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Coronavirus timeline

2020

- Jan. 21:** First confirmed U.S. COVID-19 case
- Jan. 25:** First Orange County COVID-19 case
- Feb. 5:** Anaheim begins sharing coronavirus information, no cases reported
- March 2:** Natural Products Expo West 2020 postpones show scheduled for March 4-7
- March 4:** Anaheim.net/coronavirus launched
- March 10:** 2020 Big West Tournament announced it will play without fans at Honda Center
- March 11:** California issues **public gatherings policy**
- March 12:** MLB suspends spring training and postpones opening day by two weeks
NHL pauses season
Honda Center postpones events
Anaheim Convention Center postpones events
2020 Big West Tournament cancels games at Honda Center
WonderCon Anaheim 2020 postponed show scheduled for April 10-12
Disneyland Resort announces pending theme park closures
- March 13:** Anaheim senior centers and gymnasiums close
City National Grove of Anaheim postpones events
Natural Products announces it won't reschedule in Anaheim for 2020
- March 14:** Disneyland closed
Community centers and family resource centers close, Mobile Library and recreation programs suspended
- March 15:** California calls for closure of bars, breweries; restaurants to limit occupancy, implement social distancing; seniors to stay home; potential use of hotels and motels to house homeless



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- March 16:** Anaheim declares local emergency
Anaheim City Hall closes to public
Anaheim library branches close to public
Anaheim schools close
Downtown Disney closes
- March 17:** Outdoor sports leagues suspended
- March 18:** Anaheim relaxes parking enforcement
Anaheim West Tower closes to public
- March 19:** California issues **stay-at-home order** with essential exceptions
- March 20:** Golf courses close
Park features close, includes playgrounds, exercise stations, picnic shelters, sport courts, dog parks and skate parks
- March 23:** VidCon cancels Anaheim show for scheduled for June 17-20
- March 24:** Anaheim passes emergency eviction moratorium
Anaheim closes Walnut Canyon Reservoir Trail
- March 24:** Orange County records first death from COVID-19
- March 26:** Anaheim adopts Anaheim emergency economic recovery plan
Anaheim shares that 16 of Orange County's 187 cases are from city
- March 27:** OC Health officially starts sharing cases by city, Anaheim at 28 cases
- March 31:** First Anaheim death reported
- April 3:** First three homeless individuals stay at motel
- April 8:** Anaheim surpasses 100 cases
- April 9:** Anaheim joins Orange County in strongly recommending people wear masks or face coverings at essential jobs and on essential outings
- April 10:** Anaheim opens 49 beds to homeless women at Salvation Army thrift store
Anaheim surpasses 11 percent of OC cases



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- April 16:** First set of ACF Rapid Response Grants awarded: 18 nonprofits totaling \$1.1 million
- April 17:** WonderCon Anaheim cancels for 2020, plans March 2021 return
- April 18:** California starts listing cases at skilled nursing homes; Anaheim Healthcare Center listed at 15 patient cases
- April 18:** Anaheim surpasses 12 percent of OC cases
- April 19:** Anaheim surpasses 200 cases
- April 24:** County of Orange requires essential workers to wear face coverings
- April 26:** Anaheim hits daily new case high of 20, topping 18 on April 25, April 18
- May 4:** Orange County surpasses 40,000 tests
- May 5:** City gives additional \$1 million to nonprofits, \$3 million in rental assistance under Anaheim Community and Economic Recovery Program
- May 7:** Orange County surpasses 3,000 cases
- May 8:** California begins **transition into stage 2** with reopening of retailers for curbside pickup as well as manufacturers, warehouses and logistics supporting retailers
- May 9:** Anaheim golf courses reopen
- May 12:** As part of stage 2, California allows reopening of offices where telecommuting is unavailable, childcare, car washes, pet groomers, landscapers, outdoor museums
- May 18:** California provides eased criteria for counties to advance further into stage 2
- May 20:** Anaheim pandemic unemployment peaks at 28,800 people, 17.4 percent, topping Great Recession high of 12 percent
- May 21:** County of Orange submits variance application to state to move forward in California's four-phased reopening plan
- May 21:** Walnut Canyon Reservoir trail reopens



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- May 21-22:** Anaheim accepts applications for Small-Business Microloan Program
- May 22:** Anaheim's three dog parks reopening with social distancing guidance
- May 23:** County of Orange receives **state approval of variance application** to move forward in California's four-phased reopening plan
- May 23:** Anaheim and all of Orange County **enter the second phase of stage 2** with limited in-restaurant dining and in-store shopping with social distancing, in accordance with state guidelines
- May 23:** Orange County Health Care Agency **requires face coverings** while out in public and for workers when they are within six feet of others
- May 24:** Orange County Health Care Agency **surpasses 100,000 tests** completed
- May 25:** Anaheim and all of Orange County enter late stage 2, transitioning to stage 3, with reopening of barbers and salons
- May 26:** Anaheim skateparks reopen
- May 26:** OC Health begins reporting estimate of recovered cases, calculated by taking the difference between the prior 28-day cumulative case count and current number of deaths.
- May 26:** Anaheim surpasses 1,000 cases of Covid-19
- June 1:** Temporary homeless shelter for women at Salvation Army Thrift Store closes as Anaheim Emergency Shelter expansion opens
- June 1:** Warnings for street sweeper parking tickets begin
- June 1-5:** Anaheim accepts applications for Emergency Rental Assistance Program
- June 5:** Anaheim selects recipients of Small-Business Microloan Program via lottery
- June 8:** State releases new guidelines for stage 3 businesses to open as early as June 12, including movie theaters, gyms and fitness centers, outdoor recreation, day camps, wineries and bars, sports without fans, film, TV and music production, hotels and other lodging for travel



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- June 8:** OC Chief Health Officer Nichole Quick resigns
- June 8:** Health Care Agency Director Clayton Chau instated as interim OC Chief Health Officer
- June 10:** Disney announces reopening of parks on July 17, Downtown Disney July 9, hotels on July 23
- June 12:** Anaheim and all of Orange County move into the first phase of stage 3 of the state's reopening plan
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- June 12:** Reopening of movie theaters, breweries, wine bars, bars, family entertainment centers, gyms, hotels for leisure and business travel, others
- June 12:** Youth sports practice, adult softball allowed to resume, basketball courts, sports fields reopen at Anaheim parks
- June 15:** Anaheim City Hall begins gradual reopening
- June 15:** Citations for street sweeping resume
- June 18:** California issue face coverings guidance
- June 19:** Nail salons, tattoo parlors, massage and other personal services can reopen
- June 19:** Pearson Park Pool opens for swim team practice
- June 22:** Anaheim West Tower begins gradual reopening with Anaheim Public Utilities customer service and Anaheim cashier office
- June 24:** Disneyland Resort delays reopening of theme parks and hotels amid rising cases and pause in reopening guidance by state of California
- June 26:** Orange County starts reporting cases and deaths by ZIP code
- June 29:** Orange County placed on California monitoring list for counties with rising cases and hospitalization



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- June 30:** Anaheim city manager adopts citywide face covering requirement based on California guidance issued on June 18, 2020
- July 1:** California requires closure of: bars, breweries, pubs and winebars that do not offer food from onsite kitchens; indoor restaurant dining; movie theaters; indoor operations of family entertainment centers; indoor museums and galleries; zoos, card rooms
- July 2:** Orange County requires bars, breweries, pubs and winebars that do not offer food from onsite kitchens to close
- July 4:** Anaheim skate parks reclose per state directive
- July 5:** Anaheim passes 3,000 cumulative cases
- July 5:** Angels announce modified season to begin July 24
- July 8:** County orders youth sports to postpone after approving them to resume June 12
- July 9:** Downtown Disney District reopens with modified hours and operations
- July 11:** Pearson Park Pool opens for swim lessons
- July 11:** Anaheim surpasses 4,000 cumulative cases
- July 13:** California closes indoor activities for gyms, places of worship, barbershops, hair salons, personal care services like nail salons, shopping malls and non-essential offices
- July 14:** Announcement of Anaheim Convention Center drive-thru testing site by county of Orange, Anaheim
- July 14:** Anaheim surpasses 100 deaths
- July 15:** Testing begins at Anaheim Convention Center
- July 15:** Neighborhood testing begins at Anaheim, Katella and Magnolia high schools, with St. Anthony Claret Catholic Church added in August



