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MAYOR GARCETTI: Good evening, Los Angeles, thank you as always for joining us. I think all of us are going through a lot of fear and pain. And probably nobody more than our young people. And so tonight I want to dedicate this broadcast to our young Angelenos who are carrying so much on their shoulders, who are dealing with an unknown future, who are carrying the stress of their families and their siblings, not being at school and so much more, and who are the unsung heroes of this moment. And so I am so glad that we are joined tonight by Michelle Collie, who has more than two decades of experience providing therapy and crisis intervention services to students and their families, especially in marginalized communities.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But we are going to turn to that after I do what I do every night, which is to make sure you have a snapshot of the data that you need to make sure you are informed about what's been going on since yesterday. Today the county reported 1,400 new cases, bringing the total to 15,140 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County. This is a 10 percent increase since yesterday. As was the case yesterday, we are seeing a case spike because of a backlog of 734 cases that were being cleared. So today's reported case number is actually closer to the 625. I know some of you follow these numbers as religiously as me and might be worried about the last two days in which we've seen our first four-digit increases.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But I want to reassure that this is about testing capacity expending, some backlog tests that have come up, and not necessarily are doubling in just two or three days. For comparison the past seven days we've seen an average daily increase of about 758 cases. In the city there were 680 reported new cases today, also including that backlog, bringing our total to just under 7,000 at 6,904 cases in the city, an 11 percent increase since yesterday. And the worst part of this evening, each time I report to you, is the 46 deaths that we added to the rolls. This brings our total to 663 fallen angels in our county, a seven percent increase since yesterday.

MAYOR GARCETTI: For comparison, the past seven days we've seen an average daily increase of 44 new deaths, and deaths are doubling every seven to eight days. I want to add one statistic today that 90.1 percent of these deaths are occurring with people with so-called comorbidities, that is just a fancy way of saying the folks that we know are the most vulnerable because of their age and their medical conditions. This is especially deadly to them. And we learned that over 50 percent of our households have somebody over 65 and/or people with medical conditions that make them especially vulnerable to death from COVID-19. And as always, my heart, our collective hearts go out to each one of you who is mourning a loss tonight.

MAYOR GARCETTI: California now with our cases is 30th per capita in the country and that we often see the reports that we're fifth most cases, but we are a populous state. And we remain because of our safer-at-home measures in the bottom half of states per capita cases in the country. In our county, our general emergency hospital rooms still look pretty good, 1,433 beds including 1,201 acute care beds are currently available, as well as 232 ICU beds. And an inventory of 1,125 available ventilators. That is good news. But we know how quickly a surge can come into those intensive care units, and so we have to keep marching forward and keep staying home to keep those numbers good ones.

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MAYOR GARCETTI: So we are looking to keep folks healthy and safe and out of those hospital beds. So do your part to make sure that continues. There are now 34 testing locations across Los Angeles County, and today we have the capacity to test 12,200 people. By the end of today we will have tested approximately 87,000 people just in those centers alone, add another 20 to 30,000 tests that have been through providers and were well north of 100,000 tests that have been conducted here, saw our people tested in Los Angeles County, even more test than that.

MAYOR GARCETTI: There are, yesterday in California, to put this in perspective, 9,600 tests were reported conducted in all of California yesterday. 5,724 of them occurred just in our city and county testing sites. That is 60 percent of all tests in the state, combine that with other tests going on in the county it's probably closer to two-thirds of all the tests in the state we have done right here in Los Angeles County, even though we are just 25 percent of the state population. Thank you to everybody who is working in a test center, whether it is a paramedic, firefighter, whether it is one of our CORE volunteers or anybody who is helping step up to make sure we get more and more tests every single day.

MAYOR GARCETTI: This is our second day of pop-up testing in Skid Row. 800 and--sorry, 186 tests were done there, and hundreds more have been provided to people who are experiencing homelessness through our providers. We now also have three mobile teams that are surging into our senior care facilities, our nursing homes and assisted living facilities. There we have also conducted 2,500 proactive medical checks among people who are experiencing homelessness and we found 100 symptomatic people who are experiencing homelessness and took 35 transports to get them to care and to a place where they can quarantine safely.

MAYOR GARCETTI: We are offering same- or next-day appointments to anybody with symptoms, no matter how mild. And I want to reiterate what I said yesterday. Even if it is mild symptoms, please get that test. We need to know how many people are infectious in our city, we need to know in our county how many people have this so we can talk to their contacts and let Public Health do their work. So get a test today. Go to coronavirus.lacity.org/testing to sign up for a test tomorrow.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Right now I know every single day this crisis hurts more and more. Financially, psychologically and in the health of our county. We are mobilizing every resource at our disposal to help you to get through this, and we will get through this together. Hospital--hospitality, excuse me, and tourism industries, among--as well as janitors and security guards who work in our office buildings have been hit among the hardest by this crisis. And as a result, tens of thousands of hotel workers, of food service workers, of airport service workers, janitors, security guards have been laid off or furloughed and are now trying to make ends meet without pay.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Putting these folks back to work may seem like a long way off. But we have to start preparing for it now. Skilled workers who lost their work need to be the first ones to be rehired. In other words, those folks with decades of experience and seniority who support families and communities can't be the victims when we get back to work of people who are

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either newer or paid less being hired underneath them. So we need to protect them and I am so glad that tomorrow the city council will take on led by Nury Martínez, our council president, Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz, Marqueece Harris-Dawson and Curren Price. Legislation that would create a right of recall for those workers, a worker retention ordinance that will allow those workers to come back to those jobs where they greet visitors, where they protect us in our buildings, where they do the work to help a meal get onto a plane flight or to make sure that we can contain this crisis by being the janitors who make sure our buildings and our spaces are safe.

MAYOR GARCETTI: For so many thousands of displaced workers in these industries, this could mean at least a little bit of certainty at this moment of so much insecurity, and a whole lot of fairness as we navigate this crisis. Again, thank you to the council leadership and councilmembers who are leading on this issue, and I will sign that as soon as it comes to my desk. But let me be clear. There is only so much that we can do locally. And our businesses will suffer. Our unemployment rate will continue to grow even higher without full and complete support from Washington, D.C. Now our federal support has come in stages. First, the stimulus bill that came in the first round, which focused on preparedness and emergency response.

