

MAYOR GARCETTI: Good evening, Los Angeles, and thank you for joining us tonight at city hall. We have the power to make decisions that will save lives. We can stay indoors, and we should because we are safer at home. We can physically distance, and we should because it saves lives. And we must remember that these aren't just numbers that we discuss. These are people, the people that we love and that comprise this amazing city of angels. And so I thank you again for all that you are doing to gentlemen us through this together and to save lives all around us.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Every night I start by sharing data that you need. Let me jump in right away today. Here's tonight snapshot. Today we learned in Los Angeles county that there were 548 new cases of COVID-19 confirmed, bringing the total to over 3,000--3,011 to be exact. A 22 percent increase from yesterday. In the city of Los Angeles, there were 215 new cases, bringing out total to 1,386, an 18 percent increase. And additionally, and always the most difficult, there were ten additional deaths, ten deaths of people who we love and care for, who were connected to us and our families and our communities, and as always, our heart breaks for everyone who is mourning tonight.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Those deaths represent a 23 percent increase over yesterday, for differently, the number of deaths are doubling in our county every four days. As we heard from the White House today, COVID-19 could in one projection kill between 100,000 and 240,000 Americans. And that's if current physical distancing measures continue, and hopefully are adopted throughout our country uniformly. Let me put that in perspective. That 100,000 figure at the lower end is nearly twice the number of Americans who died in the Vietnam War. Across the country and our general--sorry, across the county in our general emergency hospitals, right now there are 1,382 available beds, including 222 ICU, intensive care unit beds, and an inventory of 861 available ventilators.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And these numbers with the beds represent a 23 percent reduction over just the past two days. That's woefully insufficient, and we are working with suppliers to procure additional ventilators, but the need is urgent, and we need to have more partnerships, locally and globally, to build more medically sound ventilators. And I want to thank our friends in Northern California that are fixing the ventilators that were sent to us. I spoke last night with the mayor of San Jose, Sam Liccardo, and we appreciate the good work that he, our governor are doing to make sure those are ready and available here in L.A. County.

MAYOR GARCETTI: I want you to know that your decision to stay home may mean that there's one less person who needs a ventilator we do not have, and bringing case and death numbers down won't just happen because of physical distancing and isolation, but also because of testing, which every night I update you on and we continue to grow out testing capacity. As of this afternoon, the city of Los Angeles testing program, which opened up a new site, completed 10,027 tests, including 1,623 tests alone today. And by Thursday, we'll have doubled our testing capacity and we'll administer 13,000 tests just this week alone.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And tonight, I can announce that starting tomorrow we are opening up testing to the entire county and expanding testing at two new sites. Thank you to Los Angeles

County, who stepped up with three new sites, and also our first walk-up site as well. In cooperation with county partners that are providing staffing, test kits and resources to run the new sites, and to make signing up for a test seamless. We've integrated into the same portal, so tonight as I promised folks who don't live in the city of Los Angeles, that we would make sure that testing is also available to anybody in L.A. County, because a life is a life is a life.

MAYOR GARCETTI: You can go and sign up for one of those tests in one centralized location. We have for tomorrow 3,200 test slots that are available, and there's still room for more to sign up. So I encourage you to go to [Coronavirus.lacity.org](https://coronavirus.lacity.org) and sign up to see if you're eligible to get tested. And if slots are filled for one particular day, as I mentioned last night, it'll now kick you over to the next day so we can get you in as soon as possible as we continue to grow our capacity. And I want to thank our nonprofit partners, I want to thank your corporate partners, I want to thank our government partners who are making sure that Los Angeles can get the tests that we need.

MAYOR GARCETTI: We're continuing to see a strong response to our emergency shelter program, and I want to thank members of the Los Angeles City Council, neighborhood councils, and others, including our service providers, and of course, our remarkable city employees who are stepping up together with county employees and others to make sure that all of those shelters are filled. In addition to those which are more than 95 percent filled and 13 more we are building to open just this week alone. We have 900 motel and hotel rooms at the state, homeless services authority and county partners with the city have secured for isolation and quarantine. Some of those are already being used.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And I'm grateful that FEMA and Administrator Gaynor approved the state's request for 75 percent reimbursement for all the hotels and motels that are being activated to meet the needs of this crisis. This is historic. This has never been done in a disaster before, and I'm grateful to you, at FEMA, to Washington, D.C., and that allows us to feel good about that money that we're spending as quickly as we can get those rooms to help people as quickly as the need is there without having to worry about us being bankrupt.