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- July 16:** AUHSD and AESD vote to begin 2020-2021 school year through distance learning
- July 17:** State of California calls for schools in watchlist counties to begin 2020-2021 school year through distance learning
- July 19:** Anaheim surpasses 5,000 cumulative cases
- July 20:** Neighborhood testing begins at Katella High School
- July 20:** State of California issues guidance to allow barbers and hair salons, nail salons and select other personal services to provide services outdoors
- July 20:** Orange County surpasses 30,000 cases, becomes second in the state behind Los Angeles County
- July 24:** Neighborhood testing begins at Magnolia High School
- July 28:** Angels hold home opener without fans at Angel Stadium of Anaheim for delayed, 60-game season after starting modified season in Oakland on July 24
- July 29:** Anaheim surpasses 6,000 cases, Orange County processes more than 400,000 PCR tests
- Aug. 3:** California issues guidelines for outdoor sports practices, conditioning and camps, but no games or tournaments, clearing the way for them to resume again in Orange County after July 12 closure
- Aug. 10:** Orange County surpasses 40,000 cumulative cases
- Aug. 11:** Anaheim surpasses 7,000 cumulative cases
- Aug. 11:** Anaheim surpasses 200 cumulative deaths
- Aug. 19:** Orange County falls under criteria for getting off state monitoring list for first day; must remain below for three days to come off the list
- Aug. 20:** Anaheim sees 15 percent unemployment for July, surpassing 12 percent peak of Great Recession
- Aug. 23:** Orange County removed from state monitoring list; must remain off for next 14 days before seeing any changes



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- Aug. 25:** Anaheim surpasses 8,000 cumulative cases
- Aug. 28:** State announces new color-coded, tiered framework for reopening
- Aug. 28:** Hair salons and shopping malls allowed to open with limited capacity indoors
- Aug. 31:** Tiered, color coded framework goes into effect; Orange County in purple Tier 1, most restrictive
- Sept. 2:** Orange County surpasses 1,000 deaths
- Sept. 8:** Orange County exits purple Tier 1, enters red Tier 2 allowing indoor dining, gyms and fitness, nail salons, movie theaters, places of worship and indoor shopping centers with occupancy limitations
- Sept. 9:** Orange County surpasses 50,000 cumulative cases
- Sept. 14:** Anaheim calls on Gov. Newsom to provide guidance for theme parks, as well as for Anaheim Convention Center.
- Sept. 20:** Santa Ana surpasses 10,000 cumulative cases.
- Sept. 22:** OC meets criteria to move to orange Tier 2.
- Sept. 25:** Anaheim surpasses 9,000 cumulative cases
- Sept. 29:** OC assessed for move to orange Tier 3; does not qualify based on prior two weeks of data
- Sept. 30:** Applications open for second round of Emergency Rental Assistance Program
- Oct. 1:** California outlines health equity measurement for assessing counties for movement among tiers
- Oct. 1:** California prepares, readies to release guideline for theme parks, convention centers, concerts and sports with fans but delays after concerns from theme park operators



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- Oct. 1:** President Trump tests positive for COVID-19, followed by others in the White House
- Oct. 1:** Applications open for Internet Access Rebate Program
- Oct. 5:** Orange County surpasses 900,000 PCR tests
- Oct. 6:** California begins including health equity measurement in assessing counties for movement among tiers
- Oct. 15:** Anaheim surpasses 300 deaths
- Oct. 16:** AUHSD announces plan to start kids in hybrid learning with start of new semester on Jan. 11, 2021
- Oct. 19:** Orange County surpasses 1 million tests completed
- Oct. 19:** Anaheim begins walk-up testing at City Hall with 360 Clinic
- Oct. 20:** California issues theme park guidelines that would not allow the Disneyland Resort theme parks to open until Tier 4, potentially by mid-2021 at the earliest; small theme parks can reopen in Tier 3 at 25 percent capacity
- Oct. 20:** California issues guidelines for professional sports in outdoor stadiums, including Angel Stadium of Anaheim, which would allow attendance at 20 percent capacity for counties in Tier 3 and 25 percent for counties in Tier 4; no guidelines for Honda Center and other indoor arenas
- Oct. 24:** Anaheim warns that ongoing **high daily case counts** risk pushing Orange County backward in reopening to the most restrictive purple Tier 1
- Oct. 25:** **Anaheim surpasses 10,000** cumulative cases since tracking by city began in March
- Nov. 3:** Election Day for three City Council seats
- Nov. 6:** **Orange County surpasses 1,500** COVID-19 deaths
- Nov. 7:** **Joe Biden is declared president-elect** of the United States



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- Nov. 12:** California surpasses **1 million** cumulative cases, joining Texas as the second state to surpass 1 million cases
- Nov. 14:** Anaheim surpasses **11,000** cumulative cases
- Nov. 19:** Disneyland Resort **opens shops and restaurants of Buena Vista Street at Disney California Adventure** as expansion of Downtown Disney District outdoor shopping center
- Nov. 16:** **Orange County reverted to purple Tier 1**
State adjusts tier movement by reducing two-week monitoring period to one week and businesses must comply within 24 hours
- Nov. 21:** California implements limited, **overnight stay-at-home order** barring gatherings and nonessential business operations from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Nov. 23:** Anaheim surpasses **12,000** cumulative cases
- Nov. 29:** Anaheim surpasses **13,000** cumulative cases
- Nov. 30:** Los Angeles County implements new **Safer at Home order** through Dec. 20 banning all public, private gatherings, limiting restaurants to takeout and delivery only, reduced occupancy for businesses and closure of playgrounds, among other measures
- Nov. 30:** Gov. Newsom **warns of new stay-at-home order** for purple Tier 1 counties, the vast majority in California, if hospitalizations continue to rise with a surge in cases
- Dec. 3:** California **outlines regional stay-at-home order** restricting gatherings and business operations when regions hit 15 percent or less of available intensive-care units available
- Dec. 3:** Southern California region, including Orange County, has ICU bed availability of 20.6 percent
- Dec. 4:** Southern California region, including Orange County, has ICU bed availability of 13.1 percent
- Dec. 5:** California **regional stay-at-home order triggering system takes effect** at 12:59 p.m.



