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MAYOR GARCETTI: Good evening, Los Angeles, and thank you for joining me again for a briefing on our city's, and much of Los Angeles's efforts, to combat COVID-19 and to deal with the coronavirus crisis here in Los Angeles. I want to welcome you here to our city's Emergency Operations Center. This is a place that we go to, whether it's fires, certainly after 911, I went to the Emergency Operations Center, a place that mobilizes all of our city workers and many of our partners at the state and local level, to be able to address those concerns that we have in the midst of crises.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Since March 3, you can see some of the hardworking people. You get to see me every night, but I wanted you to see what they are doing as well, at a safe social distance, of course. The great work that is done by the myriad departments that are keeping this city working while we all stay at home. I hope you had a good weekend. I know it's still been tough and a big adjustment for all of us to spend time indoors, spend time with our families and to spend time, perhaps more isolated than we've been in a long time, if ever before.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But I want you to know that that work is life-saving work. So tonight, I want to talk to you a little bit about a couple of things, not only a chance for you to see the hardworking men and women here in this department and our city departments, but also to be joined by two public safety leaders, Chief Ralph Terrazas of our Los Angeles Fire Department, and Michel Moore of our Los Angeles Police Department, who lead the men and women who are helping keep this city safe and in many cases be the first responders to those who are experiencing this crisis firsthand. And I'm also very grateful of Aram Sahakian who you see behind me over here behind our interpreter, Mr. Pope. He's the general manager of the Emergency Management Department, and I want to thank him and his staff for hosting us here today.

MAYOR GARCETTI: This is what I mean (inaudible) when I say your city is continuing to operate even in the midst of this crisis. And this is what we mean when we say we promise that we will get through this together. So let me jump in today about two tools I'd like to talk to you about in our fight against coronavirus. First, knowing who has the virus, and updating you with some new information testing because when we know who has the virus, we have a better chance of stopping it from spreading.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And then second, about maintaining our stay-at-home order. And the work that we need to continue to do to keep physical distance to isolate ourselves and always when possible to stay at home. But first, let me update you as I do about data. But before that, let me reiterate something that Dr. Ferrer said today. This will be a critical week in our fight against this crisis. No matter what numbers I'm about to share with you, know that this week is a make or break week for us all. To keep the momentum going and to ensure that we have the ability to continue to flatten the curve that will ensure that we save the lives of our loved ones, our family members, our coworkers, our neighbors, the people we want to see walking the streets of Los Angeles for years and years to come.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So let's go to the data snapshot for today. We saw in the County of Los Angeles 420 new confirmed cases, bring the total number up to 6,360. That was a 6--sorry, a 7 percent increase in Los Angeles County of confirmed cases. Here in the city, we had 192 additional confirmed cases as a part of those. 2,851 total cases to date, and that represented also a 7 percent increase in the city of Los Angeles as well.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Going back to March 14, that 7 percent increase is a significant number. It's our first single-digit increase since back then. But before we get too cocky, before we say, "Oh, it's great and we can head out," remember what Dr. Ferrer said, "This is a critical week." And taken with a little bit of a grain of salt because Mondays are usually statistically a little bit lower, not as many people are working on Sundays, fewer tests, but even with that expected, this is good news. It shows that what you are doing

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is working. I also want to keep you up to date with the deaths that we saw because this is for all of us, no matter how much we can look forward to good numbers where our rate of increase continues to go down. Every death stops us in our tracks because it's not a number, it's a person, someone who's someone here or groups of people loved, knew, part of their families and part of their communities.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Today in Los Angeles County, unfortunately, we had to add 15 new fallen to our list, making it 147 Angelenos who have perished because of the coronavirus. This is an 11 percent increase and as we see, these numbers will continue even as we see cases potentially come down. You might have also heard in the news, but if you didn't, I wanted to share with you too, projections that came from one of the best places that is modeling what we can expect in coming weeks from the University of Washington. They revised their national projections today, and instead of 32,000 ventilators, for instance, needed in the coming weeks, they said that might be as low as 19,000.

MAYOR GARCETTI: ICU beds which had just four days ago been predicted to be at 40,000 in terms of the need has now been revised down to 30,000 ICU beds, and overall, the 262,000 additional beds that they were projecting just four or five days ago, they put at 141,000 beds. This is still a huge task, a huge task for Los Angeles and our area hospitals, for California, and for this entire United States of America. But the point is not to pat ourselves on the back. It's to give you the latest and the best information to make sure that we continue to physically distance.

MAYOR GARCETTI: One of the biggest changes is that the University of Washington now assumes that physical distancing will continue. That doesn't just happen because mayors or governors say to do it. It happens because you do it. So these numbers, these projections literally are in your hands, to see the number of lives that we can potentially save with these lower numbers, the fewer hospital beds and ventilators that we have to expand and find, this is in your hands.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Here in California, it showed that there are 11 people being hospitalized for every death. Compare that to New York where there's four people being hospitalized for every death. That was good news in California, and it may reflect also that in New York there are so few beds that only the people admitted are the ones who are closest to death, but nevertheless, it shows that what hospitals are doing, and I want to thank all of our hospitals and all of our healthcare providers in the County of Los Angeles, who we've been working with to try to expand those hospital beds, and we've seen some good numbers, today 1,616 available beds, including 318 available ICU beds. And 1,012 available ventilators. This is even as you'll hear from the chief, more transports and more people have been coming into hospitals. We've seen that capacity grow, so we're growing capacity more quickly than patients are coming in by a little bit, but we cannot let up.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Unfortunately, the study projection from Washington showed a sharper peak, even if it's coming sooner, with cumulative deaths of 81,000 nationwide. It's a staggering number. When we think about 81,000 Americans who will perish, and because it's coming sooner, it means that it will be sharper as well, higher numbers of dead sooner. The reality of these surges means that we have to do everything we can to build capacity. But I want to thank also Governor Newsome for recognizing this is a fight across America, and sending some of the ventilators that we have while we're waiting for our peak to come, to New York and to other places that need them right now to save lives, and anything that we can do to aid in that effort, we will do to support that as well.

