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Tracking the coronavirus in Los Angeles County

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225,968

confirmed cases

+52 today

+1,811 yesterday

5,397

deaths

+1 today

+56 yesterday

On the governor's watch list

- Failure to meet state benchmarks has put Los Angeles County on the **governor's watchlist**, which can result in increased oversight and additional closures to combat the virus.
- Over the past two weeks, the county has reported 27,739 new cases, **above the standard for disease transmission**.
- **The number of hospitalizations has been steady**. There are now 1,898 patients with a confirmed or suspected case.

- **The county's hospital capacity is within state standards.** Less than 80% of ICU beds are occupied and at least 75% of ventilators are available.

Note to readers

Last week, technical problems with a state database delayed the tabulation of nearly 300,000 test results. Tallies dipped, and then surged, due to the bottleneck.

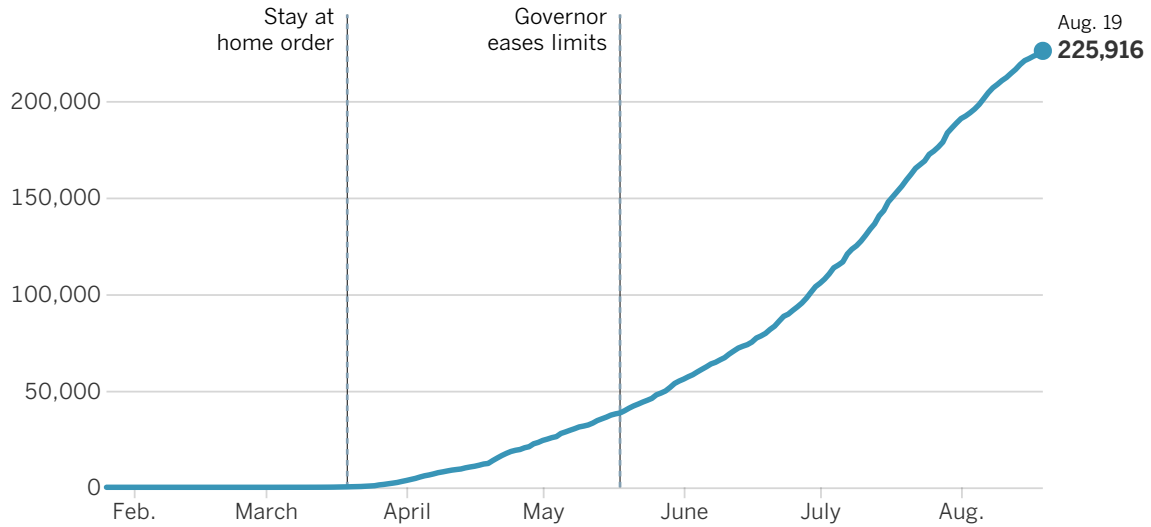
The latest trends

The L.A. County Department of Public Health announces new cases and deaths each day, as do the independent agencies governing Long Beach and Pasadena. Not all of the agencies provide a tally of how many people have recovered from COVID-19.

Though bottlenecks in testing and reporting lags can introduce delays, the latest numbers appear here as soon as all three agencies have reported. So far today, one of the three local departments have released new numbers.

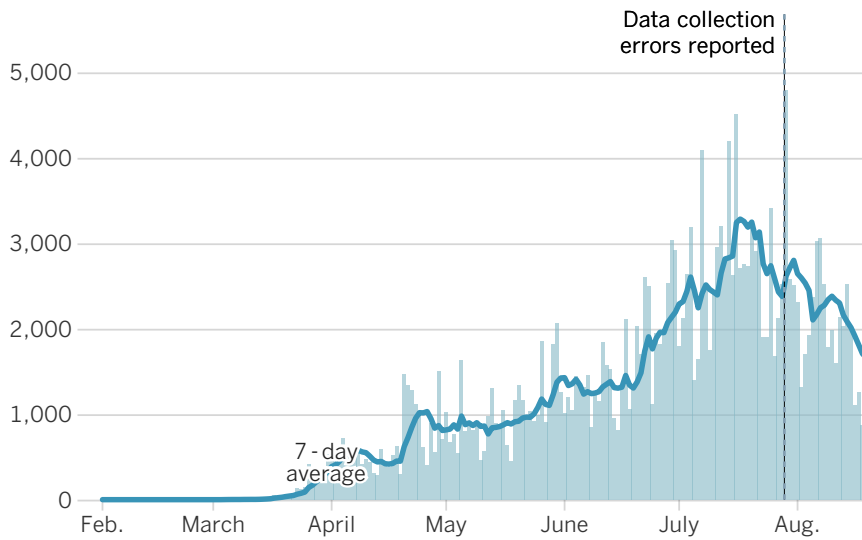
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Cumulative cases by day

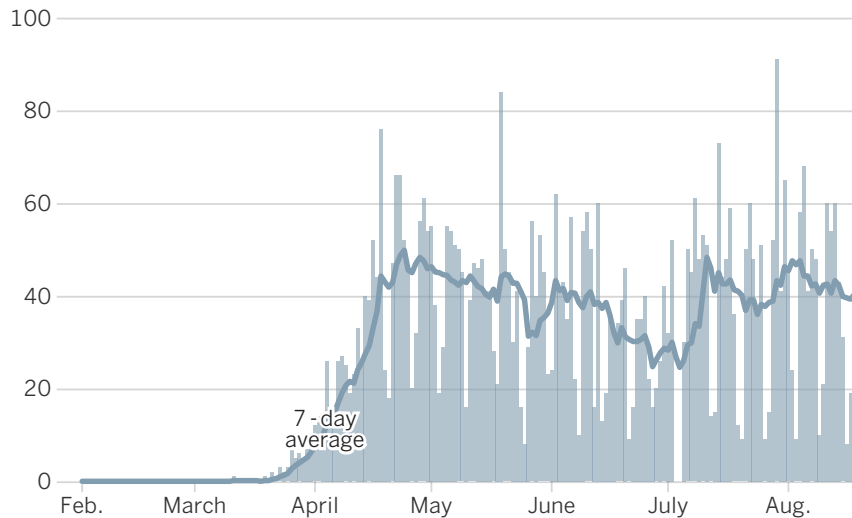


Over the past week, the county has averaged 1,379 new cases and 32.1 new deaths per day. The number of confirmed infections is currently doubling every 128.5 days.