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- Dec. 5:** Southern California region, including Orange County, has ICU bed availability of 12.5 percent, hitting state trigger
- Dec. 5:** **Anaheim surpasses 14,000** cumulative cases
- Dec. 6:** **Anaheim sees new high** in single-day reporting of cases at 372
- Dec. 6:** **Regional stay-at-home restrictions go into effect** in Southern California region, including Orange County, at 11:59 p.m.
- Dec. 7:** **Orange County sees new high** in single-day reporting of cases at 2,025
- Dec. 8:** **Two new** Anaheim City Council members sworn in
- Dec. 8:** **Anaheim surpasses 15,000** cumulative cases
Orange County surpasses **90,000** COVID-19 cases
- Dec. 9:** **Anaheim West Tower** closes to the public
- Dec. 13:** **Orange County surpasses 90,000** COVID-19 cases
- Dec. 13:** **Orange County** continues to set new **single-day reporting highs**, at 3,121
- Dec. 13:** **Orange County surpasses 100,000** COVID-19 cases
- Dec. 14:** **Orange County** continues to set new **single-day reporting highs**, at 3,250
- Dec. 14:** **Anaheim** surpasses 2,000 COVID-19 cases among children
- Dec. 14:** **Healthcare workers** get first doses of COVID-19 vaccine
- Dec. 14:** **Walk-up testing** opens at East Anaheim Gymnasium
- Dec. 15:** **Walk-up testing** opens at Brookhurst Community Center
- Dec. 16:** **City Hall** implements public closure of Planning & Building counters, outside services offered
- Dec. 16:** **Orange County** distributes first doses of vaccine to frontline healthcare workers
- Dec. 17:** **Southern California Region** ICU availability drops to 0 percent



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- Dec. 19:** Anaheim surpasses 20,000 COVID-19 cases
- Dec. 22:** Limited stay-at-home order extended, will be lifted when a county exits regional stay home order
- Dec. 26:** Anaheim Fire & Rescue **begins administering Moderna coronavirus vaccine** to firefighters, paramedics and police from Anaheim and neighboring agencies
- Dec. 29:** Regional stay home order extended until four-week ICU capacity projection is 15 percent or higher
- Dec. 29:** Orange County surpasses 150,000 COVID-19 cases and 2 million PCR tests
- Dec. 29:** First confirmed U.S. case of **new coronavirus strain** first detected in Britain recorded in Colorado
- Dec. 30:** Second confirmed U.S. case of **new coronavirus strain** first detected in Britain recorded in San Diego

2021

- Jan. 4:** Orange County surpasses 170,000 COVID-19 cases
- Jan. 6:** Anaheim Fire & Rescue with support from neighboring agencies **begins administering Moderna coronavirus vaccine** to healthcare professionals as part of California's Phase 1A, tiers 1-3
- Jan. 6:** Rioters in support of then-President Trump **storm U.S. Capitol** as legislators begin to certify electoral college results
- Jan. 7:** Anaheim surpasses 30,000 COVID-19 cases
- Jan. 8:** Anaheim administers 1,300 vaccines to healthcare professionals, for a total of 2,500 since Dec. 26
- Jan. 9:** Orange County surpasses 2,000 COVID-19 deaths



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- Jan. 12:** **Anaheim** North Net site concludes public vaccines with 6,559 shots administered since Dec. 26
- Jan. 13:** **Anaheim Super POD** vaccination site opens at Toy Story Parking Lot at Disneyland Resort, vaccinating 3,200 on first day
- Jan. 14:** **Orange County** surpasses **200,000** cumulative cases
- Jan. 16:** **Anaheim** surpasses 35,000 COVID-19 cases
- First confirmed U.S. case of **new coronavirus strain** first detected in Britain recorded in Los Angeles
- Anaheim Super POD** serves 4,100 vaccines in single day, bringing running total to 19,000 to date
- Jan. 17:** **Anaheim Super Pod** serves 4,800 for running total of 24,000
- Jan. 17:** California Department of Public Health reports that a **different coronavirus strain known as L425R** and first detected in Denmark in March 2020 has been found across the state, including in Orange County
- Jan. 17:** **Orange County** surpasses 100,000 vaccines given
- Jan. 18:** **Anaheim Ducks** hold season home opener without fans at Honda Center
- Jan. 19-20:** **Anaheim Super POD at Disneyland Resort** closed due to high winds
- Jan. 20:** **President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris** sworn into office
- Jan. 20:** **Anaheim** reaches **500 deaths**
- Jan. 20:** **Orange County** announces **second Super Pod** to open at Soka University
- Jan. 21:** **Anaheim** surpasses 30,000 vaccines given at Anaheim Super POD and North Net
- Jan. 22:** **Anaheim** hosts senior vaccination clinic at East Anaheim Gymnasium, vaccinates 538 people 65 and older
- Jan. 23:** **Soka University Super Pod** opens for COVID-19 vaccines, administering Pfizer vaccine



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- Jan. 23:** **Anaheim** surpasses 35,000 vaccines given at Anaheim Super POD, North Net, senior vaccination clinic
- Jan. 24:** **Anaheim hosts** neighborhood vaccination clinic at Magnolia High School with OC Health, Latino Health Access, vaccinating 200 with Moderna, some Pfizer
- Jan. 24:** **Anaheim** surpasses 40,000 vaccines given at Anaheim Super POD, North Net, neighborhood vaccination clinics
- Jan. 25:** California **lifts regional stay home order** enacted Dec. 6; Anaheim and Orange County **return to purple Tier 1**
- Jan. 25:** California **ends limited, overnight stay-at-home order** barring gatherings and nonessential business operations from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. enacted on Nov. 21.
- Jan. 26:** **Anaheim** surpasses 50,000 vaccines given at Anaheim Super POD, North Net, senior vaccination clinics
- Jan. 30:** **Orange County** surpasses 3,000 deaths
- Jan. 31:** **Anaheim** surpasses 60,000 vaccines given at Anaheim Super POD, North Net, senior vaccination clinic
- Feb. 2:** **Anaheim** super site adds Pfizer vaccine in addition to Moderna
- Feb. 3:** **Anaheim** surpasses 75,000 vaccines given, with 70,000 given at Anaheim Super POD and 5,000 at North Net and senior vaccination clinics
- Feb. 3:** **Anaheim** surpasses 600 deaths
- Feb. 4:** **Soka University Super Pod** adds drive-thru for those with disabilities
- Feb. 8:** **UK variant** first reported in **Orange County** (21-year-old male from San Clemente, full recovery)
- Feb. 8:** **Anaheim** surpasses 100,000 vaccines given, with 95,000 given at Anaheim Super POD and 5,000 at North Net and senior vaccination clinics
- Feb. 10:** **Anaheim** surpasses 40,000 cumulative COVID-19 cases



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- Feb. 12:** **Anaheim** surpasses 125,000 vaccines given, with 120,000 given at Anaheim Super POD and 5,000 at North Net and senior vaccination clinics
- Feb. 13:** **Anaheim hosts** neighborhood vaccination clinic at Magnolia High School with OC Health, Latino Health Access
- Feb. 17:** **Santa Ana College** opens as midsize vaccination POD targeting eligible residents in hard-hit Anaheim and Santa Ana ZIP codes
- Feb. 18:** **Anaheim Super POD at Disneyland Resort** closes due to high wind
- Feb. 18:** **Anaheim Super POD at Disneyland Resort** remains closed through Feb. 22 as severe winter weather across the Midwest and Central U.S. delays vaccine shipments; Soka University Super Pod remains open for second Pfizer doses only, dependent on supply
- Feb. 19:** **Anaheim hosts** neighborhood vaccination clinic at East Anaheim Gymnasium for second doses for 538 who received first shot at site on Jan. 22
- Feb. 19:** **Santa Ana College POD** temporarily closes amid delayed vaccine supply shipments
- Feb. 20:** **Anaheim hosts** neighborhood vaccination clinic at Magnolia High School with OC Health, Latino Health Access
- Feb. 22:** **COVID-19 testing** at Anaheim City Hall expands from three to five days a week
- Feb. 22:** **Anaheim writes to U.S. Rep Lou Correa** to request consideration of a Federal Emergency Management Agency vaccination site in Anaheim to help address health equity
- Feb. 23:** **Super POD at Anaheim Convention Center** opens for second dose Moderna appointments; gives 3,700 doses
- Orange County** surpasses 245,000 COVID-19 cases
- Orange County's health equity matrix** is less than 8 percent for the first time since tracking began
- Feb. 25:** **Orange County** surpasses 3 million PCR tests
- Feb. 25:** **Anaheim** surpasses **700 deaths**