MAYOR GARCETTI: In this moment of crisis, we need all the help that we can get, and we're giving all the help that we can offer. That's why we're planning for this peak, one that we haven't hit yet. And while we're partnering with our state and federal counterparts, the USNS Mercy, who's in port here in Los Angeles, while we're working with the medical community hand in glove to expand beds and spaces as well. It's one of the reasons that we're working with CAL FIRE and the California National Guard to

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stand up what is now called a medical relief center at the Los Angeles Convention Center. We already have 250 beds up and running, thank you to the National Guard for helping us set that up, thank you to USHHS for sending that mobile hospital, and we should hope to start admitting patients by the beginning of next week providing, again, more space and more places for patients, medical patients in Los Angeles to be so that we can deal with the oncoming COVID-19 cases.

MAYOR GARCETTI: We pray that these beds will not be needed, but we fear that they will be, and it's great to have them in place and to have the Convention Center where we can expand that capacity as well.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So let me turn to the two things tonight that I wanted to address: who has COVID-19 and how do we figure that out? And then secondly, what we can do to continue maintaining our physical distance. Let me start with testing. We all know that testing is the most critical tool in knowing who is COVID-19 positive. And we've come a long, long way in a short period of time, and I want to thank the county, I want to thank so many people that are here today like Aram and some of the folks like Jeff Gorell, my deputy mayor for public safety, who have been working around the clock, burning the candle on four ends, making sure that we have testing centers, drive-thru centers where none existed before.

MAYOR GARCETTI: That began on Friday, March 20, with a single testing center that the fire department at their training facility opened up in their parking lot. Now, we have 13 testing sites across the County of Los Angeles, seven of which are in the city and six in neighboring cities as well. And so far we've completed more than 21,000 tests just at those drive-thru centers alone. That's on top of the 31,000 in the weeks leading up and since that have been done by providers and hospitals and labs. Together, LA County testing is now 52,000 tests, and that represents 40 percent of all the testing in California in a county that accounts for less than 10--sorry, less than 25 percent of the population.

MAYOR GARCETTI: This week we expect to do 18,000 more tests through providers and 18,000 more through our centers. 36,000 more tests this week alone, and this growth is testament to our partnerships with the county and city working together, other cities, nonprofit emergency response organization community. There's one group called Community Organized Relief Effort, CORE, who has been extraordinary, and I want to thank for helping relieve some of our firefighter paramedics who can go back to respond to calls, to fight fires, to be there for medical emergencies and instead, these volunteers can help make sure that people get the tests done.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And we're continuing to ramp up operations and capacity, and I told you a few days back that as soon as we could open the aperture to more people with tests, we would do it. And I have some good news to announce on that front tonight. That's probably the question I get the most from people, when can I get a test? I'm not over 65 and compromised immune system or serious medical conditions. And that's what the algorithm has been weeding out, so those folks who were most at need of the test have been getting them. But tonight we're able to expand that so that anybody now in the county and anybody who wants to get a test can apply for that test. So there are no longer any limits.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Now, that doesn't mean we'll have a test for everybody tomorrow, but it means that our capacity is now greater than the number that we are getting through the requirements that we had. So sign up today. See if you can get a test, and it doesn't matter whether you live in the city of Los Angeles or one of the other 87 cities or unincorporated areas of the county. Go today to coronavirus.LACity.org, and thanks to our county and city partnership, you can get signed up.

MAYOR GARCETTI: By the end of the week, as I mentioned, we'll be on track to complete a total of 36,000 tests between those centers and our providers. This is great news, and you should go and check it out today. With our top public safety officials here tonight, and with our focus on emergency response, I

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also want to quickly address questions that our police and fire departments are getting, and provide some enforcement updates as well. This is the second part of my address, really talking about what we can do to continue having the discipline to stay at home.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And I remember I shared with you that we had an A, a grade that is given by a company that's showing how little movement the residents of cities around the country are doing. Well, I have some bad news, which is that we were knocked down to a C earlier last week. This weekend, we got kicked back up to a B-, but we need to do better. We need to make sure that people are not beginning to slip, they're not going for long drives outside their neighborhood. They're only having the most important trips to the grocery store, to exercise right there in your neighborhood, or to get your medicine or for critical workers to get to work. But that everybody else is staying at home.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And along those lines, it's very important that you avoid large gatherings. I'm sure the chief will speak to this, Chief Moore in a minute. But most Angelenos did the right thing, overwhelmingly. But now is not the time for a house party. Please don't put your lives at risk or other people's lives at risk by going to a gathering because we have gotten reports of those in the city. That will literally kill people. It could kill you or somebody you or somebody that you love. Loyola Marymount polled it, I've mentioned before, which is now a poll more than 1500 LA County residents and should be ready in about a week's time.

MAYOR GARCETTI: I wanted to share a little bit of that information. It showed that while 90 percent of us are abiding by this right way, ten percent are still leaving home, quote, whenever they want. And 5 percent to socialize. This is not a time to be socializing. Socializing could kill someone, and don't think that you can just leave whenever you want. We have strict recommendations and our order only allows critical business workers and those critical trips. You can exercise in the neighborhood but otherwise, please, stay home.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And if you think that your household is immune to this, we also saw on that poll that now 50 percent of households either have somebody with a serious medical condition and/or compromised immune system and/or somebody over 65. In other words, the most vulnerable people are in 50 percent of the households, and so you going out and coming home and thinking everything's okay, may kill one of those loved ones that lives in your house. And I think a lot of people think this is still an elderly person's disease, but if you look at the county numbers, we have 34 percent of the cases are people 18 to 40, and 43 percent of them are 41 to 65. So together, you look at that and that is 77 percent of cases are folks that are under 65.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Second, police working with the city to ensure you're in compliance with all the safer-at-home orders, and I want to thank some people that have done that in this past week. Our farmers markets, when we suspended them, stepped up and stepped up big-time, and I want to thank Streets LA, one of our departments here, the Bureau of Street Services, that worked closely and 31 farmers markets are now approved. 16 of them were open yesterday, and I'm grateful to vendors and market operators for taking swift action to ensure good food is available to people, but also ensure that we're doing that safely.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And if your local farmers market isn't approved yet, go to them and tell them to submit their plans at StreetsLA.LACity.org/covid. We've also had more than 1,000 visits from our business ambassadors. These are city employees and some volunteers from our crisis response team proactively going out in the city and looking at people who are not abiding by the orders. As of Friday night, LAPD visited 722 businesses that were not compliant with the safer-at-home order and has issued 37 applications for compliance. Let's be clear. The vast majority of that minority of businesses that we got a complaint about, 92 percent of them have been compliant. And less than 1 percent have been issued complaint applications.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Third, let me make clear, there's no actual monetary reward for being responsible in this crisis. When I said, "Please give us that information," the reward is saving lives, somebody you love and maybe even yourself. And fourth, to help with the current blood shortage, I wanted to tell people, please, if you can, and we are authorizing this as under the order, something that you can leave the house to do, please, if you're healthy and able, please consider being a volunteer blood donor. This will save lives. And you can find out at RedCrossBlood.org, where that is going on. There's proper personal protective equipment and we'll make sure that you get in and out of there safely, but you can help save a life and we're going to need that blood in the days ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: With that, let me turn it over to Chief Moore to say a few things. He's actually going to just speak from where he is so we don't share microphones, to say a few words about enforcement, reductions in crime and additional updates from our police department. Thank you, Chief Moore, for everything you've been doing.