MAYOR GARCETTI: The second one, on sick leave and unemployment insurance and the third, what I call the survivor package on support for working Americans and businesses. Today the Congress and the Trump Administration reached a deal on an interim package, some are calling it 3.5, to address gaps in that survival package. There were too many small businesses that could not get loans, who didn't bank with the big boys and girls, so couldn't have the access. And here in California we certainly were victims of that, and I'll get to that the moment.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So let me first say what is positive with what happened today and thank our leaders in Washington. First, was the much needed funding. \$310 billion for the paycheck protection program, and \$100 billion for our frontline hospitals and to expend testing. That couldn't have come too soon. And as this bill becomes law, we have to ensure meaningful oversight happens as well. We should make sure and no big handouts go to folks without the everyday workers and Americans getting the benefit because they are the ones who are suffering the most. Up to this point, California, the largest state in the country, received the fewest number of loans in the nation per 1,000 small businesses.

MAYOR GARCETTI: As I said, too many of our main street businesses didn't have the banking relations to get the loans. So I support our senators' oversight to make sure that this support lands with the kind of businesses we see in our neighborhoods right here in Los Angeles County, the place we get our haircut, the place that we pick up some food, the places that are on our main streets of our neighborhoods often run by women, people of color, immigrants, small business owners, veterans and others who have always had a dream of opening up a shop or a salon and who need to have this help so that they can get back on their feet.

MAYOR GARCETTI: At the same time, let me say what is bad with this deal, the things that we left out. As I said, in the state of the city address and many nights here, we need to have assistance for our states and our cities. By leaving that out, this means that 13 percent of our

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workforce nationally was left out of this assistance. Not only that, investing in our cities is investing in America. I don't have to tell you if we cut services, cut hours and cut people, what a destructive effect that would have on our local and national economy. These are investments in our well-being, these are people who are working on the frontlines for our health and safety, transporting COVID-19 patients, helping vulnerable folks like seniors be federal, taking people who are experiencing homelessness off our streets. And we need to make sure that Washington recognizes that and moves forward.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But fortunately, there is a good glimmer of hope because we saw Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer put this forward. We saw some support from folks who are republicans as well and President Trump today tweeted that we need to now turn to states and to our local governments to give them the fiscal aid to get through this crisis and to fill the holes, not just to reimburse the costs of this crisis. I look forward for the fourth round of stimulus negotiation getting done quickly, that aid to arrive immediately, and for us to be able to look at what we can restore, grow and rebuild as we don't just reopen in the future, but we also recover and re-imagine what lies ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And I will never stop being loud about those that have been left behind, specifically our immigrant communities who still are excluded, families because if they are one person without documents can't get a check. Folks who are working hard to make sure our food supply is picked, is transported, who are processing our food, working in our hospitals cleaning, to make sure that our doctors and techs and nurses are safe. We need to make sure nobody is left behind. And when it comes to immigration, immigrants are not a threat to America, COVID-19 is. Let me be very loud and clear. Let us not be distracted from what is at hand and let us make sure everybody is included in our aid together.

MAYOR GARCETTI: We have shown that we cannot and will not wait for federal aid to act. But we know how important that aid is. And that's certainly the case here locally in how we are helping our young people and those who support them, our teachers, our students, the many innocent victims of this crisis. And I want to thank the district who has stepped up, the teachers and supportive staff who are delivering meals, learning how to teach remotely, trying to get technology in the hands of all students, dealing with Internet inequality and making sure that we can stand up education, that our young people, many of whom cruelly start way behind the starting line, that they don't fall further behind because of COVID-19, that the inequality in our city and in our country doesn't become exacerbated by COVID-19, but that we look at this is an opportunity to help them, each and every one of them.

MAYOR GARCETTI: I encourage, first of all, all parents to go to our resources page at coronavirus.lacity.org/resources. Check it out. There is information that I have shared in many different evenings, programs you can sign up for financial assistance and cash relief, the ways that you can get help of food, benefits, places you can go to, to make sure that you have an Internet connection for free or very low cost, places that you can go to, to help your families no matter what kind of family you have, no matter where they live.

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MAYOR GARCETTI: And I want to thank the thousands of UTLA teachers, counselors and school nurses, the Local 99 Teaching Assistance Custodians, cafeteria workers and other education workers who are out there on the lines doing everything they can to help our young people. Not to mention parents who will never again ask, "So what do those teachers do and what do that support staff do?" We love you and we support you for everything you have done. Each one of us that is trying to teach a child at home, and I am one of those teachers, I help Maya, you have been enjoying the classes, but I know that your skilled teachers and teachers throughout the city are the ones who can't wait to see everybody back in class.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But let's focus on young people for a moment because I want them to know that not only are we focused on the city at large, we are focused on them specifically. The old cliché that children are our future, I've always rejected. Children are a reflection of our present. They are not the leaders of tomorrow. They are leaders here today. I had a very powerful experience yesterday when I asked my team to help me reach out virtually to the young people of Los Angeles. And so we put together a discussion with Dr. Barbara Ferrer and myself with young people who are in our primary, middle and high schools across Los Angeles. It'll actually air tonight on my Facebook page at 6:30 and on KCET.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And the same way folks get to ask me questions from the press every night, and I appreciate you so deeply, members of our press, who have been reporting all the information that people need to know and asking the right questions. I wanted to give our children the opportunity to ask their mayor and their director of public health those same sorts of questions. And I shared powerfully what their stories were, what it's like to be on the frontlines. One of the things I said to them is, "You're not powerless, you are powerful." I heard the stories of a set of sisters whose parents are both on the frontline as medical workers, of children with preexisting conditions while their parents are still critical workers gone, who can't leave the house but have to figure out, how can I get groceries for my siblings?

MAYOR GARCETTI: They wanted to express the sadness of what it felt like to miss prom, their own graduations, the care they have about wanting to make sure immigrants are not left behind and that people can pay their rents. They wanted concrete answers about when things would get back to normal. Some have found themselves in a dark place, struggling with the depression that they face missing their friends, wanting to get out. And they are reeling from the loss of life, we all know how tough childhood and teenage years can be, but also have vibrant it this, that to be put there experiencing life, to have that cruelly taken away, how tough that has been.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And it's not just younger people who are feeling this weight. The psychological burden of this pandemic is weighing on all of us. And I always get together and just talk about the stats that you need to know, the programs that we are launching. But I want us to also focus on our mental health because this is tough. We are carrying pain, we are scared, we cry, we get angry. But there is also a lot of bright moments where we find the connections and the way to get through this.