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- Feb. 26:** Outdoor moderate- and high-contact **youth and adult sports resume** in Orange County
- Feb. 26:** **Super POD at Anaheim Convention Center** gives about 20,000 shots in first four days of operation; Anaheim now at 170,000 at all sites
- Feb. 27:** **FDA** authorizes Johnson and Johnson vaccine for emergency use
- Feb. 28:** **Disney POD** closed due to high winds, appointments switched to ACC
- Feb. 28:** **Convention Center POD** does 6,600 shots, both Pfizer and Moderna, for a total of about 37,000 shots to date
- March 4:** **Disney POD** closes for transition to drive-thru
- March 4:** **Orange County** surpasses 4,000 deaths
- March 4:** **San Diego court settlement** clears way for high school sports to resume indoors; CDPH issues updated guidelines
- March 5:** **Anaheim** now at 215,558 vaccines at all sites, 48,893 at convention center, 158,475 at Disney, 6,559 at North Net and 1,631 at community clinics
- March 5:** **Gov. Newsom** announces new regulations allowing theme parks and baseball stadiums to open at limited capacity in red tier starting April 1
- March 8:** **Disney POD** reopens as drive-thru focusing on seniors, special needs
- March 9:** **Super POD at Anaheim Convention Center** begins offering Johnson & Johnson vaccine, along with Moderna, and, on select occasions, Pfizer
- March 10:** **OC Health** opens mobile POD site for hard-hit ZIP codes at Garden Grove's Christ Cathedral
- March 11:** **Visit Anaheim** holds press conference asking for reopening guidelines for ACC
- March 11:** **President Biden** says all Americans will be eligible for a vaccine May 1
- March 12:** **One-year mark** for closure of Angel Stadium of Anaheim, Honda Center, Anaheim Convention Center
- March 12:** **Anaheim surpasses 250,000** vaccines given at city and neighborhood sites



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- March 12:** **California** surpasses 2 million vaccines given in hardest-hit, low income ZIP codes, allowing for an easing of the criteria in its reopening framework
- March 14:** **Orange County** moves to the red Tier 2 of the state's reopening framework, allowing for indoor dining, movie theaters and gyms to reopen indoors at reduced capacity
- March 14:** **One-year mark** for closure of Disneyland Resort theme parks
- March 15:** People aged **16-64 with underlying health conditions** eligible to schedule vaccine appointments
- March 19:** **Neighborhood vaccine clinic** with MemorialCare held St. Anthony Claret Catholic Church, with 300 vaccines administered
- March 19:** **Anaheim now** at 284,608 vaccines at North Net, Anaheim POD at Disneyland Resort and Super POD at Anaheim Convention Center, for a grand total of 286,508
- Disney: 178,092
 - ACC: 99,957
 - North Net: 6,559
 - Community clinics: 1,900
- March 23:** Anaheim marks **one-month at Super POD at Anaheim Convention Center** with celebration of 100,000 doses given featuring Anaheim Ducks
- March 26:** Orange County surpasses **250,000 cumulative cases**
- March 27:** **Neighborhood vaccine clinic** held at Downtown Anaheim Community Center, vaccinating 325 people
- March 31:** **Orange County formally enters orange Tier 3**, after officially meeting the tier criteria on March 29
- April 1:** **All Californians age 50 and older** are eligible to get vaccinated, Gov. Gavin Newsom receives J&J vaccine
- April 1:** **Angel Stadium of Anaheim** welcomes back limited, socially distant **crowd of 13,200** for opening day of baseball



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- April 2:** State announces forthcoming guidelines allowing **indoor events, private gatherings**; **Ducks** announce plans to bring fans back April 16
- April 3:** **Anaheim** surpasses **350,000 vaccines** administered at North Net, Anaheim POD at Disneyland Resort and Super POD at Anaheim Convention Center and neighborhood clinics
- April 5:** **Anaheim POD at Disneyland** resumes administering **Johnson & Johnson** along with Moderna
- April 6:** State announces new **Beyond the Blueprint for Safer Economy** going into effect June 15, retiring color-coded tiers and business-specific guidance
- April 12:** **Disneyland** ticket **reservations open for those with existing tickets** that weren't honored because of shutdown
- April 13:** **Super POD at Anaheim Convention Center** pauses administration of Johnson & Johnson vaccine as Centers for Disease Control reviews six cases of blood clots.
- April 13:** **Anaheim** surpasses **400,000 vaccines** administered at North Net, Anaheim POD at Disneyland Resort and Super POD at Anaheim Convention Center and neighborhood clinics
- April 15:** **Disneyland ticket sales resume** at 8 a.m.
- April 15:** **All Californians age 16 and older** are eligible to get vaccinated
- April 16:** Orange County announces more than **2 million shots given**
- April 16:** **Anaheim Ducks** start final five home games of season with a limited crowd of 2,000 fans at Honda Center
- April 21:** **Anaheim vaccine totals:** 440,206 total; ACC: 217,352, Disney: 218,206
- April 21:** More than **215 million vaccines** have been administered in the U.S.
- April 22:** **Anaheim Convention Center** holds first non-healthcare event since March 2020 closure with Starpower National Talent Competition 2021 dance competition with up to 500 attendees



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- April 23:** A CDC panel of experts recommends resuming use of Johnson & Johnson vaccine after pause due to rare blood clot review; CDC director confirms
- April 24:** California Department of Public Health announces decision to resume J&J distribution “immediately” after task force review
- April 22:** Anaheim surpasses 50 percent of residents receiving at least one vaccination shot
- April 28:** Anaheim, Orange County begin to see major drop-off in vaccine appointments after those who eagerly wanted to get vaccinated have done so, leaving those with access challenges, hesitancy or resistance yet to be vaccinated
- April 29:** Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa reopens
- April 30:** Disneyland Resort reopens following March 2020 closure
- Anaheim POD at Disneyland Resort closes at end of day with lower demand for drive-thru, staffing reallocated to other sites; 232,301 shots administered since Jan. 13 opening
- Anaheim Convention Center testing site closes at end of day with more than 125,000 tests given since opening
- May 6:** County of Orange announces plans to close Anaheim Convention Center and other large vaccination sites to focus on mobile clinics in neighborhoods
- May 7:** Orange County hits 5,000 COVID-19 deaths
- May 18:** Anaheim reaches 500,000 vaccine shots administered in the city
- May 19:** Anaheim receives \$53.8 million first installment of \$107.6 million in federal aid under the American Rescue Plan Act, signed into law on March 11
- May 20:** Hilton Anaheim reopens with limited capacity
- May 21:** California reaffirms June 15 as Beyond the Blueprint date, provides updated, ongoing guidelines for large gatherings
- May 22:** Anaheim hosts vaccination clinic with state of California, UCI Health at Downtown Anaheim Community Center, administering 430 shots



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- May 31:** **Anaheim hotels see 60 percent occupancy** with some at 100 percent over Memorial Day weekend
- June 4:** **Avengers Campus opens at Disney's California Adventure park** after two prior pandemic opening delays.
- June 5:** **Super POD at Anaheim Convention Center** vaccination site closes at end of day with 273,063 shots given since opening on Feb. 23.
- June 5:** **Anaheim's large vaccine sites** conclude with 510,028 vaccine shots administered:
- ACC: 273,063
 - Disney: 232,301
 - North Net: 6,559
- June 15:** California fully reopens, **lifting capacity restrictions** and **social distancing guidance** for businesses, masks no longer required if vaccinated based on honor system, vaccine or negative test required for large indoor events
- Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel reopens**
- Disneyland Resort ends temperature checks** for guests, employees
- June 17:** **Cal-OSHA's Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board votes to align workplace mask and social distancing rules** with those from the CDC, California Department of Public Health; Gov. Gavin Newsom issues executive order to **immediately implement**
- June 29:** **Anaheim, Orange County** begins to sustained rise in new cases in delta variant surge, largely among those unvaccinated
- June 30:** Anaheim at **55 percent fully vaccinated**, 64.5 percent with at least one shot
- July 2:** **Disneyland Hotel reopens**
- July 4:** **Disneyland Resort** resumes nightly fireworks
- July 12:** **Anaheim expands testing** hours and days at City Hall, also offers vaccines
- July 20:** **Orange County** case rate rises to 4.9, positivity at 3.3 percent, health equity at 3.4 percent



