with outstanding wage judgments from forming a new business entity. This practice has often been used to circumvent the law and avoid paying owed wages. AB 3075 strengthens existing protections for workers in the City of Los Angeles, while also empowering our local wage enforcement agencies to enforce state wage theft laws. The City of Los Angeles remains committed to addressing wage theft, especially at this critical time for low-income workers impacted by COVID-19. For more information, click [here](#).

### ***Local***

#### **Update on the Sidewalk and Park Vendor Permit Program**

Since the launch of the City of Los Angeles Sidewalk and Park Vendor Permit Program in January 2020, the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs has been working closely with internal and external partners to ensure that the program’s implementation is responsive to the unique needs of sidewalk and park vendors— many of whom are immigrant Angelenos. During COVID-19, the City has been working tirelessly to help alleviate the resulting financial impact on vendors. To assist vendors impacted economically by COVID-19, the City extended the deadline for the \$291 reduced fee for a City Sidewalk and Park Vending Permit from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The City also extended the expiration date of all vending permits issued through June 30, 2020 to 18 months from the date of permit issuance, instead of 12 months. Additionally, the City is deferring the payment of newly issued permit fees to the end of 2020, with a temporary return of fees paid to date. For more information, click [here](#).

### **IN THE NEWS**

#### ***National***

**Whistleblower Alleges ‘Medical Neglect,’ Questionable Hysterectomies of ICE Detainees**  
[NPR](#) (September 16, 2020)

“The complaint says that several immigrant women expressed concerns to Project South about a high rate of hysterectomies and that Wooten and other nurses at the facility questioned the number of women undergoing the procedure as well as their ability to fully understand and consent to it.”

**Federal Court Rejects Trump’s Order to Exclude Undocumented from Census**  
[The New York Times](#) (September 10, 2020)

“A federal court on Thursday rejected President Trump’s order to exclude unauthorized immigrants from population counts that will be used next year to reallocate seats in the House of Representatives, ruling that it was so obviously illegal that a lawsuit challenging the order need

not go to a trial.”

**The US Detained Hundreds of Migrant Children in Hotels as the Pandemic Flared**  
[CNN](#) (September 3, 2020)

"Hundreds of migrant children have been held in hotels and guarded by government contractors in recent months as part of a secretive new system that advocates warn puts kids in danger."

***Regional***

**Newsletter: How Immigrants Without Legal Status Can Get Help in the Pandemic**  
[The Los Angeles Times](#) (August 18, 2020)

"Some avenues of financial support do exist. I spoke with Salas and with Rigo Reyes, executive director of the Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs, to learn more about the options available locally."

**LASD Announces Permanent Ban on ICE Transfers**  
[CBS Los Angeles News](#) (August 18, 2020)

"Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva Tuesday announced that the sheriff's department would permanently ban the transfer of qualified inmates to Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody."

**When COVID-19 Hit the Indigenous Communities in L.A., this Group Stepped In**  
[Vogue](#) (August 18, 2020)

"With unemployment at an all-time high, many Indigenous Latinx immigrants are struggling to make ends meet. This Los Angeles–based nonprofit is working to close the financial gap of their communities while fighting for language justice."

**EVENTS**

**2020 Census**

Have you filled out your 2020 Census? Mayor Garcetti is calling on all Angelenos to help promote the 2020 Census and increase self-response rates in Los Angeles. The next Census event for this week is located at Liberty Park (3700 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010) on October 3, 2020, from 10am to 4pm. Drop in to fill out your 2020 Census form, get in-language assistance, and receive a goody bag with a \$5 dollar gift card. There will also be COVID-19 testing available from 8am to 7pm. Please note masks/face coverings are required. This event is a partnership of the Mayor's Office Census 2020 Initiative, local elected offices, and community organizations. For more information and to find upcoming Census events, please click [here](#).

**Phone Banking**

Interested in helping your community get counted for the 2020 Census? Join the Census Volunteer Phone Banking team! Your calls will help ensure that all Angelenos get counted. You will also receive a \$5 VISA Gift Card as an appreciation gift. For more information and to register for Census phone banking, click [here](#).

## **LA Law Library's Pro Bono Week**

Join LA Law Library's Pro Bono Week online and by phone on October 26-30, 2020. The LA Law Library has partnered with legal services providers to offer free classes and workshops on a variety of topics such as tenant rights, financial matters, and more. For additional information and to view the list of virtual webinars and classes, please click [here](#).

## **GENERAL RESOURCES**

### **\*Updated\* Community Resource Guide for Immigrant Angelenos**

The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs offers a comprehensive resource guide that provides immigrant Angelenos with important information about resources available to them, regardless of their immigration status. We recently updated and revised our guide, providing the most updated information and adding new sections such as Access to Healthcare, Business and Licensing, and a list of Housing and Tenant Resources. The updated guide is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The guides in [Korean](#) and [Chinese](#) are in the process of being updated but can still be accessed electronically. Stay tuned for more updates on these translations!

### **\*Updated\* Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs COVID-19 Resource Guide for Immigrant and Refugee Angelenos**

The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs has compiled a comprehensive COVID-19 information and resources document for immigrant and refugee Angelenos. This document provides information about resources and programs related to public health, health care, relief funds, legal services, and more. The resources listed are available to all, regardless of immigration status, unless specified otherwise. To view the document, click [here](#).

To stay up to date on the latest City of LA COVID-19 information and resources, please visit the Mayor's coronavirus website at [coronavirus.LaCity.org](https://coronavirus.LaCity.org).

### **Unemployment Assistance for Angelenos Affected by COVID-19**

The Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity, in partnership with UNITE-LA, created an informative flyer that lists programs and information from the State of California's Employment Development Department (EDD), available to Angelenos that have been laid off, furloughed, are unable to work, or had their hours reduced due to COVID-19. These benefits are available to California residents who have authorization to work in the U.S. and meet other eligibility requirements. There is also information on City of LA WorkSource Centers where you can learn more about EDD-issued benefits and receive application assistance. For more information, please click on the flyers available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

### **Los Angeles Public Library: New Americans Centers**

New Americans Centers offer free, virtual immigration services, including assistance with naturalization, Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) card renewals, fee waiver applications, DACA renewals, and questions about adjustment of status. To schedule a virtual appointment, click [here](#).

### **MyLA311**

The MyLA311 program allows Angelenos to easily access LA City services and information. Within the greater Los Angeles area, residents can dial 3-1-1 to contact non-emergency City

services from their landline and cellular phones. The information is available in 150+ languages and is accessible to the hearing and speech impaired. More information may be found [here](#).

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