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MAYOR GARCETTI: Data shows us the tremendous emotional strain this time has placed on the values of central workers especially, from those in our emergency rooms to the ones that are stocking our shelves, but we are all feeling that. That is my message to young people and their families today. Our lives have all been interrupted, suspended eerily and indefinitely, and it is now normal to feel quite alone. That's okay. But we need to talk to each other. We need not be worried. We need to not hurt as much. We need not to feel powerless. And in this moment of challenge, more than 50 percent of the people who are reaching out, for instance, the Crisis Text Line, that I've talked about is 741741, are turning to therapy and mental health services more than they usually do, accessing resources that exist precisely for moments like this. So there is no shame in reaching out. In fact, you are the strong ones if you do reach out. And I encourage you. So that is why I invited today Michelle Cauley, a leading therapist in Los Angeles, and licensed clinical social worker, to share some steps on all of us, how all of us can cope during this time. Thank you, Michelle, for joining us and I will turn it over to you.

MICHELLE CAULEY: Hi. Thank you, Mayor Garcetti, and thank you for having me and bringing light to mental health. COVID-19 has taken a real impact on multiple aspects of our lives as it relates to our mental health and our emotional health. For many families, regardless of socioeconomic status, stress and anxiety is widespread. And it filters into many aspects of our lives. Working from home and schooling from home is tight. Spaces are tight, there is sound, there is Internet, dogs are basking, kids are crying, it is really difficult.

MICHELLE CAULEY: Job losses. That means a revenue change. "Am I going to be able to pay the bills?" "It my--are my parents going to be able to pay so that I can go to college? Because I'm graduating this year." There is also the school closures and what that means. Students missing their friends, their families, their teams. Those are all communities. Those with preexisting health conditions. This right here also has an impact, especially on communities of color. Loss and death, and with that comes grief. There are also other types of losses. Losses of, "What does this look like? How long is this going to last? Can I plan for this summer? Am I going to be able to go to prom? Am I ever going to have a graduation?" That is called anticipatory anxiety because we are anticipating.

MICHELLE CAULEY: So let's take a look at mental health and a little bit more depression and anxiety. Let's just review some of the signs and give your parents something to be aware of and cognizant of. Within depression and anxiety, it can look different in all of us. And those symptoms vary from person to person. So within adults, depression can look or feel as if you're just having a down mood. Some people call it, "I just feel blue."

MICHELLE CAULEY: Some people don't feel depressed at all, they just experience a loss of pleasure and those things that they normally would do, it doesn't feel good anymore. There are also things like appetite changes, "I've gained ten pounds, I've lost pounds. I don't have an appetite." Sleep patterns can be off. This is where insomnia can peak. And then there is just the sense of agitation. There are more but those are just a few. Depression looks a little bit different in children. There is a sense of sadness or even hopelessness, irritability. Sometimes we know when our children feel irritable. You might ask, "What's wrong with you?" But remember, this can be a symptom of anxiety.

MICHELLE CAULEY: And then with children, sometimes they report, "Mom, I just feel bored," and are having low energy or just poor concentration. So that's all a symptom of anxiety, I'm sorry, depression. In terms of anxiety in adults, there are symptoms that are internal and external. So some of the internal or emotional symptoms are just worry and rumination, we worry a lot, worry about everything: how long is this going to last? If I cough, does that mean I have COVID-19? Trouble concentrating, anticipating the worst, just the anticipation of everything and just feeling tired. Some of those external symptoms can mimic cardiac arrest: I and feeling like I am having a panic attack. Or it can be something like just an upset stomach, headaches, tension, fatigue, insomnia.

MICHELLE CAULEY: Anxiety in children also looks a little bit different. Extreme and unrealistic worry about events, especially COVID-19, being really self-conscious, a strong need for reassurance. And in some of the complaints, just physical complaints, when there is really no physical bases for it. So with those symptoms of depression and anxiety, let's just look at some of the to-dos and what we can do about it. The first thing is acknowledgment for both adults and children, allowing ourselves to acknowledge what's going on. And what I mean by that is giving ourselves space to be able to really openly talk about that.

MICHELLE CAULEY: So I know what I am feeling, I am feeling tired, I am sick of this, how long is this going to happen? Unpack those feelings of what it means, and hopefully that will give either you or your child clarity around it. So for teens, just being able to acknowledge, you now, I'm just really disappointed. I'm not going to have a graduation this year. I'm not going to be able to go to prom. So once we've given ourselves permission and we've acknowledged that, hopefully then we can transition into helping others. And what that looks like is communication; there is no substitute for communication. So just literally, opening your mouth and communicating, being able to articulate the feelings.

MICHELLE CAULEY: So for parents, when our kids come to us, sometimes it's not about okay, as a parent we need to fix or we need to problem-solve, but sometimes we just need to listen. With our spouses, our families or our friends, this is a way to deepen our communication and our connection. With our families, that means creating new ways, whether it's the virtual, whether it's over the phone or whether it's letter-writing, get old-fashioned letter-writing. The third thing I want to mention and the last thing it is creating a list. I am big list person. So writing down those things--writing things down makes them real. So this is also is going to look different for everyone. So think about how you might have coped in the past when there has been something really stressful going on in your life, maybe you need to call on that strategy if you've used that before. But as we move forward to take care of ourselves, here are few things I encourage you to do, and I also suggest that you be realistic because what might look right for someone else, might look different for you. And if you need to reach out to a mental health professional, reach out., whether it's for yourself as an adult or for your child, get your child some help.

MICHELLE CAULEY: At this point, telehealth, whether it's video or phone is easily accessible. There are also supports groups often online about lots of different topics, and there

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are a lot of free support groups at this time, 12-step meetings are really important and a source of online support. Nurture your own support system, whether is your family or your friends or your neighbors. Other things, exercise, get that endorphin release. Prayer, mindfulness and meditation, journaling, positive affirmation. Pay attention to your nutrition, managing your money, especially if this is a source of stress or conflict for you, maybe this is a time to take some time and look at your finances. Anger attitude. If you or a family member has been impacted by COVID-19, it can be easy to get sucked into that negativity, but finding maybe three things that you can be grateful for daily can help with optimism and hope. Thank you so much.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Thank you, Michelle.