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- July 27:** **Orange County** case rate rises to 8, positivity at 4.9 percent, health equity at 4.4 percent
- July 25:** **Centers for Disease Control** recommends masks indoors in areas of high spread regardless of vaccination status
- July 26:** **California Department of Public Health** recommends masks indoors in areas regardless of vaccination status
- July 26:** **Anaheim** at 6.6 case rate, 4.5% positivity; 60 percent fully vaccinated, 68 percent at least one shot
- July 26:** **Anaheim** expands testing hours and days at Brookhurst Community Center to Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., then expanding to 5 p.m., up from two days a week; vaccines offered one day a week in pilot program
- July 26:** **Gov. Newsom and California Department of Public Health** require COVID-19 vaccinations or regular testing and masks for unvaccinated state workers effective Aug. 2
- July 29:** **Disneyland Resort** requires masks indoors regardless of vaccination status
- July 30:** **Walt Disney Co.** requires non-union hourly employees to be vaccinated and begins negotiations with unions on vaccination requirements
- Aug. 5:** **California Department of Public Health** requires COVID-19 vaccinations for all healthcare workers, with a first dose required by Sept. 30
- Aug. 2:** **Anaheim** reopens applications for Emergency Rental Assistance Program, for landlords
- Aug. 6:** **Disneyland Resort** reaches 19,000 workers since closure, down from pre-pandemic high of 32,000
- Aug. 10:** **IME West** opens as Anaheim Convention Center's **first industry trade show** since March 2020 with 15,000 attendees
- Aug. 10:** **Anaheim** reaches vaccine milestone, with 70 percent of residents having at least one shot
- Aug. 10:** **Orange County** case rate rises to 19, positivity at 8.3 percent, health equity at 8.5 percent



Timeline



- Aug. 10-12:** **Anaheim Convention Center** holds first industry trade show since February 2020; IME West medical and advanced manufacturing show draws 15,000 attendees who have attested to being vaccinated or a recent negative test
- Aug. 11** **California Department of Public Health** requires COVID-19 vaccinations or regular testing for teachers for all school workers, effective Aug. 12 with full compliance by Oct. 15.
- Aug. 12** **FDA** recommends third does of Moderna & Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for immunocompromised
- Aug. 16** **CDC** and **CDPH** affirm recommendation of third does of Moderna & Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for immunocompromised
- Aug. 17** **Anaheim and Orange County** see some leveling of growth in new cases after weeks of exponential growth; Orange County case rate is 20.2 and positivity rate is 8.1 percent
- Aug. 18** **Biden administration** announces plans to begin offering booster COVID-19 shots eight months after second shot, starting Sept. 20
- Aug. 18** **California Department of Public Health** mandates that indoor sports, concerts, conventions and other gatherings of 1,000 or more will require vaccination or negative test verification from Sept. 20 through Nov. 1, with self-attestation no longer an option; previously indoor events of 5,000 or more required verification with self-attestation
- Aug. 18** Anaheim's testing Covid Clinic begins **testing service at ARTIC** Monday through Friday
- Aug. 20** **VidCon** cancels 2021 event at Anaheim Convention Center, citing pandemic uncertainty, plans to return in 2022
- Aug. 23** **FDA** approves **Pfizer vaccine** for everyone 16 and older
- Aug. 25** Anaheim's testing Covid Clinic begins **testing service at Stoddard Park** Monday through Friday
- Aug. 26** **U.S. Supreme Court** overturns federal ban on evictions



Timeline



- Aug. 30** **Orange County, Anaheim see** decline in weekly case growth with 3,844 county cases, down from 4,977 new cases a week earlier, and 455 Anaheim cases, down from 623; OC Health encouraged but cautious about additional school cases, Labor Day weekend
- Aug. 31** Anaheim's testing and vaccine provider Covid Clinic begins **offering all three vaccines at Brookhurst Community Center** Monday through Friday
- Sept. 1** **Orange County Auto Show** cancels Oct. 7-10, 2021, event at Anaheim Convention Center, citing pandemic uncertainty
- Sept. 7** **Orange County, Anaheim see** another decline in weekly case growth with 3,148 county cases, down from 3,844 a week earlier, and 429 Anaheim cases, down from 455
- Sept. 7** **Anaheim reaches 66 percent fully vaccinated** for those 12 and older and 75 percent at one shot
- Sept. 8** **The Liver Meeting 2021** cancels Nov. 12-15, 2021, conference at Anaheim Convention Center, citing pandemic uncertainty
- Sept. 8** **NAMM announces** date change from January 2022 to June 3-5, 2022, at Anaheim Convention Center
- Sept. 7** **Orange County, Anaheim see** another decline in weekly case growth with 3,148 county cases, down from 3,844 a week earlier, and 429 Anaheim cases, down from 455
- Sept. 9** **Anaheim reaches 67 percent fully vaccinated** for those 12 and older and 75 percent at one shot
- Sept. 14** **Orange County, Anaheim see** slight increase in weekly case growth with 3,171 county cases, up from 3,148 a week earlier and 447 Anaheim cases, up from 429
- California** is only state to improve from high to substantial on the CDC's transmission level scale
- Covid Clinic** reports 15,561 tests and 434 vaccines since Aug. 2
- Sept. 17** **Los Angeles County announces vaccine mandate** for indoor bars, nightclubs, breweries and wineries, would require one dose by Oct. 7 and fully vaccinated by Nov. 4



Timeline



- Sept. 18** **FDA** advisory panel rejects Pfizer's request for a third dose booster shot citing lack of evidence; separate decision for seniors, high risk people forthcoming
California reports lowest COVID-19 case rate in the nation
- Sept. 20** **Indoor mega events** require proof of full vaccination or proof of negative COVID-19 test, can no longer self-attest; in effect through Nov. 1, 2021 with an assessment on Oct. 15 to consider the need for measures after Nov. 1
- Sept. 20** **Pfizer reports** its vaccine is safe and effective for ages 5-11, announces plans to seek FDA authorization
- Sept. 20** **White House** announces plan to revoke travel ban for vaccinated visitors from 33 countries, to take effect in November
- Sept. 21** **Johnson & Johnson** announces results of study that find that company's one-shot vaccine is 94 percent effective with additional second dose
- Sept. 21** **Orange County, Anaheim see** decrease in new weekly cases to a level not seen since late July, with 2,536 county cases, down from 3,171 a week earlier, and 249 Anaheim cases, down from 447; case rate and positivity indicators also improve across county, Anaheim
- Sept. 22** **The Food and Drug Administration** authorizes a third dose of Pfizer's vaccine for those 65 and older and those 18 to 64 who are at high risk or who work in high risk places
- Sept. 23** **CDC advisory panel** affirms FDA authorization of a third dose of Pfizer's vaccine for those 65 and older, those 50 and older who are at high risk and those in long-term care facilities; panel does not recommend for younger people working in high-risk settings such as healthcare
- Sept. 23** **CDC director** endorses Pfizer third doses for those 65 and older and those 50 and older at high risk; overrules more limited CDC panel ruling and says those in high-risk and institutional work settings and those 18-50 with an underlying medical condition "may" get a third dose
- Sept. 28** **Orange County, Anaheim see** improved weekly cases and other key metrics with 2,634 county cases, up from 2,536 county cases a week earlier but lower than weekly increases in early September and all of August, and 235 Anaheim cases, down from 249 a week earlier; case rate and positivity indicators also improve across county, Anaheim



