

- 85 international locations have reported confirmed cases
- A pandemic will eventually be declared
- Current health risk for US is low
- 160 confirmed cases in US
- 12 new cases in LA County this week
- 13 cases in LA County
 - 2 infected by traveler at job site
 - 3 infected by family member who was infected
 - 8 infected while traveling in Northern Italy
- On Wednesday, March 4th, COVID-19 was declared a local public health emergency
- As of March 5th, Lab Corp can do testing in their labs. Expecting Quest Diagnostics to be ready to perform testing by March 9th.
- Tests are only available to those clinically recommended
- Each suspect case can require multiple tests
- Local and public health staff can decide if someone should be tested
- Specimens (nasal and oral swab and sometimes serology) are obtained at medical facilities only and sent to test labs (County, Lab Corp, and Quest Diagnostics)
- Not recommending suspending public events including LA Marathon
- No social distancing recommended at this time
- Individual risk remains low in LA County
- LA County Department of Public Health: 1-877-777-5799 is a call center open M-F 8-5. This is not for public distribution. Public should call 211
- No vaccine yet – 12 to 18 months projection
- If we ID positive case at our facility, they will work with us and identify who was in close contact with that person.
- Doing Radio interviews on KFI, KNX, and KPPC