MICHELLE CAULEY: Thank you.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Those words are so powerful, so basic, and yet we forget them so often. And I want to thank you, Michelle, for reminding us about what's important. And I want to thank the folks who are broadcasting us for keeping this information out there. This is as critical as any program, any data that we share to look after ourselves during this. And this happens to all of us, to the young people that are out there, your mayor gets stressed, I get stressed. I have moments where I have a panic attack or what I have to write down what's stressing me out. Where I have to pick up the phone and talk to somebody. None of us are immune from this.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And though I am used to a lot of stress in this job, this is unlike anything any of us have gone through before. So give that stress, give that anxiety, give those worries a voice and the first part is seeking help. And if you do need help, here is a couple of numbers I want to share with you. The County's Department of Mental Health has a 24-hour access center at 800-854-7771, it's 800-854-7771. For LAUSD students and families, I've previously shared the district's phone hotline where you can talk with counselors and mental health professionals between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays. Let me share that number with you again, it's 213-241-3840, 213-241-3840, and as I mentioned before, anyone can also just use your phone and text 741741 to connect with a Crisis Counselor at the Crisis Text Line, an organization run and founded by Nancy Lublin, a dear friend of mine for many years, and it's part of my crisis response team's referral process. All of these resources and numbers if you forgot any of them or didn't catch them are available at coronavirus.lacity.org web page, just click on "resources."

MAYOR GARCETTI: And let me just reaffirm in closing Michelle's message, speak directly to every person in Los Angeles, young or old, healthy or sick, struggling or getting by. We haven't been through anything like this before. The headlines are incessant, the challenges are so significant, and I know that the isolation is real. But whatever you're feeling, know that you are not alone, we are all feeling this together. And when I say that we will get through this together, I mean it, this is not a permanent new normal. This is a period of time that will pass, and we'll pass through it together with the strength that we gather when we give voice to our isolation, when we join hands virtually to march forward through these foggy days until it is clear ahead. So breathe, this is not forever, do not despair. There are signs of light and we will get there because you continue to stay healthy, to stay safe and to stay at home. All strength and all love

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to you, Los Angeles, thank you. With that, I am happy to answer questions for today. I'll take the first question.

OPERATOR: And our first question comes from Joseph Serna from Los Angeles Times. Please, go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hi, good evening.

JOSEPH SERNA: Hi, Mayor Garcetti, thanks for taking the time.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Sure.

JOSEPH SERNA: Just a quick question, with Riverside and Ventura Counties easing their restrictions and Orange County under a similar pressure, how concerned are you that LA residents might start to violate our shelter at home orders here? And what do, what do you plan to do to maintain their cooperation?

MAYOR GARCETTI: So, of course, I'm always worried that folks won't stay at home because we know staying at home saves lives, but I am very proud of Los Angeles. I go to national polls that show regardless of political party, no matter how much people want to make this partisan, no matter where people live, that over two-thirds of Americans are worried that we'll open up too early and I always say 10 percent of 10 million people, that's a million a people, that's a lot of folks. But I will continue to take my advice from doctors, from science, from data, and from looking at experiences elsewhere. We won't be pushed by pressure into doing things early, but I also promised we won't wait one day longer than we need to. So I do hope that Los Angeles would continue to abide by what our advice is from Dr. Ferrer and then how process that collectively between 88 cities and the Board of Supervisors. We have these conversations every day, there is not a day that goes by, there is not a secret date where we're reopening, and there is not a delay that we will wait for.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But that said, we cannot afford to let up, and this weekend will be a very warm weekend. People will want to go outside. We have to stay home. We have to make sure that we continue to. We've seen this kind of bump up in cases, that's primarily from backlog cases, but it's a reminder. From this weekend we had 81 deaths, we see again today over 40 deaths, that there are human consequences, and if the USC study is representative and right, 96 percent of us still have not had any exposure and are definitely not immune to COVID-19. Do the math for 9,600,000 people, and that could be chaos, death, it could make other places dwarf in comparison. So just remember what I've said this entire time: You can be a lifesaver; you can be a life taker. We need to continue to look back and say, "We got out of this safer, with fewer deaths, and sooner because we stayed at home." And until that day comes where we test baby steps, see how those are working, take bolder steps, we will continue to do this work and do it well. Thank you. Next question.

OPERATOR: And that comes from the line of Claudia Peschiutta from KNX News Radio. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hi, Claudia.

CLAUDIA PESCHIUTTA: Hi, just want to talk a little bit more about Union Rescue Mission now that they're basically testing all guests and staff, regardless of whether they have symptoms. They're up to at least 66 cases and dozens more still waiting for results. The CEO there, Andy Bales, is calling for universal testing on Skid Row. And I've asked you about also at facilities like nursing homes where people are at high risk. Can you talk about efforts to try to ramp up testing to include the asymptomatic, especially in places where they aren't quite a risk to their illness or death? Thank you.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Absolutely. Thank you Claudia. Yeah, there were--look, I love Andy and I love everybody at Union Rescue Mission. They had, unfortunately, 1,200 people crammed in there, and we've worked closely with the county and the city, we're trying to decompress that. Because in a crisis like this, I know that that comes from a heart of not wanting to turn away anybody, but that was a danger and is a danger to anybody to have people crammed in that much. So, it's been decompressed now to 400 people. Department of Public Health has surged people in there, the testing has happened there. They're suspending new admissions. They've implemented cleaning and environmental protocols. The 227 tests, the 171 came back negative, 56 positives, really from a men's dorm where people were together and those 56 are now quarantined in a sprung structure that's on their parking lot. So they've been very pro--and we're being proactive with asymptomatic folks there too. As soon as we continue to get more and more tests, we are absolutely, not only open to that, but remember, the city is just trying to surge and help tests.

