

Renegade Roundup



COVID Advisory

February 7, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for keeping up with our weekly COVID-19 advisory Roundups.

We received our official approval to become a vaccination site several weeks ago, and we are still eagerly waiting to hear when BC will be designated our first shipment of vaccines. Over the past days and weeks, Kern County Public Health has done some great work to expedite the rollouts, but there is still much more to be done.

Vaccine Availability and Notice of First Clinic



Nicky Damania, Steve Watkin and Zav Dadabhoy get vaccinated in preparation to support the mass immunization clinic at Bakersfield College.

Our planning team is working on multiple vaccination events which are **contingent upon vaccine availability**. Once Kern County Public Health announces an allotment for Bakersfield College, we will send an email notice to all BC employees. **The email could come as early as this week.**

As the vaccine becomes more available, the campus is looking to be utilized as a mass vaccination clinic as early as the beginning of March. We are also working to design a plan that would bring pop up clinics to both Delano and Arvin.

The following request is critical for the success of our mass vaccination project: DO NOT REGISTER FOR MORE THAN ONE WAITLIST OR SITE. In order to keep our community vaccination sites efficient and effective in meeting the needs, operating clinics throughout the county need to keep an accurate count of their waitlists to keep distribution and allocations precise.

Vaccine Volunteers Are Needed

Adequate staffing will be instrumental to ensuring the vaccination site at BC is a success. We will need individuals who are able and willing to volunteer to assist in the following roles:

- Medical Professionals
 - Shot Givers (includes those licensed to administer the shot)
 - Post-Shot Observers
- General Clinic Staffing
 - Registration Desk Support
 - Translators
 - Traffic Control/Parking Attendant
 - General Support Staff
- Call Center Staffing
 - Registration Support

If you or a family member is willing to volunteer, training will be provided for your role. To sign up or ask questions, please contact Catherine Rangel at catherine.rangel@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

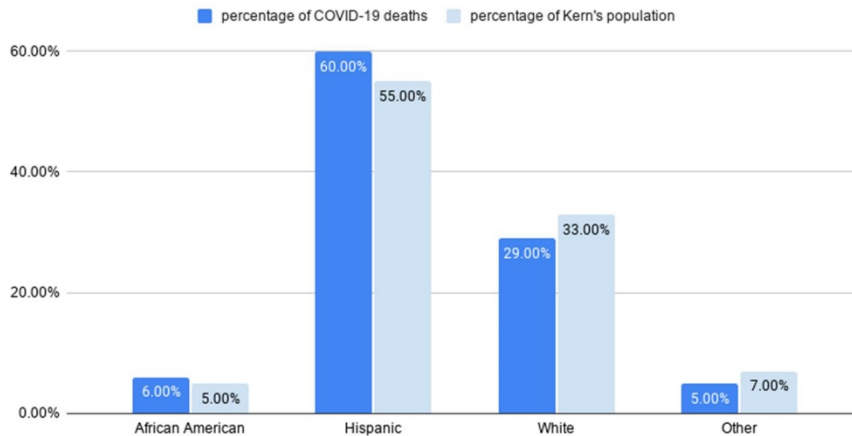
Thank You Planning Team

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Kern County Public Health Release COVID data

Kern's COVID-19 deaths by race/ethnicity compared to county population

Source: Kern County Public Health



On Friday, February 5, county public health officials released its first data update in four months regarding demographic information about the 658 individuals who have died of COVID-19. More than two-thirds of the COVID-related deaths in Kern County were from individuals 65 and older, and approximately 60 percent were Hispanic. All but 17 individuals who died had at least one underlying health condition, the most common of which were hypertension and diabetes.

For more information about the latest death demographic data, [check out Stacy Shepard's article in the Bakersfield Californian.](#)

Pharmacies Receiving 1 Million Doses of Vaccine as Part of Federal Program



Phase one of a new federal program to increase vaccine availability will be rolling out with 1 million vaccine doses being sent to 6,500 pharmacies nationwide. [An article by CNN](#) notes that most Americans live within five miles of a pharmacy that could potentially roll out 100 million vaccines a month when the vaccine is available at that scale. Each pharmacy will follow their state's respective vaccine guidelines and only administer to individuals who are eligible in that state.

Blueprint For a Safer Economy Dashboard

The [State of California's Blueprint For a Safer Economy dashboard](#) shows where each county in California ranks in the four-tiered color system for reopening. A table with the comparison of test positivity rates from several counties on the monitoring list is below.

	January 31, 2021		February 7, 2021*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
California	71.6	12.4%	47.7	10.0%
Kern County	63.1	18.7%	42.2**	14.5**
Kings County	97.2	17.7%	62.7	13.2%
Fresno County	65.1	15.3%	41.7	11.4%
San Bernardino	94.1	16.3%	59.4	12.7%
LA County	96.5	13.9%	61.2	11.3%

*Dashboard data updated on Feb. 2

**Kern County is in the purple or “widespread” tier

Johns Hopkins Dashboard

As of 1:30 p.m. on February 7, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows more than 106 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide since the start of the pandemic. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers since January 31.

	Jan. 31, 2021	Feb. 7, 2021	Difference	Percentage
World	102,871,614	106,008,375	3,136,761	3.0%
U.S.	26,174,956	26,986,827	811,871	3.1%
California	3,243,348	3,320,862	77,514	2.4%
Kern	94,113	97,249	3,136	3.3%

Stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask, keep the 6ft distance separation, and wash your hands to slow down the spread and reduce the strain on our healthcare systems and providers.

That’s all for now.

Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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