MAYOR GARCETTI: There's one final stat I'd like to share with you tonight. It's a number I haven't shared before. But every day thousands of Angelenos call us. Yesterday alone we answered 2,509 calls from folks seeking information on how to stay safe and healthy during this crisis. Others checking in on which city operations have not shut down. And these calls are picked up by an incredible team of 3-1-1 operators and members of my own office who have stepped up to volunteer and volunteers who have come in to supplement those teams as well.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And I want to thank those dedicated public servants for answering those tough questions allowing us to continue to focus on the tough decisions ahead and making sure that we get this city continuing to work. With that, let me turn next to some announcements that I'd like to share with you on the steps we're taking to address the city's immediate needs and to plan for weeks ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: As most of our city has stayed home or changed the way of doing business, much of our construction program has continued. Critical infrastructure projects like

homeless shelters and housing should move forward, but never at the expense of our workers' health, never at the risk of anyone's life. Since I signed the Safer At Home directive, we've heard about some construction sites that are not following those guidelines. That's why our city's Department of Building and Safety has developed new guidelines for construction sites to ensure employers and workers are safe and protecting public health and their own health.

MAYOR GARCETTI: The guidelines are posted at Ladbs.org, that's Department of Building and Safety, Ladbs.org, and it'll be up there tonight. But it requires all construction sites to develop a comprehensive COVID-19 exposure control plan, including protocols for symptom-checking, physical distancing and hygiene practices and decontamination procedures. Additionally we will send our city inspectors to visit construction sites every day to verify compliance with these safety guidelines. As we required in our Safer At Home order, workers must maintain a six-foot physical distance, and they are discouraged from sharing phones, desks, offices and tools. And every worker who is at an active site has to be trained on preventing the spread of COVID-19, including distancing, handwashing, facilities on site, and the most effective methods for disinfecting surfaces that are touched often.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And any worker who is sick, like everyone else in Los Angeles, must stay home. We will not shy about shutting down construction sites that do not comply. So comply. Continue the critical work that you are doing, but in the meantime, make sure you are keeping your people and all of us safe. As I mentioned in my first press conference on this, all of us are first responders when it comes to this virus. Not just our brave police officers and firefighters and our healthcare workers. And that includes developers, construction companies and workers, and while construction is very important to continue in this critical moment, any site that puts lives at risk will be shut down. It's as simple as that.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And as we've stated repeatedly, if any nonessential businesses continue to operate in violation of the Stay At Home order, we're going to act to enforce the Safer At Home order and ensure their compliance. One week ago I announced our business ambassadors program. This is a collection of city employees and members of my crisis response team who have stepped up to ask nonessential businesses to shut down, and where they won't, to refer them to law enforcement. As of this afternoon, our ambassadors had deployed to 540 businesses. Almost all responded as we hoped that they would, by simply complying with the emergency order and immediately shutting their doors.

MAYOR GARCETTI: LAPD has visited 144 of those locations to confirm that they were abiding by those rules. And we will keep following up, and we'll bring forward misdemeanor filings to the city attorney if necessary. So far, four have been referred. That low figure is a sign that folks are complying, that our best enforcers are not government, but one another. And we need to make sure that everybody continues to let us know where those folks are. If you've observed recurring violations of the Safer At Home order, please continue to let us know at Coronavirus.lacity.org/business-violation.

MAYOR GARCETTI: You know the old expression about snitches. Well, in this case, snitches get rewards. We want to thank you for turning folks in and making sure we are all safe. Look, I know that this is tough. I know that life feels fundamentally changed. And trust me, I have no

joy in, and the rest of our city government and county government has no joy in stopping our way of life temporarily. But we are doing that so that the deeper we abide by these rules, the quicker this can be over. And we want to make sure that nobody harms our small businesses, the backbone of our economy, or workers who keep them going, but these are not ordinary times.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Everyone has to keep making these temporary sacrifices for the common good, for each one of us, because the person we make the sacrifice for could be ourselves. Our lives depend on us each doing our part, so thank you, and I ask everybody to continue complying. Helping Angelenos in greatest need is at the heart of so much of what we do. It's at the center of our campaign to bring the generosity of philanthropists and other leaders together through the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles. And tonight I'd like to report another \$1 million contribution from an anonymous donor. You know who you are and I personally want to thank you on behalf of 4 million grateful souls here in Los Angeles.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But they are helping us in a very direct way, by allowing those Angelenos in greatest need to purchase groceries. And there's more assistance on the way to ensure people can keep putting food on their tables. We've found that the best way to dole out this aid is through preloaded gift cards, and when we set out to acquire them at scale, our friends at Ralphs, Food 4 Less and the Kroger Foundation, who are all part of the same team, and separately, our friends at Albertson's, Vons and Pavilions responded enthusiastically. And they're not only getting the cards set up, they are adding on to this anonymous contribution so that we will have a total of 1.2 million dollars in groceries for some of the neediest people in this crisis.

MAYOR GARCETTI: On top of that, I want to thank two people who have filled our lives with joy and happy moments, Rihanna and Jay-Z, who both stepped up as well with such generosity to help us out. They've already been giving through their foundations in other places like New York and the Caribbean, but this is also a place that they know and love and call home. And I want to thank you for stepping up, and I hope it inspires some other folks in the music industry and other stars and athletes to do the same. We thank everybody who's given. Now is the time that our people need you.

