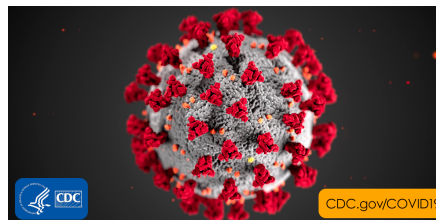




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COVID-19 vaccine update

With supply of vaccines expected to significantly increase in the coming weeks, the state is expanding vaccine eligibility to more Californians. Starting April 1, individuals aged 50+ will be eligible to make an appointment, and individuals 16+ will be eligible to make an appointment to be vaccinated starting on April 15.



Based on the current estimates, [California officials](#) say they expect to be allocated approximately 2.5 million first and second doses per week in the first half of April, and more than 3 million doses in the second half of April. California currently receives about 1.8 million doses per week. These estimates may be adjusted as time goes on.

Even with expanded vaccine supplies, it is expected to take several months for willing Californians to be vaccinated. Based on public information shared by vaccine manufacturers and the federal government, California expects to receive several million vaccine doses per week starting sometime in April.

Where to get vaccinated

For a list of vaccine providers that are working with the County of Sacramento, go to the county's vaccine website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

In addition, there are private clinics providing vaccinations. One of our members reports that MDSTAT Urgent Care at 391 Howe Ave. at the corner of University Avenue has the Moderna vaccine and appointments are available (sometimes by the next day) by calling (916) 678-5280.

Urgent Care Now, which operates a clinic in the Whole Foods shopping center at Arden Way and Eastern Avenue, also offers COVID vaccine. Go to the clinic website for information at <http://www.urgentcarenow.net/arden-urgent-care/> or call (916) 480-9925.

Facts about gun ownership

In a recent WDDNA member survey, some respondents asked if we could provide information about gun safety and gun laws. This topic became of special concern after an arsenal of guns and ammunition was found and removed from a home on Mission near Arden Hills in late February.



Research indicates that a quarter of Californians have at least one gun in their homes. According to the [2018 California Safety and Wellbeing Survey](#), the average number of firearms per gun-owning household in the state was five, with 55 percent of those being long guns, mostly rifles. Approximately half of the firearms in California are owned by the 10 percent of people who own 10 or more guns.

Reports indicate that the COVID-19 lock-down resulted in a surge in gun sales in the state. In March alone, there were 164,000 background checks for gun purchases, a 72 percent increase over February, and one of the highest months in the past 20 years.

With such an increase in firearm purchases, it is important to know the safety rules for gun ownership in California.

Following are excerpts from a Q&A provided by the California Attorney General's office. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the entire document.

What is the process for purchasing a firearm in California?

Generally, all firearm purchases and transfers, including private party transactions and sales at gun shows, must be made through a California licensed dealer under the Dealer's Record of Sale (DROS) process. California law imposes a 10-day waiting period before a firearm can be released to a purchaser or transferee.

A California licensed dealer is prohibited from selling, supplying, delivering, transferring or giving possession or control of any firearm to any person under the age of 21, except as specifically exempted. The exemptions include a person 18 years of age or older who possesses a valid hunting license, as well peace officers and military personnel

To purchase a handgun, you must provide proof of California residency and either possess a Handgun Safety Certificate (HSC) plus successfully completing a safety demonstration with the recently purchased handgun, or qualify for an HSC exemption.

Is there a limit on the number of handguns that I can own or purchase?

There is no limit, but you are generally limited to purchasing no more than one handgun in any 30-day period.

Are large-capacity magazines legal?

Generally, it is illegal to buy, manufacture, import, keep for sale, expose for sale, give or lend any large-capacity magazine (able to accept more than 10 rounds) in California. However, continued possession of large-capacity magazines that you owned in California prior to Jan. 1, 2000, is legal provided you are not otherwise prohibited.

Who is prohibited from owning or possessing firearms?

Any person who:

- has a conviction for any misdemeanor listed in Penal Code section 29805 or for any felony,
- or is addicted to the use of any narcotic drug,
- or has been held involuntarily as a danger to self or others
- is prohibited from buying, owning or possessing firearms or ammunition. There also are prohibitions based on mental conditions, domestic restraining/protective orders, conditions of probation and specific offenses committed as a juvenile.

Can I sell a gun directly to another person (i.e. non-dealer)?

Generally, no. This type of transaction is referred to as a "private party transfer" and must be conducted with both parties, in person, through a fully licensed California firearms dealer. Failure to do so is a violation of California law. Antique firearms that are over 50 years old are exempt from this requirement.

Can my driving record prevent me from purchasing a firearm?

Yes. If you have a conviction for a firearms-prohibiting offense, such as felony drunk driving, your driving record would affect your ability to purchase a firearm. Furthermore, your driver's license must be valid. A revocation, outstanding ticket or fine may cause your license to be invalid.

