

## *Renegade Roundup*



**COVID advisory. Starting week 9 of Spring 2021**

**March 15, 2021**

Dear Colleagues:

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

Our next All-Campus Virtual Seminar is a Learning Together with the Library event on March 23 at 4:00 p.m. featuring Mindy Wilmot, Alex Rockey, Tommy Tunson and Alisha Loken.

To register for our All-Campus Virtual Seminars, [visit the registration link](#) and select the webinar date.

### **BC Hosts First Vaccination Clinics**

After weeks of preparation and waiting to receive allocations from the state, we were able to host our first vaccine clinic on March 9 at Levinson Hall, serving 94 eligible Kern County residents with the Moderna vaccine. On March 11, we were able to vaccinate 105 individuals with the Johnson and Johnson vaccine at BC SouthWest and Levinson Hall.

With the support of our partners at Dignity Health, we hosted our first drive-through clinic at the Memorial Stadium parking lot on March 12, providing 118 doses of the Moderna vaccine.



On Sunday, March 14, we had our first rural vaccination clinic in Arvin, and today at the Delano Campus.



To register for our vaccine clinics and find out more information, [visit the BC Student Health and Wellness Center website.](#)



## More than half of California Enters the Red Tier As Kern County Falls Just Short

### California's county risk levels

#### WIDESPREAD

Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed

#### SUBSTANTIAL

Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed

#### MODERATE

Some indoor business operations are open with modifications

#### MINIMAL

Most indoor business operations are open with modifications



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#### STATEWIDE METRICS

8.1 New COVID-19 positive cases per day per 100K

2.8% Positivity rate (7-day average)

26.7% ICU availability

Find a county

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#### COUNTY RISK LEVELS

Risk Level	Counties	Population	Percentage
Widespread	21	14,019,396	34.9%
Substantial	33	26,068,740	65.0%
Moderate	3	39,907	0.1%
Minimal	1	1,117	0.0%

Now that the state has reached the benchmark of vaccinating 2 million people in underserved communities, the California Department of Public Health has raised the threshold for entering the “red” tier of California’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy from 7 cases per 100,000 to 10 cases per 100,000, [according to the San Jose Mercury-News](#). With the new threshold, 13 counties have moved from the purple or “widespread” tier to the red or “substantial” tier along with 65 percent of California’s population.

In Kern County, the state is reporting our rates at 11.1 per 100,000 residents, which is just short of the criteria to advance into the red tier, [according to the Bakersfield Californian](#).

### **Kern County Latino COVID-19 Task Force Launches Project Abuelita**

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## **PROJECT ABUELITA**

**FREE  
Scheduling  
Service for  
Senior Citizens.**



A countywide task force has launched a hotline to help non-English speakers schedule appointments for COVID-19. [Kern Valley Public Radio](#) published a piece highlighting Project Abuelita, which has assisted more than 800 callers with the MyTurn vaccination website and arranging transportation for appointments. The Project Abuelita line, which is (661) 525-5900, is available Monday through Friday with voicemails after hours and on the weekend.

**Dr. Fauci Says Restrictions Will Ease by Fourth of July if US Cases Continue to Drop**



Dr. Anthony Fauci [spoke with Jake Tapper on CNN's "State of the Union" show](#) on Sunday morning and stated that federal guidelines “will be much more liberal” by Independence Day as cases decrease and more Americans become vaccinated. However, Fauci cautioned that new variants could potentially trigger another surge like in Italy, [where the country has announced an Easter lockdown](#).

### Data Corner

#### Vaccine Tracker

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has [a vaccination dashboard](#) that tracks the number of COVID-19 vaccines administered and delivered across the United States. The California Department of Public Health has [a dashboard tracking vaccinations in the state overall](#) and by county. However, neither the CDC or CDPH dashboards provide information about the number of vaccine doses delivered by county.

	US	California	Kern County
<b>Doses Administered</b>	107,060,835	11,785,750	181,002
<b>Doses Delivered</b>	135,847,835	15,702,230	N/A

#### Blueprint for a Safer Economy

[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.

	March 7, 2021		March 14, 2021*	
	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate	New cases per 100k	Test positivity rate
<b>California</b>	10.2	3.7%	8.1	2.8%
<b>Kern County</b>	12.5	5.9%	11.1**	4.9%**
<b>Kings County</b>	18.6	5.6%	14.4	11.9%
<b>Fresno County</b>	13.9	6.0%	12.6	5.3%
<b>San Bernardino</b>	9.1	4.4%	6.7	3.2%
<b>LA County</b>	9.7	3.5%	6.9	2.5%

\*Dashboard data updated on March 12.

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

### Johns Hopkins Dashboard

As of 4:30 p.m. on March 14, the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows more than 119 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 March 7.

	March 7, 2021	March 14, 2021	Difference	Percentage
<b>World</b>	116,662,534	119,819,926	3,157,392	2.7%
<b>U.S.</b>	28,960,271	29,433,873	473,602	1.6%
<b>California</b>	3,497,578	3,526,335	28,757	0.8%
<b>Kern</b>	104,242	104,878	636	0.6%

Stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask, keep the 6 ft 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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