CHIEF MICHEL MOORE: Mayor, thank you and on behalf of the men and women of LAPD, we want to say first, thanks to the vast majority of Angelenos who are safer at home. We are honoring the mayor's directive, they're mindful, acting responsibly. It is through their work in staying safe at home that's going to allow us to get through this pandemic as quickly as possible. One of the attributes I've been asked about frequently in the last four weeks is, how has the impact of the pandemic been on our rate of crime, on the instances of violence and other crimes here in Los Angeles.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And it is the one area of benefit, if you will, from this terrible virus, this terrible infliction of injury and pain in our society. It is a 23 percent reduction in crime here in Los Angeles over this past month. We've seen reductions in crime in nearly every category, with exception of auto thefts, which is kind of an odd area, but violent crime, property crime, people staying at home in their neighborhoods, watching out for each other and exercising social distancing is allowing us to have a safer city.

CHIEF MICHEL MOORE: Additionally, on our traffic crime. While we have seen some increases on vehicle traffic speeds on some of our roadways which we directed our officers to begin having greater enforcement efforts on, we have seen a reduction in overall traffic collisions, hit-and-runs, DUI-related collisions, pedestrian collisions. So Angelenos, safer at home is a safer city. Now, as to one area that I saw in a newspaper account today, and one that we're particularly sensitive to, is because people are staying home and they're spending more time together, what does family violence look like? What are the instances of just the ability for people to get along in their household?

CHIEF MICHEL MOORE: And we recognize that in times of stress, in times of turmoil, that family violence can increase. I'm happy to say that to date, this past month, we haven't seen that increase actually manifest itself in reported crime. Family violence crime is actually down 11 percent from the same period last year. However, in an effort to ensure that people understand that while there's been a compromise or ability to have front-desk operations and for officers to be readily available to an individual in a face-to-face meeting, we want to hear from victims of violent crime. And family violence, there is no excuse with a pandemic or any other emergency to have to sustain that or endure it.

CHIEF MICHEL MOORE: This week we'll be calling together a number of victim's advocates from the domestic violence advocate community to sit down and ensure through a virtual town hall what are the hotlines looking like. What are they hearing from people reaching out and asking for help and support. And we want to remind every victim, every survivor of family violence that we have a place for you, that we have a place for you, you do not have to be home. You do not have to be secluded or isolated with someone who is committing violence upon you. With that, Mayor, be happy to--one last thing you asked

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me to speak about was the enforcement of people from nonessential and essential duties. And again, the vast majority of Los Angeles are showing their better angels. But to the 37 individual cases which we have filed a criminal complaint with the city attorney, we expect to see fines and criminal prosecutions for that.

CHIEF MICHEL MOORE: This is not just irresponsible, it's endangering not just themselves, their employees, but everyone else in that community. And I'm proud of City Attorney Feuer and his work and his in his prosecution of those individuals to holding them and bringing them to justice. And with that, I'll give it back to you.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Thank you. Thank you very much, Chief, and thank you to the men and women who are serving us during this. Thank you to our City Attorney, Mike Feuer for the prosecution that he has brought to let people know that we are serious and we hope to hear from him in a future briefing as well. And if you didn't hear that from the chief, secure your car. I don't know why, but make sure. And to anybody who is stealing cars, a lot of people are home, so watch out. There's a lot of eyes on you. please report that if you see it.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And for anybody who is stuck in a situation of domestic violence, as I said a few days ago, and may fear picking up a phone where you are, you can use your phone now to text 911. We are one of the first jurisdictions in the country to have that, and you can text the help that you need, and we will make sure that you get what you need and we have expanded our domestic violence services and beds in this period to be ready for anybody who needs a safe place to be.

MAYOR GARCETTI: With that, let me turn it over to Chief Ralph Terrazas, who leads our fire department, does an extraordinary job and I'll get the numbers from the chief too in terms of the number of LAPD folks who have come up as positive for COVID-19. But even in the face of that, for the first-responders who are the ones who often are the ones who are transporting, have really done a marvelous job keeping themselves healthy, making sure that we have medical services that we need and innovating. It's this fire department that's helped lead on everything from the testing that we talked about doing, to monitoring what's happening in our hospitals. And we're very grateful that you are here tonight, Chief Terrazas.

CHIEF RALPH TERRAZAS: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you what the men and women of Los Angeles City Fire Department are doing to contribute to this battle against the coronavirus pandemic. First of all, we've been tracking the number of coronavirus cases since January, and we've seen a steady increase in the trend of the percentage of 911 calls that were transporting to the hospital. Last week our percentage was a little bit over 35 percent, so that's in alignment with all the studies and research going on.

CHIEF RALPH TERRAZAS: In terms of the state of the department, our staffing level is excellent. It's better than it's ever been. We have canceled all these. I'm sure that contributed, but our people always want to step up when the people of this city are threatened. So in addition to that, to bolster our staffing, we've accelerated the graduation of our current drill tower class of firefighters, approximately 50 firefighters are going to finish their training ahead of time so we can put them back in the field this Sunday, April 12.

CHIEF RALPH TERRAZAS: Now, in terms of our daily call load, we're seeing a trend of about ten percent below our daily average. Our daily average is about 1,368 911 calls every day. So we're ten percent below the average. In terms of patient transports to the hospital, we're seeing a decline in the range of 35 to 40 percent. And our theory is that people are reluctant to go to the hospital for obvious

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reasons. They are fearful of contracting the virus. So right now that is actually helping us. We do anticipate that that trend will change in the coming days and weeks.