MAYOR GARCETTI: All of these donations go a long way to ensuring that we have healthcare, sorry, that we have childcare for our health workers, that we have meals for our seniors, and that we can ensure that people get the cash assistance that they need, things like groceries and the basics to pay the bills. It's still early on, but there is still much more we can all do, and as I say every night, give to somebody who's local, whether it's a food bank or your church or synagogue or mosque, give to the United Way, give to anywhere you can, and one place we've consolidated some of that is at the MayorsFundLA.org, and I thank you.

MAYOR GARCETTI: There's another source of help that's heading here to Los Angeles. We've talked about it in the past couple of days, but much needed relief from Washington, D.C. and it cannot come too soon. Remember, this has been a process, the first stimulus bill focused on preparedness and emergency response for FEMA. The second one was on free testing, on sick leave and unemployment insurance. And the third, the one on its way, is what I called the survival package. Support for working Americans and small businesses. But I want to keep

saying the next step has to be on the recovery. We cannot let the punch to the stomach that is COVID-19 keep us on the ground economically after this is done. I was pleased to see both the president and Speaker Pelosi both talk about the need to make infrastructure the centerpiece of what's ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Because if we've witnessed anything in the past couple of weeks, it's not that we're lacking a human infrastructure of caring and compassion, we're lacking the physical infrastructure in our health industry. We need it across our nation to rebuild and to get the stimulus into the economy that will help those who are out of work get back to work as quickly as possible. We need to reinforce our physical infrastructure from stronger waterways to power lines and broadband connections, just like the investments you have entrusted here with our public transportation, with our roads, at our airport and ports. We need to have a wider pool of medical equipment and a deeper well of medical personnel. We need investments in our ability to remain safer, healthier, stronger and more secure for the next economic or health crisis. For the next phase of our economic development and for the next era of American life.

MAYOR GARCETTI: As we rise to this moment, let us set our sights on the horizon, at that shared fixed point in front of us, that we will march towards and march to, and each one of us can say looking back in these very darkest days, that we didn't picture how bad things would be in the future, we kept our eyes affixed on the hope and the help and the light that remains ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: My friends, I know that this feels like we've been doing this for months, and for some it feels like normalcy was just yesterday. But we must keep with this. I'm so proud of Los Angeles. I'm so proud of the example that you are setting, of how you are sharing this love with one another, explaining this crisis to our children and grandchildren, and being the leaders that we need all of you to be right now.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So keep up what you've been doing, and as I always say, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay home. Strength and love, Los Angeles. And with that, I'm happy to answer some questions. First question, please.

MALE: First question, please.

OPERATOR: And we'll go to Alex Michaelson. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, Alex.

ALEX MICHAELSON: Hi, Mayor Garcetti. Thanks for taking my question. This isn't specifically a Los Angeles question, but it's the biggest story for our region right now. We just got news this afternoon about a nursing home in Yucaipa, two people dead, more than 50 people testing positive for coronavirus. It's raising a lot of concerns about nursing homes themselves. What kind of safety precautions do you advise for nursing homes, and are you looking at that as a specific issue going forward in the next few weeks?

MAYOR GARCETTI: Yes. Thank you, Alex. We've been looking at nursing homes from the beginning. When we saw, really, the first beachhead in America was in Seattle, and we saw a

landing on the shores what happened in a nursing home that had the first kind of cluster of deaths. We immediately started talking together with the county at our senior home facilities, our public health folks went out to those places and talked to people and made sure that they knew that these are essentially medical facilities without many of the medical protections that a hospital has.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Folks that didn't have personal protective equipment, and that is part of the cache that we have of those, is being shared with our senior homes. Second, that we don't have vents that protect from the spread like you would in a hospital. And so that people needed to be extra, extra careful, and as we said early on, even before the Stay At Home order, cutting off visitor access, which I know is heartbreaking for so many families who have loved ones who sometimes may be confused about what's going on.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Last week, I announced that we would start also to share our growing testing capacity with our seniors. And so I'm proud that starting yesterday we began to work with senior professionals, senior doctors who work with our elder community, getting them testing so that we can make sure that testing is going, and where we've heard in the city of L.A. of potential outbreaks, we've surged in the ability to bring tests so that people can test everybody in those facilities. We've already done that in one where that happened.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So we are continuing to focus on that. It is absolutely critical for every local government and all counties to be focused on that because this is the place as we're seeing most of the deaths that are happening still, while the cases early on are a reminder, over 50 percent under 50 years old. That said, the deaths are disproportionately, of course, are seniors. So to protect lives, to have our death rate come down, we need to make sure we are looking at seniors wherever they are, and that's a place that was brought home with that example in Yucaipa. Thanks, Alex. Next question, please.