New cases by day



Deaths by day



The lines above are seven-day averages. They offer a more stable view of the trend than daily totals. That's why experts wait for lines like these to flatten before they say conditions are improving.

State and local officials are closely watching the latest figures as they weigh **when and how to reopen**. One metric is whether counties have kept new cases under 100 per 100,000 residents over a recent 14-day period.

Los Angeles County is currently higher than that recommended level, according to the latest publicly-available figures. Over the last two weeks, officials have reported 27,739 new cases, which amounts to 275 per 100,000.

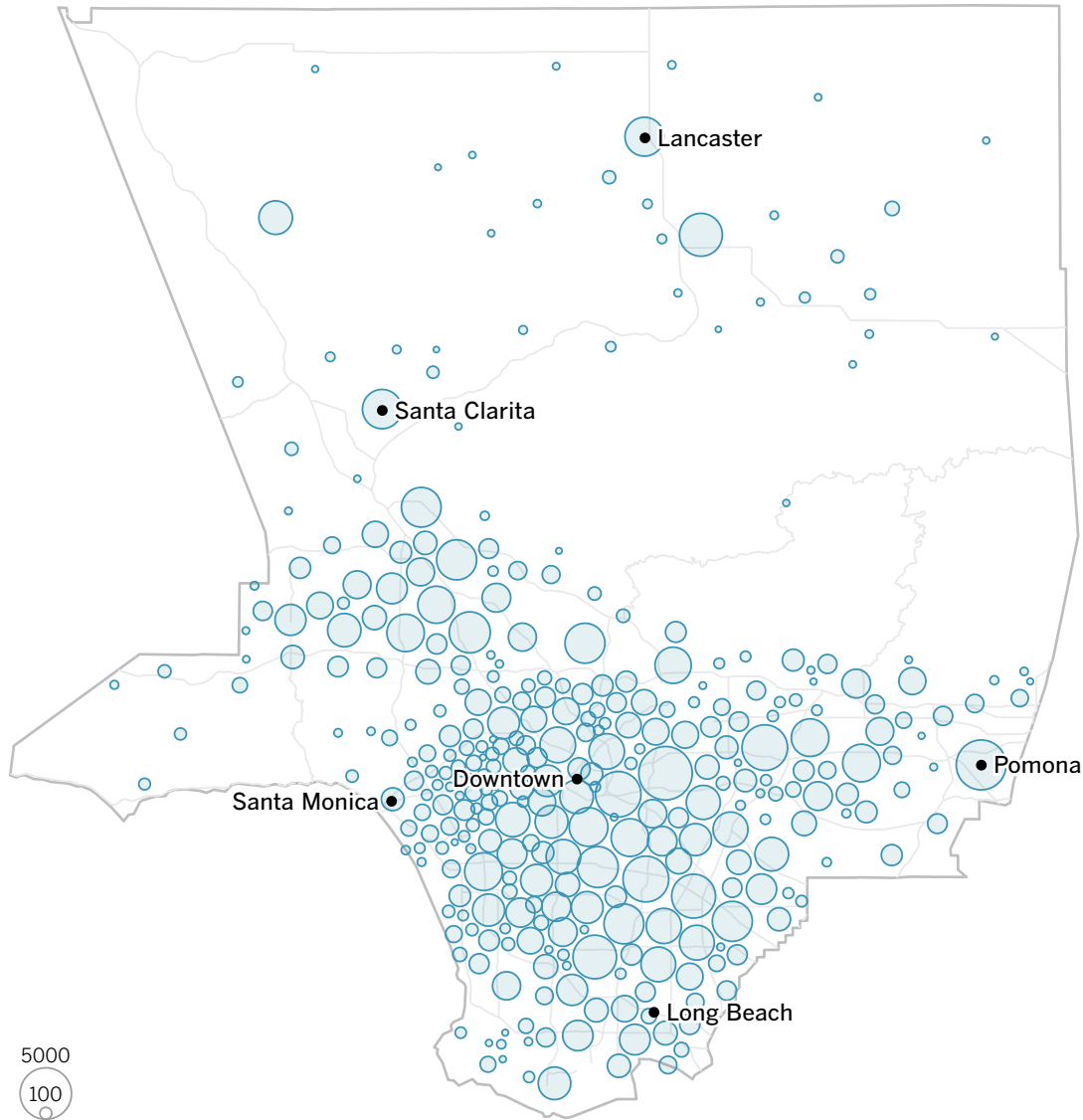
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Mapping the cases

The county has provided case totals for 340 cities, neighborhoods and unincorporated areas.



Search by name

| Area | ▼ Confirmed cases |
|------------------|-------------------|
| East Los Angeles | 5,461 |
| Pomona | 4,681 |
| South Gate | 3,856 |
| El Monte | 3,814 |
| Boyle Heights | 3,807 |
| Downey | 3,507 |

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