Timeline



- Oct. 1** **Gov. Gavin Newsom** announces vaccine mandate for all eligible students in public and private schools, to take effect upon full authorization by the FDA
- Oct. 1** United States **surpasses 700,000 COVID-19 deaths**; Anaheim surpasses 950 deaths
- Oct. 5** Johnson & Johnson seeks **FDA authorization for COVID-19 booster shot** for company's single-shot dose; reports 94 percent immunity from second dose
- Oct. 5** **Orange County, Anaheim see** improved weekly cases and other key metrics with 1,807 cases, down from 2,634 county cases a week earlier, and 221 Anaheim cases, down from 235 Anaheim cases; case rate and positivity indicators also improve across county, Anaheim
- Oct. 6** **L.A. City Council** approves vaccine mandate or negative test requirement for indoor spaces including restaurants, bars, gyms, shopping centers, entertainment venues and personal care as well as for large outdoor events of 10,000 or more, including stadiums and theme parks, starting today with proof of partial vaccination and proof of full vaccination by Nov. 4
- Disneyland attendance** reaches 85 percent of 2019 level by late August 2021
- Oct. 7** Pfizer seeks FDA authorization for COVID-19 vaccine in children ages 5-11
- Oct. 12** **Orange County, Anaheim see** mixed weekly cases and other key metrics with 1,792 county cases, down from 1,807 a week earlier, and 233 Anaheim cases, up from 221; case rate and positivity indicators decline slightly across county; Anaheim sees a mix of increases, declines in cases and positivity by ZIP codes
- Oct. 12** **Orange County** surpasses 300,000 cumulative cases with 300,531
- Oct. 13:** **Federal government** announces pending lifting of land border and other travel entry restrictions for vaccinated visitors from Canada and Mexico, starting in early November with a date still to be decided
- Oct. 14:** **FDA panel** endorses a half-dose as a third injection of **Moderna** for people 65 and older as well as younger adults at high risk because of their medical conditions or jobs, the same groups of people eligible for a Pfizer booster
- Oct. 15:** **Federal government** announces lifting of travel entry restrictions for vaccinated visitors starting Nov. 8



Timeline



- Oct. 15:** **FDA panel** endorses second dose of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine two months after initial dose to everyone who has already received one shot
- Oct. 19** **Orange County, Anaheim see** improved weekly cases and other key metrics with 1,485 county cases, down from 1,792 a week earlier, and 178 Anaheim cases, down from 233; case rate and positivity indicators decline slightly across county; Anaheim sees mostly improved case and positivity rates by ZIP code; new weekly cases lower in six out of the past eight weeks, at levels of mid-July
- Oct. 20:** **FDA** authorizes booster shots of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, also says mixing and matching is OK for vaccine brands; awaiting CDC concurrence
- Oct. 21:** **CDC panel** endorses booster shots of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, Oks vaccine mixing and matching; CDC director signs off
- Oct. 22:** **California Department of Public Health** endorses booster shots for all three vaccines, becoming immediately available to those who qualify
- Oct. 26** **Orange County, Anaheim see** slightly higher weekly cases with 1,683 county cases, up from 1,485 a week earlier, and 232 Anaheim cases, up from 178; case rate and positivity indicators decline slightly across county; Anaheim sees some higher and some improved case and positivity rates by ZIP code; new weekly cases lower in six out of the past nine weeks, at levels of mid-July
- Oct. 25:** **City Hall, Brookhurst and East Anaheim sites** start administering booster shots for Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson
- Oct. 26:** **FDA panel** endorses Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5-11
- Oct. 27:** **California extends** vaccine/testing requirements for indoor mega events beyond original Nov. 1 expiration, adds ID requirement starting Dec. 1
- Oct. 29:** **FDA authorizes** Pfizer vaccine for use in children ages 5-11
- Oct. 31:** **Chapman University study** shows vaccines have saved 250,000 lives in U.S.
- Nov. 1:** **Global deaths from COVID-19** hit 5 million
- Nov. 2:** **Orange County, Anaheim see** slightly higher weekly cases second week in a row with 2,069 county cases, up from 1,683 a week earlier, and 280 Anaheim cases, up from 232; case rate and positivity indicators increase slightly across county; Anaheim sees slightly higher case and positivity rates by ZIP code; continue to monitor for change in trend



Timeline



- Nov. 2:** **CDC panel** endorses FDA authorization of pediatric Pfizer vaccine for children age 5-11, CDC director concurs; vaccines can become available immediately
- Nov. 3:** **Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti** tests positive for COVID-19
- Nov. 4:** **OSHA** releases interim final rule requiring employees at companies of 100+ workers to be fully vaccinated or get weekly testing (at employee cost) starting Jan. 4; set to be finalized on Nov. 5
- Nov. 4:** **L.A. County** vaccine mandate for bars, wineries goes into effect
- Nov. 6:** **Appeals court** temporarily halts federal vaccine mandate for large businesses
- Nov. 8:** **L.A. city** vaccine mandate for most indoor businesses goes into effect
- Nov. 8:** **Travel restrictions lifted** for vaccinated visitors to U.S.
- Nov. 9:** **Orange County, Anaheim see** slightly lower weekly cases after several weeks of increases with 2,002 county cases, down from 2,069 a week earlier, and 247 Anaheim cases, down from 280; case rate and positivity indicators increase slightly across county; Anaheim sees slightly a mix of case and positivity rates by ZIP code; continue to monitor for change in trend following Halloween and entering holiday season
- Nov. 9:** **Pfizer again** asks FDA to authorize booster shots for everyone 18 and older in response to rise in cases
- Nov. 12:** **California Department of Public Health** says anyone 18 and older can get a booster shot
- Nov. 16:** **Orange County, Anaheim see** slightly lower weekly cases for a second week with 1,658 county cases, down from 2,002 a week earlier, and 199 Anaheim cases, down from 247; case rate and positivity indicators remain steady across county; Anaheim sees slightly a mix of case and positivity rates by ZIP code; continue to monitor for change in trend entering holiday season
- Nov. 19:** **FDA and CDC authorize booster shots** for everyone 18 and older for Pfizer and Moderna
- Nov. 23:** **Orange County, Anaheim see** slightly higher weekly cases with 1,789 county cases, up from 1,658 a week earlier, and 280 Anaheim cases, up from 199; case rate and positivity indicators remain steady across county; Anaheim sees slightly



Timeline



a mix of case and positivity rates by ZIP code; continue to monitor for change in trend entering holiday season

Nov. 25: South Africa announces discovery of **omicron variant**, which quickly discovered in several other countries; numerous travel bans go into place

Nov. 29: **Los Angeles** begins COVID-19 **vaccine enforcement** at indoor restaurants, movie theatres, hair and nail salons, coffee shops, gyms, museums, bowling alleys and performance venues

Nov. 29: **CDC** strengthens booster recommendations, urging all 18+ to get a booster shot in the face of Omicron variant

Nov. 30: **Orange County, Anaheim** see slightly lower weekly cases with 1,628 county cases, down from 1,789 a week earlier, and 191 Anaheim cases, down from 280; case rate and positivity indicators remain unchanged across county; Anaheim sees slightly a mix of case and positivity rates by ZIP code; continue to monitor for change in trend entering holiday season

Anaheim surpasses **1,000** COVID-19 deaths

Covid Clinic begins offering Pfizer child shots for those 5 to 11 at City Hall kiosk

Dec. 1: **Indoor mega events** now **require ID** along with proof of vaccination or negative test result

First known **omicron variant** case detected in U.S. in San Francisco; a two-dose vaccinated returning traveler from South Africa

Dec. 2: **Omicron variant** recorded in Los Angeles County in a vaccinated traveler who had traveled to South Africa

Cases of omicron also recorded in New York and Minnesota

Dec. 6: **New U.S. travel restrictions** go into effect, requiring testing and vaccinations