OPERATOR: We'll go to Mary Beth McDade. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hi, Mary Beth.

MARY BETH MCDADE: Hey, hi. Nice to speak with you again this evening. Yeah, I just wanted to get your reaction on Cedars Sinai. They are going to be testing out an experimental antiviral drug, and I guess the tests are going to be getting underway shortly here. Just your reaction that right here in Southern California, that this is where the tests are going to be done, and then do you have any further input as to how they're going to be carried out?

MAYOR GARCETTI: So we have a lot of testing that's going on in California and Southern California. I would say maybe one of the biggest clusters in the world, if not the biggest cluster, not just here in the L.A. area, but in San Diego, up in the Bay Area as well, and it's very exciting that we have that capacity to not only help ourselves, but potentially help the entire world face this crisis. And we know there's a number of pharmaceutical interventions. Treatment with drugs and it's probably going to be a combination of drugs that are going to work best on the different aspects of both the symptoms, and hopefully the prevention of a virus coming in and/or expanding in someone's body. But secondly, too, to look obviously at the development of a

vaccine. So I am familiar that Cedars Sinai is doing that. They're not the only ones that are, but they're extraordinarily talented and I have deep experience with this. I've spoken with other folks, people like Sean Parker and others who are really helping lead a lot of this research.

MAYOR GARCETTI: A lot of things that you will hear in the news takes some time. Some people saying the blood tests are ready, for instance, the pinprick and you can get a drop of blood and find whether there's antibodies. I would slow down a little bit on how quickly we think those are going to come to market at scale, and they have to go through the sort of clinical trials to make sure they don't have a lot of false positives or false negatives. In the end of the day, we will slow down this virus over the length of our battle with it, which will be, all experts have said, a year or a year and a half by a combination of developing a vaccine and, of course, the medicine we can bring to bear that will help save lives.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And much of that medicine will allow people to get COVID-19 but not die from it, especially those that are the most vulnerable, and those to me are the most exciting ones, like the antivirals that are being tested at Cedars Sinai. And I know that there are a number of those studies going on up and down California with a lot of willing volunteers, and unfortunately, a lot of patients that are being tested right away. Thank you.

MARY BETH MCDADE: Thank you.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Next question.

OPERATOR: We'll go to Dakota Smith. Please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, Dakota.

DAKOTA SMITH: Good evening, Mayor. New York City Mayor, Bill DeBlasio, has said that he's concerned hospitals in that city are not getting the personal protective equipment that they need. To your knowledge, are there similar shortages of equipment, PPE Equipment, for hospital within L.A. City limits, and what role is your office and the city of L.A. playing in making sure that L.A. City hospitals are acquiring the equipment that they need?

MAYOR GARCETTI: Thank you for that question. It's been heartbreaking to see those images come out of New York where doctors and nurses and medical assistants are using page protectors and whatever they can find, Halloween masks, other things, because they've run out of what they need to stay safe. And we've seen it claim many medical professionals in New York who have become sick, and some who have even died.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Today, and we check in with the hospitals, we are making it through each day. My emergency operation center has consolidated a lot of these purchasing, and we're trying to ask the hospitals what they need moving forward. Some feel like they have good supply lines, but I have Gene Seroka, the head of our Port of Los Angeles, as a chief logistics officer now for the city of Los Angeles helping the region to buy all the PPE and/or medical equipment and other things that we need. We're also talking with local manufactures. I mentioned one last night, WET Design, but there are many others too that are doing things like

helping do the shields that doctors and nurses and others need, looking at what we can do to have nonmedical grade masks from the apparel industry, looking at what we can do to make sure that the purchasing is doing together so that we pool our resources instead of competing.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But it still is a crazy world out there where people are spending four, five times more than the usual prices for things as basic as masks. So far we've been able to help our hospitals get through where they're at, and they have been continuing to make their own purchases. The county has a cache that they have been really great with sharing not just with healthcare professionals, but remember, healthcare professionals include our firefighter, paramedics, include right now, they're not healthcare professionals, but people on the front line include our grocery workers, and we're seeing in New York many of them get sick. We have also folks that are out there right in the line in critical businesses, and we want to make sure that whether they're government workers, working in a shelter or others, that they have the PPE that they need.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So my honest answer is today was okay. Tomorrow I feel good. But if you look a few days up, we have got to nationally get ourselves ahead of this because we can't have certain parts of the country have a big cache and us having nothing. We have to make sure that we share this across all of our hospitals, so it's not just those that have and those that don't, and we're doing everything we can using the power of this city and our experience with supply chains and with shipping and with international trade, given that we're this big port city and our local manufacturers to get even more. So stand by, we'll be able to make some of those announcements of the actual production, maybe even share some footage of that on assembly lines that have never made things like this that are already getting tooled up as we speak to make even more. Thank you. Next question.