MAYOR GARCETTI: It's not something we don't have a Public Health Department, we don't have a Health Services Department. But we are proud to work alongside this county, work alongside providers and others, and every moment I get a few more tests, when I had that UPS announcement a few weeks ago, the first priority of any extra tests was exactly for those people who can't drive to a drive-thru center. I said, "Let's get that to our seniors and let's get that to our people who are experiencing homelessness." So already, you know, we've probably done four-digits' worth and so we're into the thousands now of tests that have been done between our senior homes and our people that are experiencing homeless.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But we can't do those quickly enough, and I am particularly concerned with our senior homes. We've got 43,000 beds and many more workers' worth of people in LA County. And those really are the most vulnerable people by their age and preexisting conditions, that's where we're seeing a lot of the deaths come in the country. I'd love for us working together with the federal government just passing new money on testing, the state that I know is ramping up to be able to regularly mandate and test those places for all the workers and for everybody that is there.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And then secondly, to make sure we have those excess tests going to people on the streets. And I want to thank those outreach workers who have done those wellness tests, now in the thousands, because that is getting people off the streets quickly who are

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symptomatic. And at Skid Row with a pop-up center that we have, for instance, is one that will continue to test people who have symptoms or who want to get a test. And if we build that capacity, absolutely, we need to make sure that everybody from both those populations, seniors and people experiencing homelessness are tested regularly. So thank you to the work that Union Rescue Mission has done around what happened in their facility, what the county has done to help them out too, and our firefighters who are on Skid Row running these test centers. That's not anything that was ever in their job description, but as soon as we get more tests, we are going to continue to ramp those up more and more and more. Thank you. Next question, please.

OPERATOR: Thank you and that comes from the line of Elex Michaelson from Fox 11 News. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, Elex, missed you yesterday.

ELEX MICHAELSON: Hi, Mayor, good to talk with you. I have a question I've gotten from several viewers in the non-profit world who, that services are needed right now, but fundraising almost impossible with so many people being hurt, their fundraising event has been cancelled because they can't socially gather. What's your advice for people in that space who really want to help other people but are struggling to put things together?

MAYOR GARCETTI: My heart goes out because non-profits are not just great providers of services, they are huge employers from our universities, to charities, to folks that every day are fulfilling some of the needs that we see so many people stepping up to during COVID-19 and exactly when we need them is exactly when they don't have enough money. So a few things, one is I would encourage everybody who is here, if you can, dig even deeper, give something to a charity that you're supported, give something to a non-profit that needs you. I was speaking to a director of a huge umbrella of non-profit, both religious institutions and community institutions, and he said, "We can't look at doing a fundraiser probably this entire year and so many of our institutions depend on those events and those moments." So please do, if you've gone in the past, if you've gone to a dinner to support your local YMCA, know that they're providing showers right now to people who are experiencing homelessness and they don't have any dues coming in. So help them out. If you know at your church or your synagogue or your mosque, you are not there tithing, do it anyway to help them survive. Keep those jobs going and all the help that they're giving us.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Second, a lot of people don't realize non-profits can apply for the business assistance, both of the federal and local programs. So just because you are non-profit doesn't mean you're not a business when it comes to these funds. So, again, go to our web page, look at those business assistance programs and apply for them. I know PPP was sold out early, this next round now that's just going to be passed this week, will provide another \$310 billion. Make sure that you step up because, as I said, California got the least per capita of any state for our small businesses, that includes non-profit organizations as well.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And third, I would just say, "Look, I'm committed to making sure as we rebuild that we don't think about these organizations as lesser than our businesses," because they

are so important to the lifeblood of Los Angeles. And so as we look at whatever programs we get from Washington, Sacramento, or can generate here with the dollars they send us, we absolutely will be looking at that. Great example is grants that we put out from our Cultural Affairs Department for community non-profits in the arts whose performances or shows were cancelled to be able to get grants now to help them, keep their people creating, employed. This isn't just a great place of service and creativity, these are huge employers and we need these to be alive, well, and rebuilding in order for our economy to prosper. Thanks, Elex. Next question, please.

OPERATOR: To ask a question, press one, then zero. And now to the line of Steve Gregory from KFI News. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, Steve, good evening.

STEVE GREGORY: Eric, good evening. Listen, quick question about testing sites. You mentioned last night that 100,000 Angelenos and people in the county have been tested. Dr. Ferrer says 89,000 people have been tested. I am just wondering where the testing numbers are coming from.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Sure.

STEVE GREGORY: Secondly, testing sites, we are getting some pictures from listeners now, they're traveling around the area and a couple of people that went for testing in Sherman Oaks and there were no people there. There were just a couple of the testing people and this has been like this a couple of days in a row when no one has been going to these testing sites. I am wondering if you are getting any data from how busy these testing sites are around the city and would those testing sites be sort of repurposed, put somewhere else, or relocated if they are not being utilized in those locations? And finally, sometime back you mentioned that nursing home residents would be moved out to the USNS Mercy so that they can work on the nursing homes and get those people out so they could sanitize and clean. I am wondering if there's been any movement to that because the ship says is ready to receive people but no people have been transferred. Thanks, Eric.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Sure, you bet. So, Steve, with the first one USNS Mercy, I don't know if anybody has arrived, I think the state was coordinating that and looking specifically at helping some folks come from Orange County. So it's available there as a regional resource, I'll check with the state. I don't have any information that anybody has yet from those senior homes or nursing homes. In terms of the testing sites, there's a combination of testing sites, some are run by the city and the county, other ones are done by providers or volunteers, so it depends on each one. But you are absolutely right, and one of the reasons each night I say, "Go, get tested," is there are days in which we might have 10,000 tests and we do 7,000 worth. So, we definitely do have the capacity to have more people tested, but we don't think that's because we are testing too many people. And as soon as we hit kind of a place in which, look, we no longer have the demand from symptomatic people, I am going to get the advice from Dr. Ferrer what sort of asymptomatic people should we be testing.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Do we move that and make sure we get more of those tests into our nursing homes if we can take those sorts of tests, and we need people to do that. It's much tougher than drive-thru facilities in terms of the people power. Can we bring those two peoples who are experiencing homelessness, etcetera? So I am not worried we have too many tests, quite the contrary; we still need more and more and more. But if the population that's symptomatic and has access to a car isn't there, you know, our walk-in centers are still very busy. Certain neighborhoods are very busy. So we'll always tweak that, and some of those centers may be run by private organizations where people might not know of them. They might also be there from service providers or other cities as well.