CHIEF RALPH TERRAZAS: The next area that we're involved with--let me talk about the testing. We have had 13 members of our department test positive, 12 sworn and one civilian. We've been very aggressively messaging our firefighters to learn to know that when you approach a patient, you have to assume everybody had a coronavirus ailment. So we have to wear the proper personal protective equipment. We've also done videos on frequent washing of the fire stations and cleaning twice a day. Twice a day we take temperature checks of all our firefighters. If their temperature is above 100.4 degrees, we send them home sick.

CHIEF RALPH TERRAZAS: We can't afford to have anybody spread the virus. In addition to that in the testing area, we have been staffing the testing sites since day one. Very proud of our people. It's something that we've never done before, but we realized we had to do this in order to protect lives and property. And our people have been amazing. But like the mayor said, we are anticipating we're going to need them in the future to staff ambulances and fire trucks. So I'm glad that we're transitioning out of that mission.

CHIEF RALPH TERRAZAS: Related to that, we have something today that is brand-new. We've been working on it for a year and a half, and it was funded through Mayor Garcetti's Innovation Fund. That's our Telemedicine program. And what that allows us to do is have doctors on our dispatch floor so when a 911 call comes in, we can transfer that call to a doctor who can do a patient assessment, and they'll use FaceTime to look at the patient so they can do a visual assessment as well as ask questions. And today we've had, like I said, we launched for the first time. This morning I watched an operation, and we had somebody call in who was worried about the symptoms of the coronavirus. They had all the obvious symptoms, so we communicated to that person to go to a testing site tomorrow.

CHIEF RALPH TERRAZAS: We did not have a dispatch. We did not have the threat of contaminating firefighters, contaminating hospital staff. We assisted in reducing capacity in emergency rooms. That will become more and more important as the days continue throughout this pandemic. So we've been doing a lot and we're very proud of our people. We ask that you do what the mayor asks and stay at home. Use all safety precautions so that you don't have to dial 911.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Thank you very much, chief. I think you can all see why we're so proud of this fire department, how innovative it is and its leader. I want to thank Dr. Eckstein too, who has helped us with that Telemedicine and our testing as soon as his counterpart, Dr. Kazan, at the county, who together have really worked to expand our testing capacity. I promised you the numbers and the chief whispered them to me, Chief Moore, about LAPD. Today there's 47 LAPD personnel, of almost 13,000 that have tested positive, and 250 people are quarantined. That may be somebody who has somebody in the household or they have been exposed to somebody who's been exposed but are not tested as positive.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And thank you too to Chief Terrazas for highlighting how we can help preserve medical resources by having good interventions from the beginning, and thank you to our police officers who are helping in a friendly way enforce, but are ready to be tough if necessary, any businesses that are not abiding by our safer-at-home order.

MAYOR GARCETTI: A couple of last things and then we'll open to questions, and both the chiefs are available for questions as well as Mr. Sahakian, but as we brace for what--I know I started with good news in terms of the number, and that's really credit to all of you of coming down to a single-digit increase, but it's just one day. This will still be a difficult week. And even as we see that number come down, I want to be clear, the numbers still go up. In the last two or three days we've had more cases than

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in the first 23 days. So there are more people that are getting sick, and that is something to keep in mind to motivate you to continue staying at home. But I'm also heartened by the bravery of all sorts of organizations and individuals, and I'd like to highlight a few of them as well.

MAYOR GARCETTI: One is International Medical Corps, which is based here in Los Angeles and works around the world, helping everything from ebola to medical emergencies we see continents and oceans away. And they are helping us surge or hospital capacity here in Los Angeles. Thank you. By deploying field medical units outside of county USC Hospital, Martin Luther King Community Hospital in Willowbrook, all of you UCLA Medical Center in Sylmar, and with support from Providence St. Joes Health, of the Medtronic Foundation and Martha and Bruce Karsh, they have come together to really use their expertise in the place that they are based out and usually leave from, this time the crisis is right here in our backyard. We're very grateful.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And I want to thank my colleague, Kathryn Barger, and all the Board of Supervisors, Hilda Solis, who's been helping so much with making sure we have new hospitals open, but I want to thank Chairwoman Barger for her key role in securing these field units for the International Medical Corps, as Chair of the Board of Supervisors, she has been an unwavering ally and a great leader in this as well.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And last week, the superstar Pink raised awareness about the seriousness of COVID-19 because she has survived it. Her positive test results came through. She got through this, but that's not all she did. She didn't just share that very bravely, she also stepped up to support Los Angeles's front line work for the crisis with a generous donation of \$500,000 to the Mayor's Fund without anyone asking. So thank you, Pink, you're a true angel in the city of angels, and thank you for helping those who are the least among us get food, get groceries, our healthcare workers to have childcare, how our seniors get meals. It's really extraordinary.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And another extraordinary pillar of our community is the Weingart Foundation, who also stepped up with a half-a-million-dollar donation of their own. They've been with us for so many things, from the fight to end homelessness to help expand our Summer Night Lights Program, but I'm very grateful that Weingart, under the leadership of my dear friend and their CEO, Fred Ali, once again answered the call when we needed help.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And by supporting the Angeleno Campaign and the Mayor's Fund led by Matt Johnson, Rick Jacobs, my wife, Amy Elaine Wakeland, who I want to thank for all the calls she's making too. This is helping our neighbors who are experiencing extreme financial hardship. This has been so tough, and many people are not included in the federal help, so continue to give and give generously by going to [MayorsFundLA.org](https://www.MayorsFundLA.org). We know that physical distancing saves lives, but we know that we need more than just the help of slowing down coronavirus. We have to make sure we don't just save lives, but we try to preserve livelihoods as well.

MAYOR GARCETTI: I've also been overwhelmed by the response from private companies who have been just tremendous during this. Companies like Facebook, which are offering \$1.5 million in cash assistance and ads to small businesses to keep them going and for people to be able to shop online and local businesses that are here, and especially with minority- and women-owned businesses. You see, we are defining what it means to be an Angeleno. It doesn't just mean the most incredible sunshine and those beaches and those mountain trails that we will get back to together.

MAYOR GARCETTI: We're also defined by our hearts. I've often said that Los Angeles isn't just a place that embraces diversity or inclusion. This is a city where everybody belongs. And it's time for us to continue proving that, that we all believe we belong here and that we all believe that the lives that are

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here are worth saving and preserving and promoting. And that's what you've been doing and I'm so grateful as the mayor of the city of Los Angeles to be a part of doing that side by side with you. So proud of how you have stepped up, so proud of how you have stayed home, so proud of the way that you have helped one another in the midst of this crisis.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And I know that we're going to look back in this as one of the darkest times in our history, but one of the brightest moments when it comes to our spirit and what you have been able to do. So as I always say, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay home. Strength and love, Los Angeles. And with that, happy to answer questions, any of us. First question, please.

