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Latest Updates:

Local:

- Emanate Health Chief Medical Officer, Gurjeet Kalkat, MD. provided a question and answer session regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, vaccination, and masking. To view the Dr. Kalkat's video visit [Emanate Health's Facebook page](#).

County:

- Director of EMS at Harvard UC Medical Center, Denise reported the impact of the COVID-19 surge has created an overcrowding threatening the quality of patient care in hospitals for not only COVID patients but for patients needing emergency care due to heart attack, stroke, or trauma.

State:

- Southern California region has a current ICU capacity of 1.7%, and staffing remains the number 1 challenge. Governor Newsom approved waiver adjusting nurse to patient ratio from 1:2 to 1:3.
- The California Department of Public Health updated [quarantine guidelines](#), below is a summary.
 - Asymptomatic close contacts may discontinue quarantine after Day 10.
 - Due to critical staffing shortages, the following exposed asymptomatic workers may return after Day 7, if they have received a negative test after Day 5.
 - Healthcare workers, emergency response and select social service workers
- Governor Newsom has activated state's Coroners Mutual Aid & Mass Fatality Program to coordinate with County Sheriff Coroners and hospitals.
- Governor Newsom issued an [executive order](#) extending the availability of housing for migrant agricultural workers, providing a 90-day extension on tax returns and tax payments for small businesses filing a return for less than \$1 million in taxes and updating Cal/OSHA requirements related to quarantine guidelines.
 - Small Businesses will have until the end of July to file their first quarter returns
 - Suspending the requirement for these migrant agricultural workers to reside outside of a 50-mile radius from the migrant farm for three months of the preceding six months.