MAYOR GARCETTI: In terms of the testing numbers, the 89,000, we are trying to reconcile these numbers but we know for sure that a lot of our early city-run testing sites weren't in the big number from the county, so we combined that number with theirs. Now, they are including the city ones and the county ones together. So we are pretty confident it's about 20 to 30,000 more than that 89,000 number that is officially there. So it's probably more in the ballpark of 110, 120,000 tests--people, sorry, people that have had tests done. The number of tests is even higher than that because sometimes people need to take a couple. So we are confident about that. Let me see if I missed anything else. I think, yeah, that I covered everything. Thanks, Steve, next question. Next question?

OPERATOR: Thank you. Now to the line of Elizabeth Chou from LA Daily News.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hi, Liz.

OPERATOR: Please go ahead.

ELIZABETH CHOU: Hi, Mayor. This is, so I--to ask about, again, about the testing timeline. I haven't heard how soon you think, how long it will take for more people to be tested? Especially at nursing centers and also nursing homes and also at homeless shelters. I know that it is still a ways off, but I think there's any (unintelligible) an actual timing for that. And I also was wondering if might be able share what it's been like to bring up testing capacity, what are some of the challenges that you face, or the county has faced? Why are we still where we are right now?

MAYOR GARCETTI: Great. Thank you, Liz. So, we have surged, obviously, into senior homes, into looking at people who are experiencing homelessness and hope to, and we are testing asymptomatic people in those locations. So we've already opened the box of asymptomatic people in high-risk environments. So when we hear that one or two people at a senior homes has it, everybody, whether they have symptoms or not, is getting tested in those places quite often, and we're doing that also in areas, whether it's, for instance, we've talked about this in Granada Hills or in Westchester or other places, if somebody is COVID-19, among people experiencing homelessness in congregate shelters, we've done that as well.

MAYOR GARCETTI: The challenge is for testing. There's no set timeline because so much of this depends on the tests that we get through. And I want to remind people that the City of LA is stepping up and using our money as the county is now too, we only get 75 percent reimbursement. That's something that needs to change at the federal level. When the federal government says anybody who wants to get the test and get one, there weren't enough tests for people to do that, and this is something that we're having to find money for, cut other city programs, etcetera, to be able to pay for 25 percent we are not going to get reimbursed for.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So, first of all, it's how many tests are there. Second, is what is a lab capacity. We saw early on, we started using certain tests, we sent them in. It was taking five, seven, sometimes nine or ten days to get the results back. That's not very helpful to somebody with symptoms nor us tracking and tracing who they've come into contact with because it's too late. So we had to find the right places that had the lab capacity, that can turn them around in 24, 48 hours. And as we build that, we have to continue to find the number of tests, the number of labs and then the people. I had to take firefighters off of their jobs responding 911 calls and other things to stand up these centers. Groups like CORE stood up. I know the county's had the same headaches and problems. That's why I called for a CARES Core that can help with tracking and tracing nationally, that can help local communities stand up these testing centers and they can maybe have surge teams that go into our senior homes, that can go out onto the streets where we have vulnerable populations experiencing homelessness and stand that up.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So every day we revise, I've been very proud that every night I've been able to report you, 'Hey we added another 500, another 1000. Our capacity is now 10,000, 12,000.' Those things, I think, second to only maybe one or third, one or two cities in America, as I mentioned, we had nearly between 60 and 66 percent of all the tests in California that were reported yesterday. That's pretty amazing, but it's still not enough. And I'll tell you lastly my dream, a lot people talk about the blood test, and we've discussed this, the serology test. I'd love for serology tests and virology tests, the ones that we are doing for our drive-thru centers and our walk-up centers to be able to go hand in hand so we can see if somebody's had it, and if they have it.

MAYOR GARCETTI: We really need both of those things to make some of the decisions about what we open up. I need to know based on the advice from Barbara Ferrer, from the folks at Public Health, I need to know how many people on average are contagious in this city at any given moment. Is it 35 people for every 100,000? That's sound like is getting big, maybe we need to again shut down some of the city, but if it gets down to only 5 people for 100,000 by taking a random sample, maybe that shows that we open up the aperture, return some people to school or to work carefully and safely.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And those decisions will really depend on testing capacity. So sorry to go on for so long, but I know a lot of discussion of this at the national level is said we don't have enough tests to open up the economy. They're right, but usually what's said next is wrong. It's not about the blood test, because when we see from the USC study. probably 95, 96 percent of us haven't gotten COVID-19. You can have as many blood tests you want, all they're going to confirm is that we are still vulnerable. But if we can look at contagiousness, that helps us begin

to assess whether or not we might be able to safely get some people back out to schools, to work and public spaces as well. Hope that answers those questions. Thanks, Liz. Next question, please.

OPERATOR: And that comes from the line of Liza Marshall from NBC 4.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, Liza.

OPERATOR: Please, go ahead.

LIZA MARSHALL: Hi, Mayor. Thanks for taking my question. From what we're seeing on Skid Row, very few homeless residents have showed up to get tested at the pop-up testing site. You said today that a 186 tests were conducted at pop-up testing center but that is place to only about 4 percent of the Skid Row population. So with that, how are you going to get more homeless people to agree to get tested? Should tests by workers be approaching people in their tents?