OPERATOR: We have our first question from the line of Elex Michaelson. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, Elex.

ELEX MICHAELSON: Hi, Mayor, we keep hearing around the country that the next two weeks are going to be in terms of the worst weeks. Is that what you're seeing for the modeling for Los Angeles specifically? And on the issue of testing, it's great that we're going to be getting more tests, but what about the test results? How quickly are they coming back? Any update on that?

MAYOR GARCETTI: Great question. So the centers that we're--the tests that we're doing through the testing centers that the city and now the county are running directly, we're getting them back pretty quickly, 24, 48 hours. Once in a while on the weekends, it might take three days. That's in big contrast to what we had experienced in a lot of the private labs who were trying their best but were so overwhelmed that they were taking five, six, seven days, sometimes even longer. Somebody called me and they were still waiting two weeks later for their test results. And that doesn't help us from a public health perspective. It doesn't help individuals be able to do the right thing. So the ones that we are running are getting a really good and quick turnaround time.

MAYOR GARCETTI: We've worked with and set up with local labs, and we're trying to not do any partnership where we can't get those results quickly, so, so far so good on that front. In terms of the projections, the University of Washington study that I mentioned had California projected was just four days ago, they are projecting the peak would be late April, early May. Now they are saying mid-April. But I would say for Los Angeles and Southern California, I would caution because we're having disproportionate number of cases here.

MAYOR GARCETTI: As you remember, Northern California spiked earlier, so it's my expectation that maybe that's an average that they are projecting for the state, but for us it's probably a week or two later, so that we're still looking at that same time towards the end of this month, beginning of May if we keep with physical distancing. If we don't keep with physical distancing, everybody's bets are off. And I was reading recently about San Francisco in 1918 during the influenza outbreak, how they declared victory because they had a very effective few weeks of physical distancing, keeping people at home, wearing masks, all of that. And they went back to work too early and had a very deadly second spike that happened almost immediately.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So we're going to be working really closely with doctors, public health officials, that even as we're doing well, it doesn't mean let up. It may me see that through, but we're expecting that that peak, the projections we have in LA, maybe a week or two later. Next question, please.

OPERATOR: Your next question will come from the line of Mary Beth McDade from KTLA Channel 5 News. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, Mary Beth.

MARY BETH MCDADE: Yes. Hi, mayor. So I'm a little bit confused on that. If we're now hearing from county health officials and from yourself that, okay, so we're going to have this spike, this very dangerous two weeks ahead of us, so are we having, what, two surges now or are we fearing there's going to be a surge this week and next week and then again at the end of April and beginning of May? That's just one thing. Number two, do we think if we keep following your protocols that are out there as far as social distancing and staying home, can we avoid a surge? And then, sorry, number three, we keep every day hearing about an increase in the number of cases, but we're not hearing about of those confirmed cases, how many have now recovered?

MAYOR GARCETTI: Right. I'll try to get you those numbers on the recovery. Those have been tough and I've asked for the same things, and it's a combination of different--we have private hospitals, we have public hospitals, we have non-profit hospitals, we've got research hospitals and university hospitals, and I know that county public health is trying to track that as close as they can. But I can't report that tonight in terms of the recoveries. And that's often too because we're getting obviously all the positives but not always the negatives and whether people are at home with other symptoms. That's also tough to track. But I'll see if I can get that for you.

MAYOR GARCETTI: In terms of the two things, there are two things, and I'll try to explain again. I said last week there's two things for us all to track, is the rate of increase increasing? How quickly is this doubling, and doubling and doubling? While the doubling rate may slow down, that doesn't mean that we're still not piling on more cases because remember, 7 percent today on a much bigger base means many more new cases than we had just a couple of weeks ago when the percentage increase, the rate of increase was maybe 20, 30 percent. We're still adding fewer cases, so a peak refers to the peak number of cases or the peak number of deaths. And we can expect that that is coming in future weeks, even as the doubling rate slows down because of what we're doing.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And to your second question, could we have another spike and can what we're doing save us from that? Absolutely. If we all went out right now, we would guarantee see a spike. If half of us went out, we would have a spike. If 25 percent of us did that, we would have a spike. So these numbers matter, even one person can spread. If they go to a grocery store, if they're a place where right now people are having to do critical work or critical locations where they have to go, so we do expect a peak of absolute number cases still in future weeks, even as we hope we have come to the fastest doubling point, and that's really in our hands. Hopefully that is behind us now, but it only will be behind us if we continue to stay at home. Hope that clarifies. Next question, please.

MARY BETH MCDADE: Thank you.

OPERATOR: Our next question will come from the line of Steve Gregory with KFI News. Please go ahead.

STEVE GREGORY: Thank you. Thank you, good evening, Mayor. A couple of things, Chief Terrazas, could you clarify something you said in your opening remarks? You said that if a firefighter has a temperature of 104 degrees or above you send them home? Can you clarify that? And why is it so high if that's the case? Because that's not what medical professionals are telling us. And also, Mayor, can you tell us with regard to the snitches thing, and I know you said it was tongue in cheek and whatnot, but can you tell us how many snitches have come forward? How many people have actually filed complaints or called with concerns about nonessential businesses? And also, what are the top complaints that the mayor's office is getting from residents right now? What are the top three concerns you're getting from residents? Thank you.

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CHIEF RALPH TERRAZAS: Steve, to answer your first question, it's 100.4, not 104.

STEVE GREGORY: 100.4. Okay, because in the playback it sounded like 104 degrees. Okay. Thank you for that.

CHIEF RALPH TERRAZAS: You're welcome.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Yeah, for sure we send them home much earlier than that. Thank you. Yeah, it was tongue in cheek. I shouldn't have used the word rewards, it was snitches get our thanks, because we're not trying to get people to rat on each other and throw people in jail, and that's certainly not the approach that we're taking. We want to know where people aren't abiding by things, and we want to send ambassadors to say, appeal to people's better angels. If their better angels don't work, maybe a visit from a police officer will in a friendly way. If that doesn't work, then we are prepared to take charges and to bring them. There isn't one single thing that we're getting on the Mayor's Help Line, but there's a lot of inquiries about rent, both from landlords and tenants. There's a lot of inquiries where folks want to know where they can go get testing and asking sometimes about test results. Sometimes from outside of Los Angeles City too, so we try to help out.