OPERATOR: We will go Ben Arascas. Please, go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, Ben.

BEN ARASCAS: Thank you, Mayor Garcetti.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Sure.

BEN ARASCAS: We just went up with a story about the first confirmed case on skid row and I was hoping you might be able to update us on the latest--

MAYOR GARCETTI: Sure.

BEN ARASCAS: --numbers for homeless individuals and homeless-- Sorry, and shelter workers. And then also do you feel like the city is prepared for an outbreak on skid row? I know it's something that advocates and public health officials are very, very worried about.

MAYOR GARCETTI: I am very worried about it too. I think that we have one case that's been confirmed that I've talked about. There's another case that I've heard of and I think you probably have in that story. I have been from the beginning of this, even when I heard about this

happening in China. We've been working since January and February on this. Great news yesterday, as I mentioned in the speech, FEMA said they will reimburse for hotel and motel rooms. We can't get those booked quickly enough. And yesterday I said to the county, "Whatever we can do to really focus a lot more of those rooms in downtown, especially near skid row, we need to be able to have the potential to quickly bring people from one part of skid row and get them into isolation quarantine if necessary and to make sure that the spread doesn't continue."

MAYOR GARCETTI: Second, I mentioned last Friday that we are going to start testing in skid row, not just skid row, but in a lot of the health clinics that do serve our homeless neighbors throughout Los Angeles. That has started and that's a good sign too, to have that capacity. Usually they would be the last in line and one of the last places to get things. I wanted to make sure that they are the front of the line too.

MAYOR GARCETTI: A third point I'd make is before while there's vulnerability out there, of course, we who were housed had Covid-19 before anybody on skid row or anybody who is homeless was confirmed to have that. So it's come from us to there but has the potential like wildfire to spread. And so I talked yesterday to the judge, we are putting up more sanitation, sorry, sanitary equipment. We've run out of anyplace to get more handwashing, but we are putting up more toilets, trying to procure them from across the country and the region to make sure that people can have more sanitary conditions and to quickly be able to take folks and isolate them when any cases do come forward positively.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But yes, short answer is I am absolutely worried, and we can't have too much help. But it was great news yesterday knowing that that would be reimbursed, so that we can spend as quickly as the county can make these arrangements with hotels and motels and we are very focused on those downtown. Thank you. Next question.

BEN ARASCAS: Thank you.

OPERATOR: We'll go to Arlene Freyer. Please, please, go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, how are you doing?

ARLENE FREYER: Thanks very much, Mayor Garcetti. We have received, and continue to receive daily calls from grocery store workers who say that they don't have gloves or masks to wear and in some cases their employers will not allow them to wear them. What, if anything, can be done to help them or to ease their concern?

MAYOR GARCETTI: So we have an ordinance that's moving forward and that I'll be assigning shortly that will help us make sure that grocery workers have that protective equipment. We've worked with groceries and many of the main companies to make sure that they had access to our personal protective equipment, masks, gloves very early on, I think, it was my first briefing we talked about that. And want to continue that flowing, but I will say to any employee, whether it's a small store or a bigger one, this is something you need to do for your employees. These are folks on the front line. We have seen what happens in New York and we are not playing. This is

something that is a requirement like all of our Stay At Home order. Anybody who continues to work, who is a critical worker, it doesn't mean that they don't have to have the protective equipment and abide by the spacing that is part of that order.

MAYOR GARCETTI: That's up to grocery stores to make sure it happens with the spacing, that's happened much better now than it did at the beginning but we see all the times still people much closer than six feet. And that training needs to happen for employees, even if it means you stand down for an hour of the shopping hours to train everybody and to ensure that they have that. I want a very clear message to all our grocery stores to ensure that's happening. If you don't have that equipment, we are happy to continue sharing what we have. And there isn't a lot of it but I do see these, you know, clerks as heroes, these folks who are stocking the shelves as heroes. They are literally keeping us alive and fed during this crisis and they deserve not to get sick. Thanks for bringing up.

ARLENE FREYER: Thank you.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Next question.

OPERATOR: Now go to Steve Gregory. Please, go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hi, Steve.

STEVE GREGORY: Hey, Mayor. Good evening. Listen, you just said a few moments ago that you said snitches get rewarded. A little over a week ago, you actually said on this very press conference that you didn't want a city of snitches and tattletales because you--when I asked you the question about holding the people accountable, is this sort of a sign now that you realize that there are a great many people out there not paying attention to the Stay At Home order? I mean--

MAYOR GARCETTI: No--

STEVE GREGORY: --the freeways are more busy now than they were last week?

MAYOR GARCETTI: No.

STEVE GREGORY: More people are gathering than I've ever seen and also I have to rapid-fire questions because we get--

MAYOR GARCETTI: No problem. Go ahead. No worries.

