

San Bernardino County creates coalition to help recover after coronavirus pandemic

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A coalition of private and public agencies will soon start planning [San Bernardino County's](#) recovery from the [novel coronavirus](#) pandemic.

County officials have created a San Bernardino County COVID-19 Recovery Coalition, led by Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman, county officials said in a Monday, April 13, news release.

"The impacts of this pandemic are already deep and far-reaching in terms of our local economy, government resources, and the basic structure of our society," Hagman said in a statement. "The sooner we start talking about what recovery and our post-COVID-19 county looks like, even while coping with the crisis itself, the stronger and more enduring our recovery will be."

The coalition includes county officials from the Economic, Workforce and Community Development departments and the Housing Agency. Eventually, it will include members from:

- Transportation/logistics
- Healthcare
- The faith community
- Retail
- Manufacturing
- Government
- Education
- Hospitality
- Tourism

A process for selecting members of the coalition will be announced in the future, the county said.

"The focus of the coalition will be to begin a dialogue about recovery efforts and best practices toward dealing with the current COVID-19 crisis and moving our county towards recovery," Hagman said.

The peak of COVID-19 cases locally or nationally has not yet arrived, according to officials. Talking about recovery now is not a signal to ease off efforts to control the virus' spread, Hagman warned.

“We have not yet seen the worst,” Hagman said. “We must still stay at home when we can and take serious precautions when we have to go out by covering our faces as needed, washing our hands often, and maintaining social distancing. Backing off now will cause more people to become infected, more people to get gravely ill, and strain our healthcare system beyond capacity.”