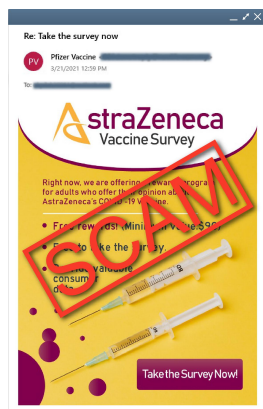
Gun Safety

In California, owning a gun brings with it a number of serious safety requirements beyond simply handling the weapon properly.

All firearms sold or transferred in the state by a licensed dealer, including private transfers conducted by a dealer, must include a "firearms safety device" other than a gun safe, that locks and is designed to prevent children and unauthorized users from firing the weapon. The devices must be listed on the roster of approved firearms safety devices maintained by the California Department of Justice and must be appropriate for that specific firearm.

For a list of such safety devices, CLICK HERE. <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/fsdcertlist>

Beyond that, the Attorney General's office offers a list of suggestions to ensure your own safety and that of others when you are using or storing guns. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the list.



COVID vaccine survey scams

From the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Scammers are using a new trick to steal your money and personal information: a bogus COVID vaccine survey.

People across the country are reporting getting emails and texts out of the blue, asking them to complete a limited-time survey about the Pfizer, Moderna or AstraZeneca vaccine. (And there may be one for Johnson & Johnson, too.) In exchange, people are offered a free reward, but asked to pay shipping fees.

If you get an email or text like this, **STOP**. It's a scam. No legitimate surveys ask for your credit card or bank account number to pay for a "free" reward.

If you get an email or text you're not sure about:

- Don't click on any links or open attachments. Doing so could install harmful malware on your device that steals your personal information without you realizing it.
- Don't call or use the number in the email or text. If you want to call the company

that supposedly sent the message, look up its phone number online.

Remember:

- Don't give your bank account, credit card or personal information to someone who contacts you out of the blue.
- You can filter unwanted text messages on your phone, through your wireless provider, or with a call-blocking app. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.
- If you get an email or text that asks for your personal information and you think it could be a scam, report it to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/ReportFraud.ftc.gov).

To learn more about COVID-related frauds and scams, visit [ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams](https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams).



Springtime for rattlers

More families are using the American River Parkway during the stay-at-home order. But, because spring is here, it is important that all family members be aware that spring and fall are the times when most rattlesnake bites are reported.

Experts note that about 80 percent of rattler bites are by male snakes and they occur most often during the spring and fall rattlesnake courtship seasons.

Following are a few things to know about rattlers to help keep you, your children and your pets safe. This is a Q and A with Mike Cardwell, a rattlesnake expert who has been an instructor at Effie Yeaw Nature Center:

Q: *What should you do if you are bitten by a rattlesnake?*

A: The only thing that will change the outcome of a serious rattlesnake bite is anti-venom and you can only get anti-venom in a hospital emergency room. We no longer cut the wound or suck out the venom or apply ice, we don't use tourniquets or compression bandages. The only thing that you should do is transport a snakebite victim to an emergency room.

Up and down the parkway, the best thing to do is call 911 because they can get paramedics to you in just a few minutes. They will get you to an emergency room quicker and they will take you to one where they know they have anti-venom.

(For pets, experts advise that you check ahead of time to see if your vet regularly carries anti-venom. Not all vet clinics do. So, plan ahead.)

Q: *What does rattlesnake venom do to a snakebite victim?*

A: The only variety of rattlesnake we have in Sacramento is the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake. It has proteolytic venom that destroys proteins and causes tissue damage, swelling and severe scarring if not treated quickly. It causes proteins in the body to come apart. Anti-venom neutralizes the venom, but cannot reverse damage already done, so time is critical to avoid serious damage and scarring.

Q: What should you do if you find a rattlesnake in your yard?

A: Don't try to catch them and move them. That's a good way to get bitten. If there's one rattlesnake in your yard, there's a good chance there are other rattlesnakes in your yard frequently. So you need to take precautions. Watch where you step during warm weather. If you go outside at night, use a flashlight. And if you have toddlers, you need to watch them at all times while they are in that yard. Getting rid of one rattlesnake does not get rid of all rattlesnakes.

Q: How can you keep rattlesnakes out of your yard?

A: Fences are not very effective because snakes are always getting into vole and ground squirrel burrows to hunt, so they can get under fences. The best thing to do is to eliminate places in your yard that attract snakes because they also attract the rodents that snakes eat. Woodpiles are a favorite place for both animals, so if you have one, get one of those metal racks that elevate the wood up off the ground and then clean out under it regularly. Also keep the rest of your yard neat and clear of undergrowth where rodents might live. That will reduce your chances of having rattlesnakes living in your yard, but it may not prevent the occasional male snake from wandering through during courting season.

Q: How can we be safe from rattlesnakes in the American River Parkway?

A: Stay on the bike trail. On the trail, you can see where you're stepping. If you see a snake, stay at least two snake-lengths away from it. So, if it is about a three-foot snake, stay at least six feet away. It can't strike more than its body length.