MAYOR GARCETTI: So, there are medical, as I mentioned, I forget the number, I think it was 2500 medical wellness visits already and counting each day. So it's a three-part strategy. We're working with those doctors who already provide healthcare of people who are experiencing homelessness trust and know and have gone to for months and years because people get sick on the streets all the time. They do have doctors they go to, and so it's not just something random and pop-up, and with folks who are experiencing mental health challenges or other things, they might not trust something new but they do trust somebody they've been to before.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So, there're hundreds of tests that are going out through those providers. Probably more than a 1,000 already have gone out there. On top of that, you know, couple a hundred a day if we keep up this pace will absolutely make a dent. Two weeks of that, you're starting to make a real dent, that's covering more than half of Skid Row in just a couple of weeks. And I'm very proud of that capacity and what LAFD is doing. And then third, we're also looking at those places like, for instance, what happened at Union Rescue Mission, being able to surge tests in there. The county is helping with that. We do that s well and in congregate shelter settings.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So, you know, I don't know the numbers. I'd have to look at it, but I would venture to guess so far we have as many tests per capital of folks who are experiencing homelessness and those that are housed. And that ratio will only get bigger and bigger and bigger, so that we'll continue to get to a higher percentage. In other words, if you are experiencing homelessness, you're much more likely to get to a test to hopefully when we get to get to close to a hundred percent, but you do rightfully say it's difficult work. I mean, there is no easy answer to great, outreach workers. What we try to do is go with people who are trusted out there on the street, who have built a relationships, not just for a few days during this crisis, but for weeks, months and years.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Some of our amazing organizations that are out there on the front lines: downtown, South LA, in the San Fernando Valley, in Venice, in Hollywood, who have these relationships and know these folks. I talked with one doctor who does a clinic for years and he does that a feeding line. So everybody knows that doctor and they can help them, convince them, “Hey, are you asymptomatic or do you have a fever? If you do, let’s get you there.” And so with those 2,500 folks that were reached out to, only a hundred of them had some symptoms, we’re able to treat them right away, to get them not only tests, but get them, more importantly, to a place. You can get a test and tell somebody they’re positive, but the most important thing to convince them is if they are positive, go into one of those hotel rooms, go into a congregate shelter where there’s the safe spacing and meals and medical professionals. So that part is working, but you’re right, we need to keep pushing, pushing, pushing until we get that number to close to a 100 percent, not just a good number already in the first two days. Thank you. Next question.

OPERATOR: And it comes from Keeley Webster from Bond Buyer. Please, go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, Keeley.

KEELEY WEBSTER: Hi. So I have a couple of budget-related questions.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Sure.

KEELEY WEBSTER: In 2008, the city also implemented every other Friday furloughs for many employees. Are the extent of the furloughs more widespread than they were then?

MAYOR GARCETTI: No. What is planned right now is the same. And it mirrors, I think, a lot of the same critical employees who won’t before furloughed as well as the rest of us that will.

KEELEY WEBSTER: Okay. David Crane, the UC Public Policy professor, suggested LA eliminate or reduce, refire a medical program, i.e., (unintelligible) 300 million annual savings rather than furlough employees and reduce city services. Has the city considered anything like that?

MAYOR GARCETTI: Well, the city can’t consider any of those things singlehandedly. Those all have to be negotiated by law. But absolutely, we’ve looked at not only reducing--and I’m very proud of this. This was over ten years ago now when I was city council president, I think we went further than any city, big city in America in terms of doubling, in some cases quadrupling what people’s pension contributions were, including for their retiree health. But we’re absolutely open. I said, “A dollar is a dollar is a dollar.” Sometimes people fixate on pensions, sometimes people fixate on healthcare, sometime people fixate on something like a furlough, but anything--or raises--and anything that we can do to keep reasonable increases and to not go above and beyond our dollars saved. So, as Bond Raters showed, you know, in the last couple of weeks, Los Angeles, with the reserve fund kept stable, and kept it the same rating, and we intend to do everything we can to keep that going through responsible, right away hiring freezes, proposing a balanced budget, even if we had to use it for furloughs.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But my message to anybody in any of the unions, we are more than happy to sit down. I think we need to get through these days first, that it's not appropriate time to have that when we have first responders on the line right now risking their lives, city employees that are out there trying to figure out new jobs. That's not the right time to have that stress. The furloughs will accomplish that in the same time, but I've also said I'm very hopeful that if the federal government can come through and actually make us whole too, not only can we have this expanded critical healthcare services, but we can reestablish some of the cuts that we'll have. Kind of the haircut across all city programs, and ensure that our economy stays strong by making sure people can get paid and keep their jobs. Thanks, Keeley. Next question.

OPERATOR: Thank you. And now to the line of Gabriel Huerta from Telemundo. Please go ahead.

GABRIEL HUERTA: Thank you, Mr. Garcetti.

MAYOR GARCETTI: How are you doing?

GABRIEL HUERTA: My question is, what additional actions could--did it take regarding the situation at the Union Rescue Mission? And what is in general the assessment about the Skid Row? En español la pregunta es, ¿qué medidas adicionales podría tomar la ciudad en relación al brote registrado en la Misión Union Rescue? Y en términos generales, ¿cuál es la evaluación de los contagios en el área de Skid Row? Gracias.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Gracias. And let me just say briefly in English, so I'll answer in English and then Spanish. As usual, I'll go to my Spanish remarks. I want to thank Michelle again. I was hoping she'd get some questions because she is so smart, such a great resource, and I hope folks listened. Reminder, at 6:30 on our Facebook channel on KCET, we are going to have that conversation with young people. If you're a young person or have a young person in the home or just interested in hearing the voice of young people, please do tune in. I did answer that in English, so let just go straight into Spanish about the Union Rescue Mission.

MAYOR GARCETTI: La Misión de Union Rescue fue un número de casos. Hay 55, sorry, 56 casos, y este es un refugio privado, pero tenemos los recursos del condado, del Departamento de Salud Pública, la ciudad para ayudar con las pruebas con asistencia. Desafortunadamente había tantas personas en esta facilidad durante una crisis como esta. Había 1,200 personas en este espacio. Por eso nosotros hemos trabajado con el liderazgo del refugio para reducir el número de personas, y ahora gracias a ellos, solamente hay 400 personas en el refugio.

