

From: Congresswoman Nanette Barragán <RSVP.Barragan@mail.house.gov> To: Ron.Eckstein@mail.house.gov Subject: Updates and Information from Congresswoman Barragán Date: Mon, 28 Jun 2021 14:26:29 -0400 Updates and Information from Congresswoman Barragán June 28, 2021 ¿Quiere leer este boletín en español? Haga clic aquí. Dear Neighbor, We are now more than a week into reopening here in California and, thankfully, it is going well. New COVID Cases continue to remain low, while LA County has now fully vaccinated 58 percent of people 16 years old and older. This is an important milestone but we need to remain cautious. The County has reported a slight rise in the number of cases with a new variant of COVID called the "Delta variant." This new strain of the virus is much more infectious and, if not enough people are vaccinated, it could move us backwards. That's why getting your COVID-19 vaccination is so crucial to ending this pandemic. Make Sure You Are Vaccinated County public health experts want everyone to know that we should all still get vaccinated even if you've already had COVID-19. As we move closer to normalcy, let's all remember to keep looking out for each other. Getting vaccinated not only protects you, it also protects your friends, neighbors and loved ones. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe, they are effective and they are FREE for everyone 12 years old and older. You do NOT need to have health insurance and you will NOT be asked about your immigration status. Vaccines are offered at hundreds of locations across LA County. These include clinics, hospitals, pharmacies, places of worship, and mobile clinics. Many sites are open late and on weekends and no appointment is needed at many locations. Click here to find a vaccination location near you. Would you like to learn more before getting your teen vaccinated? Watch LA County's Public Health Director Dr. Ferrer during the latest COVID-19 Vaccine Teen Summit. Child Tax Credit Nearly all families should get their monthly federal child tax payments automatically, beginning July 15th, with no action required. Families who filed tax returns for 2019 or 2020 or signed up to receive a stimulus check from the Internal Revenue Service, will get this tax relief automatically. You do not need to sign up or take any additional action. Families who did not file a tax return for 2019 or 2020 and who did not use the IRS Non-filers tool last year to sign up for the Economic Impact Payments, should go online and use the IRS Child Tax Credit Non-filer Sign-up Tool to sign up today. United States Postal Service Hiring The U.S. Postal Service is hiring! For more information and to apply, go to [www.USPS.com/Careers](http://www.USPS.com/Careers) Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Reopens! Last week, after 15 months of closure, San Pedro's own Cabrillo Marine Aquarium finally reopened to the public. This is a great way for families to enjoy some summer fun while also supporting our community's amazing City-run aquarium. The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has educated generations of kids and adults in San Pedro on the importance of preserving and protecting the diverse ocean habitats just off our shoreline. As the aquarium gets back to normal operations, drop by and say hello to the sharks! The aquarium is open from noon to 5 PM, Wednesday through Sunday. Please note that masks are still required for visitors. Help for Small Business Interested in starting a small business? Watts Rising is hosting a Watts Small Business Summit to assist you with starting your business, ensuring its growth, and accessing loans. RSVP HERE. Free Clean Energy Training Applications are now open for the Willdan Clean Energy Academy, operated in partnership with the City of LA. This is a great opportunity for individuals looking to expand their knowledge of building energy systems or those seeking to enter the sustainability and clean energy career field. No prior experience needed. The

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