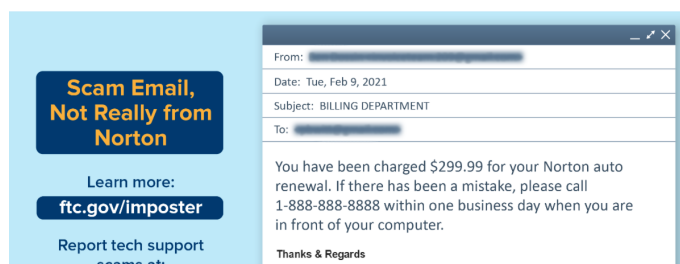
And, most important, if you see a rattlesnake anywhere, leave it alone. Often, young men see a snake and can't seem to leave it alone. Emergency room docs say the typical snakebite victim is late teens or early 20s, male and has some alcohol in him.

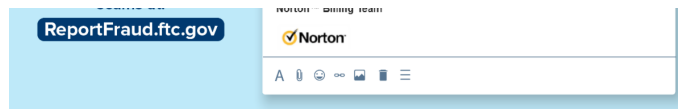
Q: What should a bicyclist do if there is a rattlesnake on the bike trail?

A: If you can't avoid it, just take your feet up off the pedals and coast past it or just ride over it. If you're going fast, it's not worth crashing to avoid the snake.

Q: When you are hiking in wild areas, what kind of protective clothing should you wear to protect yourself?

A: When rattlesnakes strike, they just propel their head forward by stretching out their necks. They don't spring. So, most accidental snakebites are to the feet or the ankles. If you are going to go hiking in grass or weeds, wear high-top leather shoes. Snakes cannot bite through leather.





Bogus purchase emails from scammers

From the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Let's say you get an email about a charge to your credit card for something you aren't expecting or don't want. Your first instinct may be to immediately call the company or respond to the email and to stop the payment. Scammers know that and are taking advantage of it in a new phishing scheme.

People are telling the Federal Trade Commission that they're getting emails that look like they're from Norton, a company that sells antivirus and anti-malware software. (Tip: the emails are NOT from Norton.) The emails say you've been (or are about to be) charged for a Norton product — maybe an auto renewal or new order. If this is a mistake, the email says, you should call immediately. Don't do it.

If you call, you'll be connected to a scammer. Some scammers might ask you to “verify” your credit card information, while others might say they need your password to remote into your computer so they can remove the Norton program. But if you let them, they could install malware, block you from getting to your own files and sell you worthless services.

If you get an email or text you're not sure about:

- Don't click on any links.
- Don't use the number in the email or text. If you want to call the company that supposedly sent the message, look up their phone number online.

Remember:

- Never give your password to a stranger on the phone, even if they claim to be from a company you recognize.
- If you did give out your password, change it right away, update your computer's security software, run a scan and delete anything it identifies as a problem.
- Make your passwords long, strong and complex.
- Don't give your bank account, credit card or personal information over the phone to someone who contacts you out of the blue.

And if you do get a fake email like this, report it to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/ReportFraud).

Member Q&A - Who should I call?

Q: How do I report a nuisance parked vehicle?

A: You can report parking violations to the Sacramento Sheriff's Department Parking Enforcement Division, 916-874-5115 (option 6, then option 0). This includes vehicles that have been parked in one place in excess of 72 hours, are parked in front of a fire hydrant, parked the wrong way and/or are blocking a driveway.

Q: How do I report a dog off leash?

A: Sacramento County's ordinance allows dog owners to have their dogs off leash on

their own property. However, as soon as the dog leaves that property, the dog owner is breaking the law and may be legally liable for whatever happens. Call 311 to report a loose dog. Be sure to provide the time of the incident, the location, description of the dog and any other useful information.

HOW TO CALL FOR HELP

IN AN EMERGENCY

If you have an immediate emergency - if your life or property is in immediate danger, if you feel threatened by someone on or near your property, if you have just become the victim of a crime or if you are witnessing a crime in progress:

CALL 911 from a land line.

Or, if calling from a cell phone within Sacramento County, call
(916) 874-5111.

TO REPORT A CRIME

There are two ways to report a crime to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department:

1. Call the Sheriff's Department NON-EMERGENCY LINE at (916) 874-5115. To bypass the recorded messaging when you call, dial 0 after the line is answered.
2. File a report online through the Sheriff's Department website. Click on this link to begin the process: <https://www.sacsheriff.com/Pages/Services/ReportCrime.aspx>

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

(Not an emergency)

If you see someone engaged in suspicious activity but it is not an emergency, call 916-874-5115 (Sheriff's Department non-emergency line).

GENERAL CONCERNS, REPORTS OR QUESTIONS

If you have an issue that can be addressed later, you may contact our neighborhood patrol officers about it. The best way is via [EMAIL](mailto:wilhaggin4@sacsheriff.com) at wilhaggin4@sacsheriff.com

Email: wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com

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