MAYOR GARCETTI: El Departamento de Salud Pública está en el sitio con pruebas, hay una suspensión de nuevas admisiones, y también tenemos nuestras políticas para limpiar el medioambiente, y hay muchas pruebas exactas. Hay 227 pruebas, de estas, 56 fueron positivas. Las personas en esta área del refugio ahora están en una nueva área en esta misión, y estamos dando las pruebas a toda la gente ahí, no solamente personas con síntomas. Este es un ejemplo del equipo del condado y la ciudad a asistir personas en nuestras calles y en nuestros

refugios, y tengo mucho orgullo del trabajo de las personas que están en nuestras calles. Hay 2,500 interacciones con personas en las calles a examinar sus síntomas. Hay 100 personas con síntomas en las calles, y nosotros tenemos la oportunidad de dar a ellos habitaciones en hoteles, moteles, doctores y otros profesionales médicos para asistirlos. Y es mi meta con un nuevo sitio de las pruebas en Skid Row. Necesitamos tener más pruebas por los indigentes en Los Ángeles y también las personas de tercera edad que están viviendo en estas casas de personas de tercera edad.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Estas son las dos poblaciones más vulnerables, y ahora hemos dado más pruebas por persona per capital a las personas que están en los refugios y en las calles, de las personas que viven en casas, en hogares, pero necesitamos tener una estrategia con el condado, el Estado y el Gobierno Federal a dar 100 por ciento de estas pruebas a toda la gente en las calles. Gracias.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So, with that I will turn to Spanish. Thank you again to our young people. I really want to end where I started tonight, dedicating this to you, to your strength, to your leadership and to your power, and don't be afraid to talk to someone, whether it's a friend, a sibling, a parent, give voice to what you feeling. We are going to get through this together.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Muy buenas tardes a Los Ángeles. No se puede describir lo que estamos pasando en estos días, pero les quiero recordar que es válido sentir miedo. Todos estamos compartiendo el dolor, especialmente nuestros jóvenes en el condado de Los Ángeles. Pero ahora comparto los datos de hoy. Hoy hubieron 1,400 nuevos casos en el condado de Los Ángeles, llegando a un total de 15,140. En la ciudad tuvimos 680 nuevos casos, llegando a un total de 6,904. Y hoy fallecieron 46 personas más en el condado, llegando a un total trágico de 663. Y nuestros sentimientos siempre están con las familias que tienen un miembro de su familia entre estos que fallecieron. Y estamos haciendo todo lo posible para apoyar a nuestros hospitales a prevenir más muertes.

MAYOR GARCETTI: En nuestros hospitales tenemos 1,433 camas disponibles, entre ellas 232 están en las unidades de cuidados intensivos, y tenemos 1,125 respiradores disponibles. Tenemos ahora 34 sitios de prueba en la ciudad y el condado, y tenemos capacidad de hacer pruebas para 12,200 personas al día y al final del día de hoy hemos hecho pruebas a más de 86,000 personas en estos sitios y más de 100,000 en total en el condado de Los Ángeles. Estas pruebas son gratis. Por favor, visita la página coronavirus.lacity.org/testing si tienes síntomas. Es muy importante para su familia, para usted y para Los Ángeles. Y en Los Ángeles tenemos más de 60 por ciento de las pruebas en el estado de California y el condado de Los Ángeles solamente es 25 por ciento de la población. Tengo mucho orgullo especialmente por los trabajadores como los voluntarios y nuestros bomberos que están ayudándonos en estos sitios de pruebas.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Todos estamos sufriendo por esta crisis, y estamos haciendo todo lo posible para ayudarles. Mañana mis colegas en el Concejo Municipal estarán considerando avanzar una propuesta para que los trabajadores en industrias de servicio y hoteles, quienes han sido mayormente impactados por esta crisis puedan ser los primeros para obtener sus empleos de

nuevo cuando empezamos a reabrir la economía. Gracias a la Presidente del Concejo Municipal, Nury Martínez, los concejales Koretz, Mike Bonin, Curren Price, Marqueece Harris-Dawson. Todo este equipo, especialmente en nuestra comunidad, muchos latinos, inmigrantes en estas industrias, y ellos merecen sus trabajos cuando nosotros podamos reabrir la economía.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Pero también necesitamos apoyo federal. Hoy supimos que California, el estado más grande en el país, recibió el menor número de préstamos por cada 1,000 pequeñas empresas en el país. Esto no es aceptable. Esto es, para mí, una visión de discriminación contra este estado, y las pequeñas empresas deben recibir prioridad en California, en todos los estados de los Estados Unidos. Además supimos que más de 1 millón de personas fueron rechazadas de recibir sus cheques de estímulo porque están casados con inmigrantes sin número de seguro social. Esto es racismo. Esto es discriminación, y esto también o es aceptable.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Estas personas son enfermeras, médicos, trabajadores esenciales, el excluirlos a ellos es inaceptable, imperdonable, y no refleja el espíritu americano. Nuestra ciudad está colaborando también con las escuelas para ofrecer alimentación en ciertos programas de cuidado infantil y mirando como cerrar la brecha digital para que todos los jóvenes de Los Ángeles puedan seguir la educación desde la casa. El distrito escolar ofrece varios recursos en la página coronavirus.lacity.org/resources. Ayer tuve la oportunidad de hablar con unos jóvenes increíbles de nuestra ciudad. Esta conversación la pueden ver esta noche a las 6:30 en mi página de Facebook y en PBS, KCET. Todos hemos tenido que cancelar celebraciones y planes y todos estamos sintiendo tristeza y preocupación sobre esto. Datos de la línea de crisis por texto nos muestra que los americanos sienten, no solo ansiedad sobre el futuro, pero también soledad y depresión.

MAYOR GARCETTI: En estos tiempos, más de 50 por ciento de personas comunicando con la línea de crisis por texto están utilizando terapia y servicios de salud mental con mayor frecuencia. Si necesitan ayuda, hay recursos para ustedes. No duden, por favor no duden en llamar. Nuestra línea de servicios para salud mental está disponible 24 horas al día al 8008547771. Es un servicio del condado de Los Ángeles. Y para familias y estudiantes del distrito escolar de Los Ángeles pueden contactar al 213-241-3840 para hablar con un terapeuta entre 6:00 y 6:00 de lunes a viernes. Y todos pueden comunicarse con la línea de crisis por texto con enviar "HOME" al 741741.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Todos estos recursos se encuentran en la página coronavirus.lacity.org/resources. Esto no es para siempre. No se deben sentir sin esperanza. Somos una familia en Los Ángeles, y ustedes, especialmente los jóvenes, son una parte integra, no solamente de nuestro futuro, pero nuestro presente. Ustedes son joyas en nuestra ciudad, y estos recursos están aquí para ustedes. Lo que estamos haciendo está funcionando. Entonces, amigos, quédense en buena salud, quédense protegidos y quédense en casa. Mucha fuerza y mucho amor especialmente para nuestros jóvenes. Gracias.