SPA 8 Regional Health Office

LA County DPH Monthly Newsletter

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month



Every year in May, we celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental Health Awareness Month was established in the United States in 1949 to promote awareness of mental health and highlight how mental health factors can impact an individual's overall well-being. Annually in May, this month aims to reduce stigma, enhance education on mental health issues, and encourage individuals to seek treatment when necessary. This month, take the opportunity to check in with yourself and your loved ones to prioritize mental health and well-being.

If you or someone you know is interested in free or low cost mental health services, you can visit the LA County Department of Mental Health website here: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/ or call the Help Line at (800) 854-7771. For mental health emergencies, please call 988.

May Observances



Women's Health Month

The goal of Women's Health Month is to empower women to make their health a priority and help women understand what steps they can take to improve their health.

This includes seeking medical help when you need it, but it also involves engaging in preventive care to keep you healthy, like scheduling checkups, examinations, vaccinations, living a healthy lifestyle, and more.

Women's Health Month also acts as an opportunity to educate women on the most common risks to their health, the symptoms, the warning

signs, and when they should seek medical attention, so they know when something is out of the ordinary.

For more information on some common health concerns for women, please visit the Los Angeles County Office of Women's Health website here: https://tinyurl.com/5yzyzt6t.

National Nurses' Month

National Nurses Month is an annual observance in the United States that celebrates the significant contributions that nurses make to the healthcare industry. It is a time to recognize and appreciate the dedication, hard work, and sacrifices that nurses make every day to provide high-quality patient care.

SPA 7 would like to take this time to recognize all of the amazing nursing staff that keep the Whittier Health Center running. You are appreciated!



National High Blood Pressure Education Month MAY High

High Blood Pressure Awareness Month

High blood pressure—or hypertension—is a major risk factor for heart disease. Half of Americans have high blood pressure, and many don't know they have it. It's important to know your numbers and work with a health care professional to control levels and manage risks.

High blood pressure can be found in all age groups and usually has no symptoms. However, lifestyle choices, such as healthy diet, regular exercise, refraining from smoking, and "knowing your numbers" can help manage your risks and help with high blood pressure control.

To learn how to monitor your blood pressure at home, please click

here: https://tinyurl.com/st7suzs9.

To request an educational high blood pressure presentation in SPA 7, please use this

form: https://tinyurl.com/bdfmatb9

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI Heritage Month) is an annual celebration that recognizes the historical and cultural contributions of individuals and groups of Asian and Pacific Islander descent to the United States. The AAPI umbrella term includes cultures from the entire Asian continent—including East, Southeast and South Asia—and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia.



To read more about AAPI Heritage Month, please click here:https://tinyurl.com/yefebp5j



Physical Fitness and Sports Month

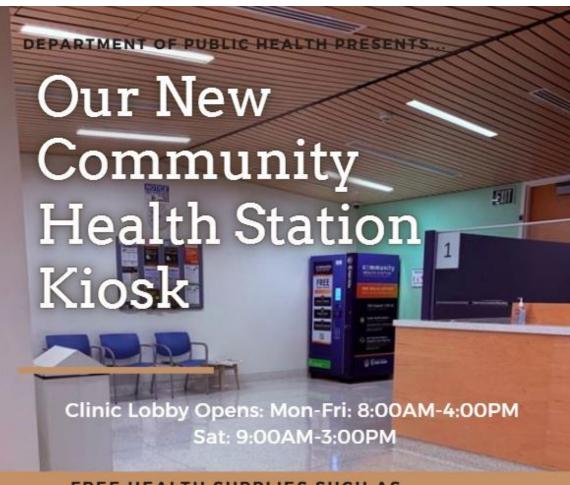
During the month of May, National Physical Fitness & Sports Month provides an opportunity to celebrate and promote physical activity and the benefits of sports participation.

Physical activity is key to maintaining health and wellbeing. Getting active can improve fitness and reduce stress, reduce risk for many chronic diseases, and ease symptoms of anxiety and depression. Youth sports can

help kids and teens get active and develop leadership, time management, and relationship-building skills.