Dec. 6: **Testing kiosk** for travelers opens at The Anaheim Hotel

Dec. 6: **Third pediatric death occurs** in OC, child was younger than 5

Dec. 9: **CDC, CDPH** expand eligibility for Pfizer booster to those 16-17



Timeline



- Dec. 13:** California announces mask requirement for everyone indoors, tighter testing requirements for mega events, Dec. 15, 2021-Jan. 15, 2022
- Dec. 14:** U.S. marks one year since first vaccine was administered, to a nurse in New York
- Dec. 15:** United States surpasses 800,000 COVID-19 deaths
- Dec. 16:** Cal/OSHA removes distinction between vaccinated and unvaccinated employees; requires all employees exposed to coronavirus stay home for 14 days even with a negative test, if returning to work, must wear mask and social distance for two weeks, rule will be in effect from Jan. 14 through April 14
- Dec. 17:** Orange County Health Care Agency reports first omicron variant case, a fully vaccinated adult male who had traveled domestically; city of residence was not provided
- Dec. 17:** U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati reinstates the federal vaccine mandate for companies with 100 or more employees, after U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Louisiana rejected the mandate in Nov. 13; issue is likely to go to the U.S. Supreme Court
- Dec. 20:** CDC announces Omicron is now dominant strain of COVID-19 in the U.S.
- Dec. 20:** Orange County sees major jump in daily cases at 1,203, up from an average of 491, marking **start of omicron wave**
- Dec. 20:** **City and testing sites** across Anaheim see surge in demand
- Dec. 21:** California requires healthcare workers to get booster shot
- Dec. 22:** Orange County sees 2,042 daily cases; surpassing delta surge peak of 974
- Dec. 27:** Orange County officially at four omicron cases; but variant estimated to be 60 percent or more of recent cases, according to Orange County Health Care Agency
- Dec. 27:** Centers for Disease Control updates quarantine requirements for COVID-19 infection and exposure amid spreading omicron cases, cutting quarantine from 10 to five days:



Timeline



Infection: quarantine for five days after positive test; if no symptoms after five days, end quarantine and wear mask

Exposure, vaccinated: wear a mask for 10 days, test at day five

Exposure, unvaccinated: quarantine for five days, test at day five; if unable to quarantine, wear a mask for 10 days

Dec. 28: **Orange County, Anaheim see** dramatic increase in weekly cases with 9,174 county cases, up from 3,086 a week earlier, and 904 Anaheim cases, up from 3,086

Dec. 28: **California surpasses** 5 million COVID-19 cases

Dec. 28: **Anaheim surpasses** 50,000 COVID-19 cases

2022

Jan. 3: **FDA** authorizes Pfizer booster shot for kids as young as 12 amid omicron surge and shortens booster window to five months post-initial series; a Pfizer third dose also authorized as part of primary series for immunocompromised children ages 5 to 11

Jan. 3: **FDA** authorizes Pfizer booster shot for kids as young as 12 amid omicron surge and shortens booster window to five months post-initial series; a Pfizer third dose also authorized as part o

Jan. 4: **CDC** affirms FDA authorization of booster shots for 12-15 and immunocompromised kids

Jan. 4: Omicron wave **peaks** with 10,945 daily cases, begins decline

Jan. 4: **France** announces discovery of IHU variant, said to be more mutated than Omicron, reporting nearly 12 cases

Jan. 5: **California** extends indoor mask mandate through Feb. 15

Jan. 7: **Hong Kong Disney** closes until Jan. 20 to stem spread of omicron variant

Jan. 8: Omicron wave **seven-day daily case average peaks** at 8,307, begins decline



Timeline



- Jan. 9:** **Omicron wave testing demand** across Anaheim, Orange County peaks at weekly average of 1,166 per 100,000, begins rapid decline
- Jan. 11:** **Orange County** surpasses 400,000 COVID-19 cases amid the omicron variant surge
- Orange County, Anaheim see** highest increase in weekly cases with 45,366 county cases, up from 27,508 a week earlier, and 5,404 Anaheim cases, up from 2,923; current peaks are highest we've seen during pandemic
- Jan. 13:** **U.S. Supreme Court** blocks President Biden's vaccine mandate for companies over 100 employees, upholds mandate for workers in hospitals and nursing facilities
- Jan. 15:** **California** requirement for vaccine or negative test now applies to indoor events more than 500 people, outdoor events more than 5,000 people
- Jan. 15:** **Orange County, Anaheim see** highest increase in weekly cases with 52,428 county cases, up from 48 a 5,366 a week earlier, and 7,345 Anaheim cases, up from 5,404; current peaks are highest we've seen during pandemic
- Jan. 20:** **Pandemic marks two years** since the first U.S. case was recorded on Jan. 20, 2020, in Washington state
- Jan. 20-21:** **Anaheim receives 4,000 two-pack at-home test kits** bought for distribution to community through Brookhurst Community Center, Downtown Anaheim Community Center, Ponderosa Family Resource Center and Miraloma Family Resource Center and through Council members; 900 allocated to Human Resources for employee testing
- Jan. 25:** **Anaheim and Orange County** see first signs of omicron's peak with first decline in new reported cases
- Jan. 25:** **U.S. Department of Labor** withdraws emergency temporary standard requiring vaccination or testing for employees at large companies after Supreme Court blocks rule
- Jan. 25:** **Two-year anniversary** of first Orange County COVID-19 case
- Jan. 26:** **Orange County** surpasses **500,000 coronavirus cases** amid omicron wave; records more than **6,000 deaths**



Timeline



- Jan. 31:** Moderna COVID-19 vaccine “Spikevax” receives **FDA approval**
- Feb. 1:** **Orange County, Anaheim see** highest dramatic decline in weekly cases with 19,720 county cases, down from 43,604 a week earlier, and 2,930 Anaheim cases, down from 6,930, giving clear indication of omicron’s rapid decline after rapid onset
- Feb. 1:** **Pfizer** files application with FDA for emergency use authorization for COVID-19 vaccine for kids age 6 months to 5 years; FDA to meet on Feb. 15
- Feb. 7:** **Gov. Newsom** announces indoor mask mandate and stricter requirements for mega events will expire Feb. 15 as omicron surge wanes
- Feb. 15:** **Orange County, Anaheim see** continued decline in weekly cases with 6,119 county cases, down 8,472 a week earlier, and 775 Anaheim cases, down from 1,074
- Feb. 15:** **Pfizer** pulls back FDA authorization request for COVID-19 vaccine for kids under 5 years, citing the need for further study on a third dose
- Feb. 16:** **California universal indoor mask mandate** expires for vaccinated individuals, threshold for mega indoor events reverts back to 1,000 people from 500, outdoor events to 10,000 people from 5,000
- Feb. 17:** **Disneyland** and **Disney California Adventure** drop masking requirements for fully vaccinated guests; unvaccinated still required to wear masks indoors; masks required for all on trams, buses, monorail
- Feb. 17:** **Gov. Newsom** announces SMARTER Plan to move into endemic response, with focus on monitoring and stockpiling to address future surges and variants
- Feb. 19:** **China** begins to see case surge driven by omicron BA.2 variant
- Feb. 22:** **Orange County, Anaheim see** continued decline in weekly cases with 2,346 county cases, down from 6,119 a week earlier, and 341 Anaheim cases, down from 775
- Feb. 22:** **CDC updates second dose guidance** for Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines, saying second dose can be given up to eight weeks after first dose to reduce risk of myocarditis in people ages 12 and older
- Feb. 24:** **Disneyland Resort** employment hits 30,000, near pre-pandemic level of 32,000