STEVE GREGORY: The other question was the portal that you have to sign up for medical health, we've talked to a couple of nurses today that said that they signed up the first day that they registered or that you announced it, and they--no one has contacted them. So are you getting back to all of these medical volunteers? And I'll let you answer. Thank you.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Thank you. On the second one, the state of California now has put out a medical portal too. I spoke last night to the governor's chief staff with the 13 big cities mayors in California asking for guidance of whether they wanted to integrate those together. And again, most of what we do, we are not a medical part of government, we don't have hospitals, we don't run things, we are trying to step up and help. So we have that available for hospitals. We have that available for the county to draw from and any of the facilities they have or fund and for anybody else who needs them.

MAYOR GARCETTI: We will draw from that where we see people that we need, for instance, somebody in a shelter, etcetera. But don't worry if you haven't been contacted. Not everybody is getting a call. We are keeping that and then going through and seeing, okay, we need an LVN here, we need an RN, we need a doctor over there and trying to pull those out as we need them. And we appreciate that. We're also going to be sharing that database with the state of California database which had, I think, 10,000 statewide just in the first night. So these are good consolidations and just hold tight.

MAYOR GARCETTI: I think early on I said it a little tongue-in-cheek, when I said snitches get rewards. We don't want to have folks that are snitching and putting people in jail. But we do want people to tell us where you see businesses that are open. And no, it is not a reflection that we see more slippage. We just want to tighten the screws up. We want to get, if we're at 98 percent compliance, I want to see 99 percent the next day. For 99 percent, I want to get to a 100 percent compliance because these aren't just numbers, this isn't just a game, this isn't a competition. These are lives. And each one of those incidents could cause somebody their life.

MAYOR GARCETTI: So we can't be perfect but we are sure we are going to strive for perfection. And that network of people, look, you can snitch on each other, you can tell somebody, "Hey, you shouldn't be doing that." If somebody still is doing it, let us know. And we'll get compliance, as I said, with our program. We've gotten that, you know, nine out of ten times very willingly and very immediately. Where we need to visit somebody, we'll do that and where we've had to refer folks to prosecution, like those four cases, we will do that swiftly as well. Thanks, Steve. Next question.

OPERATOR: We'll go to Rose, Rose (unintelligible) please, go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hi.

ROSE: Yes, thank you, Mayor. So the superintendent of Public Instruction is saying that the school year, well, that we are not going to go back to school this year. How prepared is the city to help LAUSD, especially kids who don't have access to online material? They are getting an anemic education. How can you help remedy the situation? And also another question from my colleague is, we're seeing a glaring number out of Melrose, one hundred cases. Is there any explanation why that number is so high? And is there any information we need to get to our viewers who've been in Melrose to help abate the problem?

MAYOR GARCETTI: Let me find out the second one. We've seen those same numbers from the county Public Health, and I am not even sure where they draw that around that, maybe kind

of a Mid City neighborhood, and it's obviously one of the densest parts of Los Angeles. So they are probably naturally many numbers that are there. Let me get back to on that, maybe I can share that with you tomorrow.

MAYOR GARCETTI: In terms of LAUSD, I know LAUSD, which has a huge budget and even more employees than the city of Los Angeles, has been working really hard on those issues. Whether it's getting new laptops and Chromebooks, which they've been handing out at the grab-and-go locations. So if you are a family that doesn't have access, you now can get not only the equipment, but they have a historic partnership with Verizon to have low-cost or even no cost Internet access. So there isn't an anemic education going on. That will sometimes take a week or two to spread the word for folks to know. But at those grab-and-go centers that's one place where that can be done.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And at Lausd.edu you can find the details of those programs, as well as for other school districts in the southland, I know that are also struggling with this. Many of us are teaching our children at home, trying to figure out how to do virtual meetings, pulling things of the Internet. But it's a good point you make but from the very beginning, I've listened very closely in LAUSD with a lot of people with a big budget, and with some great donations that have come in from pillars of our community have ensured as well as with corporate sponsors, that that will get to as many children as they can reach and hopefully all children because you shouldn't stop learning just because you're staying at home.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And we look for the working with them. One of the things we talked about doing is making those links as easy as possible. In future weeks I think we'll start sharing, not just staying at home, but living at home, learning at home, working from home, staying healthy at home. So look forward to those and we are going to continue working with LAUSD to develop that and other educators as well. Thanks for both questions. Next question, please.

OPERATOR: We'll go to Claudia Peschiutta. Please, go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hi, Claudia. We'll get the name right one night.

CLAUDIA PESCHIUTTA: Hi, Eric. We were expecting an update on a number of positive cases in LAPD and LAFD (unintelligible). Do you have those numbers? And then wanted to ask if you foresee a situation where people might be forcibly removed from the streets of Los Angeles, again, how would that play out? How bad would things have to get for something like that to happen?