The Whittier Wellness Community offers various physical activity and nutrition workshops monthly. To see a calendar of events, please click here: https://tinyurl.com/bdeksh6u

New Community Health Station Kiosk



FREE HEALTH SUPPLIES SUCH AS:

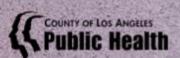
- MALE AND FEMALE CONDOMS
- COVID- 19 TESTS
- FREE FENTANYL TEST KIT
- NARCAN NALOXONE NASAL SPRAY

MORE EVENTS/FLYERS/RESOURCES ARE AVAIVIBLE BY THE KIOSK

Located in the Curtis Tucker Center for the Public Health lobby. 123 W Manchester Blvd, Inglewood, CA 90301







Resource Navigator



California Community Reinvestment Grants Program (CalCRG) is funded by Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-BiZ)







Free Gun Locks





In 2024, OVP is committed to distributing more than 60,000 cable gun locks – free of charge and no questions asked – across Los Angeles County. This unprecedented effort is designed to keep children safe from firearms, limit the possibility that a person intent on harming themselves or others can quickly secure a loaded, unlocked weapon, and guard against the theft of guns. To secure a lock from OVP, please fill out this form (limit of two locks per person): https://tinyurl.com/5n8tvddz

Free gun locks are also available at these Los Angeles County Medical Centers. To view all locations, please click here: https://tinyurl.com/mtkrk3m2

Community Public Health Teams

Community Public Health Teams (CPHT) is a project that brings together community-based organizations, health care partners, and Public Health staff. These teams work at the household level, conducting home visits to gather health needs and connect people to care and also works at the community level, inviting people to participate in creating community action plans.

This is a new approach to public health and health care in LA County.

Public Health is investing public health infrastructure dollars to implement this pilot project for five years, beginning August 2023. The goal is to build long-term relationships with households, empower communities to define the health priorities that matter to them, and demonstrate that this new way of engagement can support better health outcomes.

To learn more about the CPHT project and find a CPHT near you use the link: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/pie/CommEngage/cpht.htm.

DPH Resources



Los Angeles County Public Health InfoLine

The Los Angeles County Public Health InfoLine's goal is to expand the scope of resources Public Health can provide over the phone, strengthen community trust by having a live person to talk to, and a vital line of communication in case of future public health emergencies. All calls from the community are answered by health education assistants. Here are some of the topics the InfoLine can cover:

- COVID-19
- Mpox
- Insurance/Coverage
- Domestic Violence
- HIV & STDs/STIs
- Vaccinations
- Women's Health
- Nutrition
- Oral Health
- And much more!

Immunization Coalition of LA County

The Immunization Coalition of Los Angeles County is a diverse, grassroots, community-based partnership of Los Angeles County hospitals, schools, clinics, health department programs, pharmacies, health plans, vaccine companies, and non-profit organizations with a mission to work together to improve access to the medically recommended immunizations for adults and adolescents, especially among groups at highest risk for vaccine preventable diseases in Los Angeles County.

If you are interested in getting vaccinated, looking for vaccination records, or reading up on the latest ICLAC news, please visit this website: https://immunizelac.org/



Need a Presentation on the COVID-19 Vaccine, Hands Only CPR, or other Health Topics?



The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health offers an array of presentations, including COVID-19, COVID-19 vaccines, and Monkeypox. If you would like to schedule a presentation for your organization, click this link: http://tinyurl.com/562dad3e.

Angelenos in Action

Join Angelenos in Action, a voluntary public health survey that takes less than 1-minute each week and helps us monitor respiratory illness throughout LA County.

Here's how it works:

- 1. Text "@PROTECT" to (833) 228-3056 to volunteer for our survey or sign up online using this link: http://tinyurl.com/ys6se6we.
- 2. Answer 5 quick questions to sign up.
- 3. You will be randomized to receive surveys one day a week.
- 4. Every week on that day, the LA County Department of Public Health will text or email you one YES/NO question to ask how you're feeling.
- 5. If you feel unwell, you will be asked two more YES/NO questions about symptoms of respiratory illness.

All data is kept completely private. To read more about Angelenos in Action, please click http://tinyurl.com/bdhjuyje.



Office of Violence Prevention - GVRO's



A Gun Violence Restraining Order, or GVRO, is a law that was approved by the State of California in 2016. The GVRO allows family members, household members, some employers, colleagues, teachers, and law enforcement to take action to prevent a person who poses a significant risk of harming themselves or others from having or purchasing a

gun, ammunition, or magazine for a specified length of time, between 21 days and five years. To find out more on who can request one, and how to request one, please click this link: http://tinyurl.com/y3hfb575.