Timeline



- Feb. 25:** **L.A. County** drops indoor mask mandate for vaccinated individuals at establishments that check for proof of vaccination or negative test (including bars, gyms, performance venues)
- Feb. 25:** **CDC** updates criteria for determining risk level for COVID-19, focusing on healthcare system strain and level of severe disease; masking only recommended in “high risk” counties
- Feb. 28:** **California** announces lifting of school and daycare mask mandate, starting March 12; continues to strongly recommend masks; districts can continue to keep masks mandates if they choose
- Feb. 28:** **Britain** sees rise in cases after omicron decline, driven by BA.2 omicron variant; similar increases seen across Europe
- Feb. 28:** **California** announces lifting of indoor mask mandate for unvaccinated people effective immediately; continues to strongly recommend for all people in indoor settings; requirement remains for healthcare settings, jails, etc.
- March 4:** **L.A. County** lifts indoor mask mandate for vaccinated and unvaccinated, loosens requirements for outdoor mega events
- March 8:** **Orange County, Anaheim** see continued decline in weekly cases with 2,612 county cases, down from 2,916 a week earlier, and 401 Anaheim cases, down from 415
- March 8-12:** **Natural Products Expo West**, the first major Anaheim event to postpone in March 2020, returns to the Anaheim Convention Center with 57,000 attendees, the largest convention center event since reopening in April 2021
- March 10:** **CDC extends mask requirement** for planes, trains and other transportation; indicates that it will announce loosened guidelines on April 18
- March 12:** **Masks** no longer required in California school settings, districts can choose to continue requiring face coverings if they want to
- March 12:** Two-year anniversary of **World Health Organization declaration** of COVID-19 as a pandemic



Timeline



- March 15:** **Orange County, Anaheim** see continued decline in weekly cases with 2,124 county cases, down from 2,612 a week earlier, and 309 Anaheim cases, down from 401; as cases rise in Asia and Europe
- March 17:** **California's mega events policy goes from mandatory to strongly recommended** for indoor events of 1,000 or more to check vaccine or negative test status, bringing an end to the state's last widespread public pandemic restriction, starting April 1
- March 21:** **Shanghai Disneyland closes** amid a rise in cases across the country
- March 25:** **BA.2 makes up 14.7 percent** of cases in **Los Angeles County** from Feb. 27- through March 5
- March 27:** **BA.2 makes up 74 percent of Orange County cases**
- March 29:** CDC recommends second booster dose, four months after first booster, for people over 50
- March 29:** **Orange County, Anaheim** see big decline in weekly cases with 843 county cases, down from 2,321 a week earlier, and 108 Anaheim cases, down from 273
- March 30:** **City of Los Angeles** lifts proof of vaccination mandate to enter indoor businesses such as restaurants, gyms, entertainment and rec facilities, personal care and some city buildings
- March 31:** California **extends residential tenant eviction ban** three months, through June 30, 2022, for those waiting on funding to repay rent owed to landlords
- March 31:** Rent relief application window closes; tenants who owe back rent and didn't apply for state funding are eligible for eviction
- April 1:** **California's mega events policy officially goes from mandatory to strongly recommended** for indoor events of 1,000 or more to check vaccine or negative test status, bringing an end to the state's last widespread public pandemic restriction
- April 1:** **Orange County** starts to see uptick in seven-day average of cases
- April 4:** **BA.2 omicron variant** now makes up nearly all Anaheim, Orange County cases



Timeline



- April 15:** New York state health officials warn of two new omicron variants, BA.2.12 and BA.2.12.1
- April 18:** Philadelphia reinstates mask mandate amid rise in cases
- April 13:** Centers for Disease Control extends mask mandate for planes and other mass transit from April 18 expiration to May 3 as it evaluates rising cases
- April 18:** U.S. District Court judge in Florida voids Centers for Disease Control mask mandate for airplanes and other public transit in lawsuit ruling; federal government suspends mandate, several airlines drop requirement
- April 18:** BA.4 omicron variant appears among Orange County cases
- April 19:** Orange County Transportation Authority suspends mask requirement on OCTA buses; Metrolink suspends mask requirement on trains
- April 19:** Anaheim lifts mask requirement inside terminal at ARTIC, following federal government and OCTA moves
- April 22:** Philadelphia lifts mask mandate after four days
- April 25:** BA.5 omicron variant appears among Orange County cases
- April 26:** Orange County, Anaheim continue to see steady increase in weekly cases with 1,722 county cases, up from 1,483 a week earlier, and 177 Anaheim cases, up from 134
- April 27:** Anthony Fauci, White House medical adviser, says United States out of pandemic phase based on low level of cases and vaccines
- May 9:** Orange County, Anaheim continue to see steady increase in weekly cases with 3,109 county cases, up from 2,306 a week earlier, and 393 Anaheim cases, up from 261
- May 12:** United States surpasses 1 million COVID-19 deaths
- May 28:** Gov. Gavin Newsom tests positive for COVID-19
- May 31:** Anaheim, Orange County cases continue rising, at levels of February 2022 at the tail end of omicron wave



Timeline



- June 3-5:** **NAMM** music industry trade show returns to Anaheim Convention Center for first time since 2020 with about 60,000 attendees, 3,500 brands; about half the size of pre-pandemic as show works through return, supply chain and other issues
- June 7:** **FDA advisory committee** recommends approval of Novavax's two-dose COVID-19 vaccine, which is based on traditional protein technology rather than MNRA; if approved would be fourth vaccine approved in U.S.
- June 7:** **Anaheim, Orange County cases** continue rising, with 905 in Anaheim and 7,297 countywide, bringing levels back on par with early February 2022; hospitalizations and deaths remain low
- June 12:** **United States lifts negative test requirement** for air travelers arriving or returning to the country; foreign visitors 18 and older must still show proof of vaccination
- June 17:** FDA authorizes COVID-19 vaccines for kids, babies as young as 6 months old; includes both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines; next step is for CDC to recommend how the vaccines should be given
- June 21:** Moderna and Pfizer vaccines for children under 5 begin after Centers for Disease Control approval on June 18 and Food and Drug Administration approval on June 17
- June 28:** Orange County surpasses **600,000 cumulative COVID-19 cases**
- June 30:** The final piece of **California's eviction moratorium ends** with the expiration of eviction protections for tenants with pending rental assistance applications
- June 30:** FDA recommends the inclusion of an **omicron variant BA.4/5 spike protein** component in vaccine booster doses
- July 6:** **BA.5** omicron variant becomes dominant U.S. strain at 54 percent
- July 12:** **BA.5** omicron variant at 65 percent of U.S. cases; still a small number of Orange County cases
- July 12:** **Anaheim, Orange County weekly cases** continue rising, with 1,309 in Anaheim and 9,755 countywide, bringing levels back on par with early February 2022; hospitalizations rising but below recent peaks, deaths remain stable



Timeline



- July 21:** **President Biden** tests positive for COVID-19
- July 26:** **BA.5** rises to about half of local cases since mid-June, with BA.2, dominate since March, declining. BA.5 continues to make up 82 percent of cases nationally.
- July 28:** **Los Angeles County** declines to implement indoor mask mandate as hospitalizations improve and indication the county could move from high community level of transmission to medium
- July 30:** **President Biden** tests positive for COVID-19 again as rebound case after overcoming first infection with Paxlovid treatment
- Aug. 1:** **Long Beach** begins offering Novavax, a new COVID-19 vaccine based on traditional vaccine technology rather than MRNA
- Aug. 11:** **Centers for Disease Control** eases COVID-19 guidance for unvaccinated or undervaccinated to mask for 10 days but no quarantine for exposure; if positive, stay home for five days, then wear mask and avoid those with special medical considerations
- Aug. 30:** **Anaheim** shares that in coming weeks it will stop weekly case reporting with city case data still available from the Orange County Health Care Agency
- Aug. 31:** **Food and Drug Administration** expands emergency use authorization for Moderna and Pfizer boosters targeted at omicron subvariants
- Sept. 1:** **Centers for Disease Control** recommends Moderna and Pfizer boosters targeted at omicron subvariants