MAYOR GARCETTI: We're getting also questions about the small business association loans that are coming from the federal CARES package, and we'll talk about it later in the week, but we're working together with the county to help as many small businesses as possible because it is a race to that money. And many smaller businesses that don't bank with the big boys and girls that are the ones giving these loans out really do need help because they might not be previous customers of one of the large banks, but they deserve to have that money and deserve to keep their employees employed as well. So we get a wide variety and maybe tomorrow what I'll do is I'll run you down the top four or five that we got from that day and give you them statistically as well. Okay. Next question, please.

OPERATOR: Our next question will be from Claudia Peschiutta with KNX News Radio. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hi, Claudia.

CLAUDIA PESCHIUTTA: Hi, I have one quick question for Chief Terrazas, and then a couple of questions for the mayor. So if you could talk about LA County has told paramedics to delay transporting cardiac patients according to the LA Times. I wonder if the city has done anything like that. And then I'll come back with the questions for the mayor.

CHIEF RALPH TERRAZAS: Yes, Claudia, the protocol that Department of Health Services puts out requires that all the health care providers in the county comply with that directive. So the directive that the LA County Fire Department is following is the same one that we're following. And it's basically a more further clarification about when somebody's in full cardiac arrest. We are directed now to continue performing CPR and then when we stop and the person has a recovery, we call it ROSC, Return of Spontaneous Circulation, I'm sorry, Return of Spontaneous Circulation. We're to wait five minutes to see if it continues. If it doesn't continue, we can go ahead and pronounce. So we are following the same protocol.

CLAUDIA PESCHIUTTA: Okay. Sorry, it's really hard to hear you guys on the teleconference instead of the live stream when we're asking questions. So I think you finished answering. So a couple of questions for the mayor.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Sure.

CLAUDIA PESCHIUTTA: You had talked last week about considering putting out an order requiring people to wear face coverings when they go out. I'm wondering what the status is on that. And also, if you could elaborate on your comments about considering restrictions to keep people within their neighborhood.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Sure. Let me start with the face coverings. And I've been consulting very closely with Barbara Ferrer, who is my guide on this. And let me say one thing about face coverings that worries her and that I want to amplify. When you have a face covering, you need to wash that at night when you come home. It's not something that you take on and off all the time and put down because it can actually spread germs. If you put it on a counter, put it someplace safe on your clothing. Don't just, you know, put it on all the time if you're jogging by yourself or biking yourself. As she said, you don't need to have that. It should not be a medical mask. And be very careful about making sure that you keep it clean, whether that means buying a couple and switching them every day so you can wash one and dry it on the off day. It's very important to make sure that we use it properly, and it's properly used when you're going to be interacting with strangers to prevent your droplets from going towards them and reducing that incidence. So it's when you go to the grocery store, it's when you're going to be interacting with folks at the pharmacy, it's when you're going to find yourselves if a critical worker is in those situations where you may be able to spread this if you are a person that is asymptomatic but potentially a carrier of this.

MAYOR GARCETTI: In terms of an order on mandating that, we're still consulting with the county. I don't think we'll have an order for everybody. We've seen some places, Riverside and San Diego look at that, but there's as many concerns, I think, that Dr. Ferrer has as positive benefits that could come, but we are looking at that in certain environments, and I think we'll have more on that in the coming day or two, potentially in those retail environments and other places where people still are. And then you had one other question. I think that was maybe the two, both on the face coverings. We'll text you and my team will tell me if I missed one. Next question, please.

OPERATOR: And our next question will come from the line of Lesley Marin with CBS KCAL. Please go ahead.

LESLEY MARIN: Hi, Mayor, you mentioned about opening up testing for everyone and then I noticed it was a (unintelligible) that came out that said testing would be open for everyone that obviously is showing symptoms. Can you go ahead and clarify that?

MAYOR GARCETTI: Sure. Yeah. I'm glad you asked that. This is not everybody gets a test. We're opening up the aperture saying you're no longer restricted to only those who are 65 and older and/or those folks who have preexisting medical conditions or compromised immune systems. So now it is for folks with symptoms, and folks who will go through that. We'll still be asked those questions. If you say "I don't have any symptoms," you're not getting a test right now. Let me be very clear about that. And we're hoping that there will be blood tests and other tests that will help us in the future be able to see whether people have been carriers, etc, but right now this is just for letting people know you don't have to live in the city, could be anywhere in the county first. And secondly, if you have some of those symptoms, you can then go through this and get a test even if you don't fit into those categories. Okay? Thank you. We'll go to the next question.

OPERATOR: Next question will come from the line of Conan Nolan with KNBC TV. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, Conan. How are you doing?

CONAN NOLAN: Hello, Mayor. Nice to see you. So one of the things you said earlier dealt with the number of people that have stopped staying at home but were actually traveling, and that the city had gone from an A to a C and now back up to a B-. Two things. I'm wondering if your office does any kind of analysis or if there's any availability, any way to try to figure out why that is, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force and Dr. Deborah Birx said that this is such a critical period, this week and next week, that she actually advised not to go to the grocery store. And I noticed that you said that was one of the reasons, perhaps, why you would leave your home. Could you just expand on that? And does that lend itself to this week not being as critical here as it may be nationally?

MAYOR GARCETTI: No. I think it still is a critical week. Wherever you can, please don't go out. If you can order groceries in, if you can do things, we are advising whenever possible. A necessary trip out should only be if it's a necessary trip out. If there's any other way to stay at home, please stay at home. Claudia, I remember your other question. I'll link it in to this, which is whether or not we'd ask people to say in their one neighborhood. We can't yet do that, nor do we have an enforcement mechanism, nor are we a country where thankfully we monitor people's cell phones and where they're at all the time. And I don't think we're going to do that anytime soon. But it's through public education and our public health directives that are encouraging people, don't drive across town to go exercise. Please stay where you are. Walk around the block, even if it means walking many times, because we want to try to contain that motion. Where we went from an A to a C, to now a B-, it wasn't because so many people have started to slip, but other places are doing it even better. We need to make sure that as we saw in the LMU poll that the 5 percent that think they can go out to socialize, you cannot. You're not permitted just to go out and socialize.