Free Naloxone Clinics

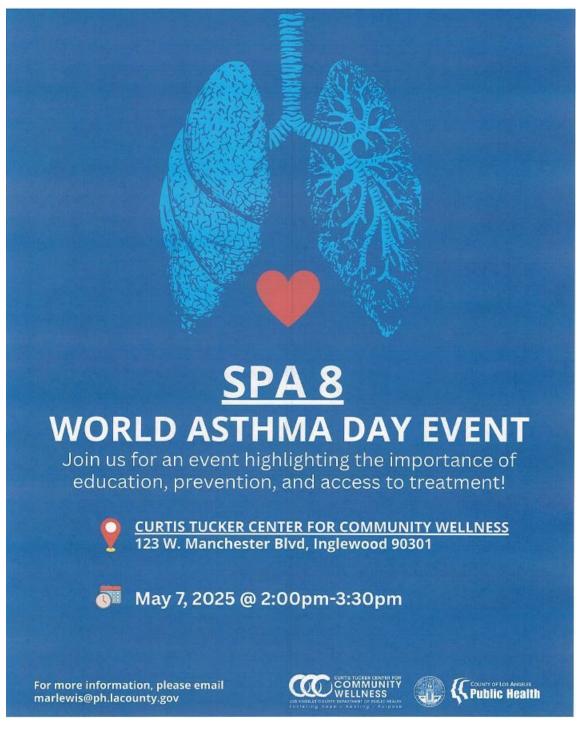
A number of Los Angeles County public libraries are hosting FREE Naloxone Clinics. Naloxone is a lifesaving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

No identification or proof of insurance is required. To find the clinic closest to you, please visit this website: http://tinyurl.com/y5z2edu3

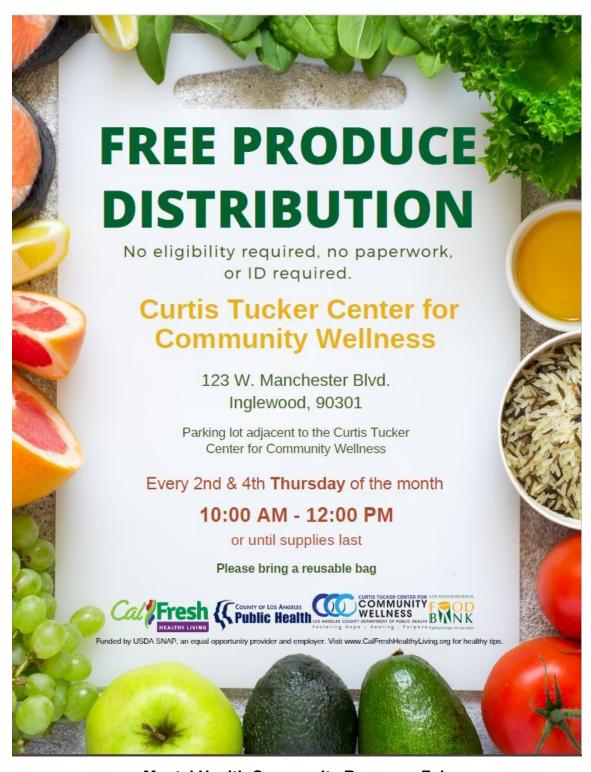


SPA 8 Resources and Upcoming Events

World Asthma Day



Free Food Distribution and Produce Distribution



Mental Health Community Resource Fair



Mental Health Awareness Month Community Resource Fair



Date: Friday, May 16, 2025

Time: 12 PM- 2 PM

<u>Location:</u> Curtis Tucker Center

for Community Wellness

(123 W. Manchester Blvd. Inglewood, CA 90301)

FREE Event Open to the Public. FREE Meal (First come, First Serve)

Health Neighborhoods bring together health, mental health, public health, and substance use disorder providers to collaborate, integrate, and streamline services in Service Planning Area 8. FREE mental health resources and various resources from SPA 8 community organizations will be available.