MAYOR GARCETTI: So you're talking about folks that are unhoused, that are homeless? On that, I am going to assume that you are talking about that in the second question. So no, I mean, initially we have right now many more people on the streets than we have beds, and whether that's in a shelter or the hotels and motels. If something does get bad in a area, I will take the advice of Public Health, and if Public Health says that it's best to move people, but the guidance has been from CDC is it is better to space and to take cases of positives away someplace where they can be isolated and quarantined. In the rare cases where somebody might clearly be spreading and refusing to move and interacting with people, whether they're housed or unhoused,

that of course is a danger to anyone. So whether that's somebody who'd be running through a grocery store saying, "I'm COVID-19, a positive," or whether it's on the street with somebody who is unhoused, I think we treat those equally.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But the guidance has been for spacing on the street for as many shelter and now isolation beds through the hotel and motel area, but we will have to see where those kind of pockets are and what the guidance is from Public Health. It's been a changing of little bit from CDC from the beginning to the middle section of this. They know give advice for how to run a shelter well and also not to move people if there isn't a bed available for them. So I'm focused on the capacity of the beds, really continuing to push to get as many state, federal and county resources. County is doing a miraculous job of signing those leases as fast as possible. We're helping them, councilmembers and hotel owners and others are bringing us more rooms all the time.

MAYOR GARCETTI: But that is something that we can only talk about when there are beds available more than the people that are there. In the meantime, we'll continue making that education, that testing on the street and helping people space. The first question was the number of LAPD/LAFD. I don't have that offhand but, Claudia, we will follow with you. My gut is it's less than two dozen between LAPD and LAFD. LAPD might be a little bit higher now. But I know it was low, low double digits for our fire department and probably now just given a bigger department, it might be a couple of dozen LAPD officers. But I'll get you those numbers tonight. Next question, please.

OPERATOR: And our last question in English comes from Elizabeth Chu, please go ahead.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Hey, Liz. Go ahead, Liz.

LIZ CHU: Hi, Mayor, I was wondering if you have the number for how many tests have been administered among the homeless population. And also if you don't have the number, how many tests you plan to administer next week? And, also I guess I think that's all the questions I have now.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Okay. We don't have the numbers yet because we just started yesterday. I'll try to get those for you, but initially we offer to our healthcare partners that already have clinics on skid row, clinics in the community and others the test. I don't know how many of them they've been actually done. We have the capacity to give them over 1,000 a day potentially through the UPS partnership that we have and maybe in future weeks up to 2,000 a day, though those tests are being shared also with those doctors I mentioned who work with seniors. So I hope by the end of this week we will have had certainly hundreds done, if not into the four digits. But I'll get a report back from probably in about two or three days from each of those providers about how many they have done and how many we get.

MAYOR GARCETTI: And if we get any initial numbers from the first day, I'll see if we get those to you tonight. Okay? Thank you. I think that was the last English question, correct? Is it one more? Okay. So I will switch to Spanish now. Thank you all so much.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Buenas tardes, Los Ángeles. Hoy tenemos el poder de tomar las decisiones que salvarán vidas mañana. Sé que con quedarnos en casa y mantener la sana distancia, podemos reducir la propagación del coronavirus, y gracias por su trabajo en éste. Hoy en el Condado de Los Ángeles hubieron 548 nuevos casos, ahora tenemos 3,011 casos total en nuestro condado. En la ciudad de Los Ángeles hubieron 215 nuevos casos y tenemos ahora 1,386 total. Además, fallecieron 10 personas más. En total han fallecido 54 personas en el condado de Los Ángeles. Lo siento mucho por las familias que han perdido un miembro de la familia.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Nuestros hospitales ya están viendo el aumento de pacientes, solamente tenemos 1,382 camas de hospital y 861 respiradores disponibles en el condado. Esto no es suficiente y estamos colaborando con proveedores para comprar más. El administrar más pruebas de detección también nos ayudará a aplanar la curva. Hasta hoy, la ciudad de Los Ángeles ha completado más de 10,000 pruebas, y para el jueves habremos administrado 13,000 pruebas esta semana. Empezando mañana, estaremos abriendo el acceso para pruebas al condado entero en dos sitios nuevos en colaboración con el condado. Tenemos 3,200 citas para mañana y todavía se pueden registrar, visita la página [coronavirus.LAcity.org](https://coronavirus.lacity.org) para ver si eres elegible para una prueba.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Continuamos a ver una respuesta muy positiva a nuestro programa de Alojamiento para Personas sin Hogar. FEMA y el Administrador Gaynor aprobaron la solicitud del estado para reembolsar el 75% para todos los hoteles y moteles que se están activando para esta crisis, gracias, Administrador. Y vemos que la gente quiere informarse, cada día personal de nuestro equipo 311 y de mi oficina contestan miles de llamadas de Angelenos. Ayer contestamos 2,509 llamadas de personas preguntando cómo mantenerse seguros durante esta crisis. Estoy agradecido a los funcionarios públicos quienes toman estas llamadas.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Y mientras trabajamos para ayudar a todos hoy, también estamos preparando para el futuro. Por eso muchas de las obras en construcción han continuado a operar porque proyectos críticos como refugios para personas sin hogar y vivienda deben seguir avanzando. Pero nunca al costo de la salud de nuestros trabajadores. Sin embargo, hemos oído que varias obras no han cumplido con la orden de sana distancia, por eso le he pedido al departamento de Construcción y Seguridad que tengan inspectores verificando cumplimiento en varios sitios en la ciudad.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Estos inspectores estarán buscando prácticas específicas que son esenciales para proteger la salud pública y asegurar cumplimiento con la ley incluyendo lo siguiente: que todas las empresas de construcción tengan un plan que incluye monitoreo de síntomas, sana distancia y prácticas de higiene y procesos para descontaminación. Y todas obras en construcción deben tener un supervisor para asegurar cumplimiento con estas prácticas. Trabajadores deben mantener seis pies de distancia entre ellos, y no deben compartir teléfonos, escritorios, oficinas ni herramientas.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Cada trabajador debe recibir entrenamiento sobre cómo prevenir el contagio del COVID-19 y cada trabajador, quien está enfermo, tiene que quedarse en casa. Y si hay alguna obra de construcción que no cumple con estas reglas, la vamos a cerrar. Y seguimos