MAYOR GARCETTI: The ten percent who say "I go out whenever I want," use some discretion. Maybe not doing that in a bad way, but you kind of think, well, as long as I'm not working, I'll go out whenever I can." Limit those trips because any outside exposure can have the possibility of spreading this, so we're really emphasizing that this coming week. We're not telling people "Don't get food or don't go to the grocery store." That is not our advice here. And that's based on what we got from our Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. But in this, the more times we are able to exercise that discretion, the better chance we have of this being shorter. And as I've said, the deeper we do this, and the shorter it is, then the sooner we can go back to life as we knew it. The more slippage we have, and the longer it takes means that this will last even longer. Thank you. Next question.

CONAN NOLAN: Thank you.

OPERATOR: We do have a follow-up from the line of Claudia. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: I think I remember it so is that good, Claudia?

CLAUDIA PESCHIUTTA: I just wanted to ask if there will be any immunity testing happening in Los Angeles as far as you know.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Any what kind of testing? Say that again.

CLAUDIA PESCHIUTTA: Any immunity testing, like some of the stuff that's happening up north, Stanford.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Sure. The testing at Stanford, we have some universities doing that here. Folks are waiting to get blood tests that are reliable. It is absolutely something that we are looking at. It's not ready for prime time. I think sometimes we hear the reports and people say, "Well, why can't we start that tomorrow?" We have to make sure the tests are right, that there's not false positives, which a lot of

the early ones had. And that they are scaled up. The first 50,000 blood tests, that's what we're talking about, antibodies were already, and reasonably so, going to the East Coast, so it will still be some weeks of time before that would even be ready to be available. But I do hope that we will have the medical, not only technology, but the ability to go out and to see who has had COVID-19 who didn't get tested because there is the suspicion a lot of people may have carried this, may have the antibodies, and maybe better prepared to go back to work earlier.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Second point, though, is there's also research that is not definitive of whether or not you can it a second time or whether you can spread it even if you've had it. So of course we would want to make sure that we get a little more direction on that so that people couldn't, even if they weren't going to contract it again weren't spreading it, or putting people in danger to get it a second time. So we're still a ways off that testing that's going on is really academic testing and medical testing to see how we can accelerate this, but it's going to be a little bit. Thanks, Claudia. Next question. Do you have another question?

OPERATOR: All right. Our next question will come from the line of Elizabeth Chou, LA Daily News. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hi, Liz.

ELIZABETH CHOU: Hi, Mayor. So I have three questions. Sorry, so I first wanted to ask you about the supplemental paid sick leave ordinance, and since the deadline is tomorrow for you to sign it, I wanted to see whether you're planning to sign it and why you have held off on signing it so far. My second question is about the fact that this month is usually when you release the proposed city budget, and I was wondering how that process is going and how you are grappling with the changing economic conditions when you're trying to make the financial projections that the budget is based on. And also my third question is about getting a test, update on testing among the homeless population, and also what criteria you are using to, you know, who gets to take a test if you're homeless.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Sure. I don't have numbers, though I did ask for the numbers and hope you get them in the next day on the number of folks who have been tested who are people experiencing homelessness. That said, we're not coming up with this criteria. We're giving it to those clinics that serve folks and to those organizations that serve folks who are experiencing homelessness with healthcare. So those doctors, those relationships that people have, especially among vulnerable people who might have preexisting conditions and other things that make them especially vulnerable. They will be the ones who will be administering those tests, so it's not through the testing centers. It's done directly by those know best the folks that are living on streets or in cars or in shelters, so, but I'll try to get you a number of that.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Second, in terms of the budget, it's extremely dynamic right now. We will deliver it on time, but our projections, even early projections, for instance, of our hotel packs are down 37 percent and that's assuming people come back to hotels later this year. It may be even deeper. We've set hiring freeze already, we've told all departments anything new you were going to do are not happening, so sharing that with my chiefs here. They know that. We are really down to the bone. And we will have to look at this coming year in an extremely sober way, I mean, if you're looking at unemployment potentially of 20 percent, second only to the Great Depression when it was 25 percent, we can assume that sales tax will be done, down maybe by as much as ten percent.

MAYOR GARCETTI: These things might sound like small numbers, they are hugely critical. And what that means to the number of officers who can have overtime to be able to cover when we have surges in crime or emergencies like this, what it means for our fire department, what it means for our basic city

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services will certainly have ramifications and will try to continue to do everything we can to keep those city services going, and I guaranteed you from the beginning, this city will not shut down, but it will be a radically different budget.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And then in terms of paid sick leave, 100 percent support it. It was something that the government, the federal government did not add for people who are employees of companies of 500 people or above. I spoke to Dave, the council president, I think there's some technical changes because it was done hurriedly because it needed to be done quickly, and I thank the council, especially council President Martinez, for her work in leading on this, but making sure, for instance, that companies that offer the same amount don't get penalized. And if you're a great employer that already gives 30 days that people can take of paid leave, that you don't have this tacked on on top of that. So a couple of things that we'll have to do, we're trying to figure out whether that gets done by council tomorrow or whether that gets done just by clarification order, but we'll have that tomorrow. Next question, please.

OPERATOR: And our last question from the night comes from Esperado Cisneros. Please go ahead.

ESPERADO CISNEROS: Thank you, Mayor, for answering our questions.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Of course.

ESPERADO CISNEROS: Our first question is, what consequences can business landlords face if they are trying to evict their tenant for not being able to pay rent, and what rights do tenants of these businesses have if they can't complete the rent during this health crisis?

MAYOR GARCETTI: Thank you. And I'll answer in English and then I'll answer in Spanish and go into my Spanish remarks, and--

ESPERADO CISNEROS: Thank you for that.

MAYOR GARCETTI: --I'll let the chiefs get back to the other work that they were doing as well. So during this emergency, we established it was one of the most far-reaching orders in the country that the landlords can't evict commercial tenants as well. And they'll have three months to be able to pay that rent. So that is outlawed if there's somebody who has a landlord threatening to evict them, please contact this city through 311 and we will make sure. Document it, but we'll make sure that they are contacted too and informed about what the law is.