Scan the QR code to RSVP or visit:

https://SPA8HealthNeighborhoodMay2025.eventbrite.com

For more info contact:

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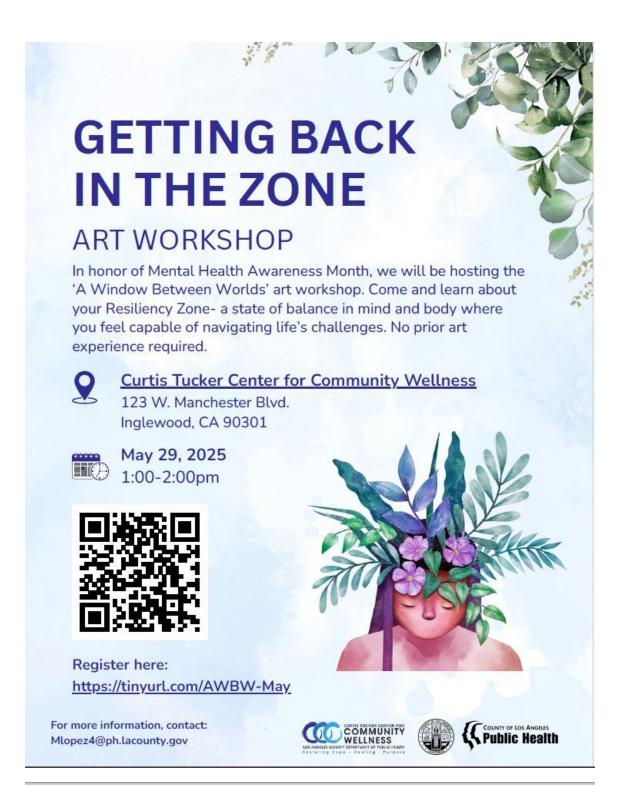








Art Workshop



Free Outdoor Wi-Fi and Hotspots at Select LA County Libraries



The Los Angeles County Library is now offering free outdoor Wi-Fi, and portable hotspots at several of participating libraries. Visit one of our participating locations and use your device to get connected or take home a portable hotspot for up to 6 weeks!

For free outdoor Wi-Fi, click this link to find participating locations: http://tinyurl.com/2s47amy.

For a portable hotspot, click this link to find participating locations: https://tinyurl.com/2k5edcbm.

Free CPR Classes

The Critical Care Training Center is offering CPR classes. If you're interested in earning a CPR certification, please click this link to find the classes closest to you: http://tinyurl.com/mrxpj9t5. All classes are free and are offered in English and Spanish.



CommUNITY Wellness is a community-based program for children and their parents. The goal of this program is to reduce the risk of childhood obesity by focusing on healthy habits related to eating, physical activity, sleep, and emotional wellbeing. This program is for both parents and children 6-12 years of age. Programming is every Wednesday from 4:30-6:30pm.



For more information, please call 213-438-5570 or email info@gasolfoundation.org

Vaccinate L.A. Newsletter



Sign up for the COVID-19 Vaccine Newsletter to stay updated on COVID-19 related facts. Visit <u>VaccinateLACounty.com</u> to learn more about:

- In Home Vaccines
- Vaccine Schedule
- Vaccine Data
- Vaccine Records
- Vaccine Facts English | Español
- Vaccine Side Effects English | Español

Useful Links and Resources

iPrevail Online Mental Health Resource

COVID-19 Post-Surge Dashboard

COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Dashboard

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

COVID-19 Vaccination Records

COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard

COVID-19 Testing

Flu Vaccines

Free Tax Preparation Services

Free Snack Program

Get Ahead LA Financial Resources

Headspace: Free Mindfulness App

LA County America's Job Center of California

LA County's COVID-19 Tenant Protections Resolution

LA County's Office of Immigrant Affairs

LA County's Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response Program

LA County Youth Suicide Prevention Project

LA Department of Water & Power Bill Credit

LA Public Health Podcast

Laptop and Hotspot Loans from LA County Libraries

Masks - Free N-95

Mental Health Support (800) 854-7771 or text "LA" to 741741)

Metro LIFE Program

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Opportunity LA: Child Savings Account for LAUSD Students

Request a Mobile Vaccination Team

Report a violation (888) 700-9995, Monday – Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM

SoCalGas Assistance Fund

Southern California Edison Assistance

For additional resources, please dial 2-1-1

For more information on COVID-19, please visit our website

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