el trabajo de monitorear el cumplimiento de todos los servicios no esenciales. Desde que lanzamos el programa Embajadores de Empresas la semana pasada, han visitado 540 empresas para informarles sobre la orden, y la policía ha visitado 144 sitios para asegurar que están cumpliendo con las reglas. Si has visto una empresa que no está cumpliendo con la orden de cerrar, déjanos saber en la página web coronavirus.LAcity.org/businessviolation o llama a 311.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Seguimos recibiendo donaciones muy generosas. Hoy recibimos un millón de dólares de alguien anónimo para apoyar a familias de bajos recursos con dinero para comprar comida. Estamos trabajando con los supermercados Ralph's, Food 4 Less y Fundación Kroger juntos con Albertson's, Vons y Pavilions para usar estos fondos en tarjetas de regalo. En total, estaremos donando 1.2 millones de dólares con este esfuerzo. Y gracias a Rihanna y Jay-Z por sus donaciones al Mayor's Fund. Estas donaciones salvan vidas, si pueden donar, por favor visiten la página web mayorsfundla.org. Muchas gracias a todos por su valor, por su trabajo, por su visión y su amor. Quédense protegidos, quédense en buena salud, quédense en casa. ¡Fortaleza y amor, Los Ángeles! Gracias, ¿hay preguntas? I'll take questions.

OPERATOR: And our only Spanish question will go to the line of León Krauze, sorry, with Univision, please go ahead.

LEÓN KRAUZE: Alcalde Garcetti, (unintelligible) a escucharlo. Ya estamos listos para la pregunta. Mr. Mayor, today we learned the worrying outbreaks of the virus in nursing homes, the elderly are particularly vulnerable to the disease. What is your government doing to protect the elderly? Hoy nos enteramos de brotes del virus en casas de cuidado de personas de la tercera edad que son particularmente vulnerables a la enfermedad. ¿Qué acciones están tomando su gobierno para cuidar de los adultos mayores, Alcalde?

MAYOR GARCETTI: Gracias, las personas de tercera edad tienen un papel muy importante en esta lucha contra coronavirus, específicamente necesitamos tener un programa en los hogares de las personas de tercera edad. Esta semana tenemos planes con doctores de personas de tercera edad y estos hogares a traer más pruebas de detección, miles esta semana con el programa con UPS y también con un laboratorio específicamente para esas personas. Nosotros hemos visto en Yucaipa, en Seattle, las tragedias con personas que están viviendo en estos hogares y ellos son los más vulnerables de muriendo.

MAYOR GARCETTI: Y es muy importante para mí tener estas pruebas y también gracias al Departamento de Salud Pública, los trabajadores en el condado están visitando a cada de estos hogares. En general, también es muy importante para nuestros ancianos, personas de tercera edad, quedarse en casa porque las estadísticas de muertes, la mayoría de los muertos en Los Ángeles, en el condado, son personas que tienen más de 65 años. Ellos son vulnerables, ellos son los más críticos en esta lucha y el rato de morir es un resultado de la ayuda para ellos. Gracias por la pregunta. ¿Próxima? The next question? Oh, no más, it says. Gracias, León, gracias a todos y esperamos que mañana nosotros podemos traer más información no solamente en la lucha contra coronavirus, pero las acciones que ustedes pueden tomar para finalmente parar el contagio de éste. Muchísimas gracias. Thank you, Los Angeles again and we'll see you tomorrow night.