MAYOR GARCETTI: I'd also encourage landlords and commercial tenants just as we have with residential ones to talk to each other. We know that can be touch sometimes, so that's why it's important to document this. And I know that for a lot of mom and pop landlords, they have to make their mortgage or else this is kind of dominoes that collapse. For those of us who want to make sure that restaurants and stores stay open, that renters stay in their housing, if that person isn't able to meet their mortgage, then that housing isn't there and it's probably going to be snapped up by Wall Street, making it even less locally owned, less community wealthier. So I've said from the beginning, I certainly hope and absolutely 100 percent support federal assistance and in the next round of federal legislation, I hope you can see this, that assistance to the banks, our tax payer money given to the banks should then go toward potentially allowing folks to have that, not only rent deferred, but potentially taking care of.

MAYOR GARCETTI: That, to me, would be a proper use of our federal dollars. So banks would allow mortgage holders, whether it's an apartment owner, whether it's a homeowner, or whether it is a commercial landlord, to be able to skip ahead some months, and then that would be something that we would mandate they have to pass on to their tenant as well. Lot of people have asked us in the city, can

you just mandate that nobody has to pay their rent? We cannot. We do not have that power, and that whole domino series would collapse.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But I do support that if we are doing federal assistance to the big banks, for instance, that should come with those conditions. But in the meantime, document that. I'll say that briefly also in Spanish.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Durante este crisis de emergencia, y gracias a los jefes, thank you to the chiefs for being here as well. Durante este crisis de emergencia, los propietarios no tienen el derecho de desalojar a cualquier inquilino residencial o comercial por no poder pagar la renta debido a circunstancias relacionadas al COVID-19. Es importante documentar la conexión a COVID-19. Después de este crisis, inquilinos tendrán tres meses, inquilinos comerciales tendrán tres meses para pagar la renta que deben, y los inquilinos residenciales, 12 meses.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Con este, yo tengo unas palabras. Muchísimas gracias por venir aquí esta noche. Muy buenas tardes a Los Ángeles. Y hoy los saludo desde nuestro Centro de Operaciones de Emergencia donde unimos a todos nuestros departamentos municipales durante una crisis. Estoy orgulloso de estar con dos líderes de nuestra respuesta de emergencia. Y gracias a ellos, el jefe de policía, Michel Moore, y el jefe de bomberos, Ralph Terrazas. Ellos han regresado a su trabajo pero gracias a ellos, y a sus oficiales y bomberos en la ciudad por su trabajo heroico.

MAYOR GARCETTI: También hemos activado nuestro centro de operaciones a nivel más alto para utilizar todos nuestros recursos a nuestra disposición. Hoy en el condado de Los Ángeles hubieron 420 nuevos casos de COVID-19, llegando a un total de 6,360. En la ciudad hubieron 192 nuevos casos, llegando a un total de 2,851 casos. También supimos que fallecieron 15 personas más, llegando a un total de 147 fallecidos. Nuestros corazones están con las familias de los fallecidos esta noche.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Estos números son un mejoramiento del pasado. Este es un aumento solamente de 7 por ciento, y estas son buenas noticias, pero necesitamos continuar nuestras acciones para continuar estas estadísticas buenas también. Y nuestros hospitales ahora tienen 1,616 camas disponibles. Estas son buenas noticias también, incluyendo 318 camas en cuidado intensivo, y 1,012 respiradores disponibles. Esto es un mejoramiento también, y gracias al trabajo de nuestros hospitales y nuestra comunidad médica por sus acciones increíbles.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Nos estamos preparando para la cima, aunque no hemos llegado a este punto todavía. Las pruebas de detección son críticas en nuestra lucha. En la ciudad de Los Angeles, ha trabajado para ampliar el acceso a pruebas gratis lo más pronto posible. Ahora tenemos siete sitios dentro de la ciudad y 13 sitios total en el condado. Hasta ahora hemos hecho 21,000 pruebas en estos centros. Hoy esto anunciando que efectivo inmediatamente cualquier residente en el condado de Los Angeles con síntomas puede registrarse para una prueba de detección.

MAYOR GARCETTI: La prioridad todavía será para las personas más vulnerables pero ya no estamos limitando las pruebas a solamente estas poblaciones. Visita--estamos en camino para hacer 30,000 pruebas para la final de esta semana. Por favor visita la página [coronavirus.LACity.org](https://www.lacity.org/coronavirus) para hacer una cita.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Ahora quisiera hablar de algunos temas de seguridad. Mientras muchos cumplieron con la orden este fin de semana, otros no lo hicieron. Este no es el tiempo para tener una fiesta. No gasten nuestros recursos de policía y no pongan a sus vidas en riesgo. Segundo, le agradezco a los mercados agrícolas por tomar acción inmediata para continuar a servir el público durante este crisis.

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Ahora tenemos 31 mercados aprobados para apurar, y 16 estuvieron en operación ayer. Gracias por sus acciones.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Tercero, no estamos ofreciendo dinero para personas que reportan a la gente que no está siguiendo nuestras órdenes. La recompensa es aplanar esta curva y salvar vidas, quizás la suya. Y finalmente, si puedes, por favor piense en donar sangre para salvar vidas. Pueden visitar la página [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) para más información. Estamos preparando por el aumento de pacientes que llegará a nuestros hospitales, incluyendo agregando más camas de hospital para pacientes. Por eso estamos trabajando para abrir un centro de alivio médico en el centro de contenciones en Los Angeles. Ya tenemos 250 camas en la sala sur y esperamos aceptar pacientes al principio de la semana que viene. Y gracias a todos los miembros del equipo, las parejas estatales del condado, guardia nacional, y otras que son parte de este equipo increíble.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Los pacientes en este centro de alivio médico serán referidos por hospitales locales y recibirán una prueba de COVID-19 antes de ser admitidos. Estamos agradecidos al CAL FIRE y al estado de California por proveer los recursos y personal necesarios para que podamos operar este centro. Aunque entramos a una semana difícil, siempre me da esperanza saber de la generosidad que están mostrando tantos para personas que necesitan ayuda. Por ejemplo, de Pink, de organizaciones como la Fundación Weingart y otras, que son parte de generosidad a nuestras familias que necesitan ayuda y dinero.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Por favor visita la página [MayorsFundLA.org](https://www.MayorsFundLA.org), para donar si puedes para ayudar a nuestras familias trabajadoras en Los Angeles. No hay duda que estos días son muy difíciles. Pero yo tengo confianza que cuando ya ha pasado todo, podemos tener orgullo de cómo nos unimos durante este crisis. Quédense protegidos, quédense en buena salud, quédense en casa. Mucha fuerza y mucho amor, Los Ángeles. Thank you so much and we'll see you again.