



## FIGHTING COVID-19

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- **Governor Newsom's \$2.7 Billion Emergency Response Package – including a \$1.4 billion emergency appropriation request – will bolster testing, accelerate vaccination and booster efforts, support frontline workers, strengthen our health care systems, and battle misinformation**

California has led the nation's fight against COVID-19, implementing **first-in-the-nation public health measures to protect Californians and investing \$11.2 billion throughout the pandemic** – actions that have saved tens of thousands of lives. The state has administered over 66 million vaccinations and boosters and has maintained one of the lowest death rates among large states. In the face of Omicron, California has ramped up testing capacity – deploying the National Guard, expanding hours and access to California's testing sites, delivering 9.4 million tests to students within the past month, and ensuring that 90% of Californians are within a 30-minute drive of testing sites.

Last year's budget appropriated \$1.7 billion to fight against COVID-19. Now, **Governor Newsom's \$2.7 Billion Emergency Response Package** will protect Californians by continuing that fight, focusing on keeping our schools open and our economy moving. The package includes a **\$1.4 billion emergency appropriation request** to immediately equip California's health care system with supplies and staffing to battle the current surge. Governor Newsom's package will **ramp up vaccines, boosters, statewide testing, and increase medical personnel**. The package continues CA's focus on supporting the public health by improving accessibility, equity, timeliness and sustainability of COVID-19 efforts..

### **\$1.2 BILLION: BOLSTER TESTING**

- **Expand hours and capacity at testing sites** throughout the state to help slow the spread.
- **Distribute millions of COVID-19 antigen tests** to local health departments, community clinics, and county offices of education and schools.
- **Support the state's testing facilities**, including specimen collection and expanding capacity in order to meet demand.
- **Support state departments** in testing staff and congregate populations.



## **\$583 MILLION: GET MORE CALIFORNIANS VACCINATED & BOOSTED, COMBAT MISINFORMATION**

- **Continue the “Vaccinate all 58” public education campaign to provide reliable information and build vaccine confidence while combating misinformation**, in partnership with 250 ethnic media outlets.
- **Continue a robust community outreach and direct appointment assistance campaign** by conducting door-to-door canvassing, phone banking and texting with over 700 CBOs and community partners in partnership with philanthropy.
- **In-home vaccination and testing programs** to meet Californians where they are.
- **Provide free transportation to vaccination appointments** throughout the state to help get more Californians vaccinated and boosted.

## **\$614 MILLION: SUPPORT FRONTLINE WORKERS AND HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS**

- **Support and distribution of critical personnel resources for health care systems** to help protect frontline workers, patient care and hospital surge capacity as well as additional staffing for vaccination sites.

## **\$200 MILLION: SUPPORT STATE RESPONSE OPERATIONS**

- **Resources to enhance the state’s emergency response and public health capacities**, including staffing and information technology at California Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Services, and Emergency Medical Services Authority.

## **\$110 MILLION: SUPPORT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND BOLSTER CONTACT TRACING EFFORTS**

- **Increased public health and humanitarian efforts at the California-Mexico border** to keep migrants safe, including vaccinations, testing, and isolation and quarantine services.
- **Expanded statewide contact tracing** activities to help keep Californians safe and slow the spread.