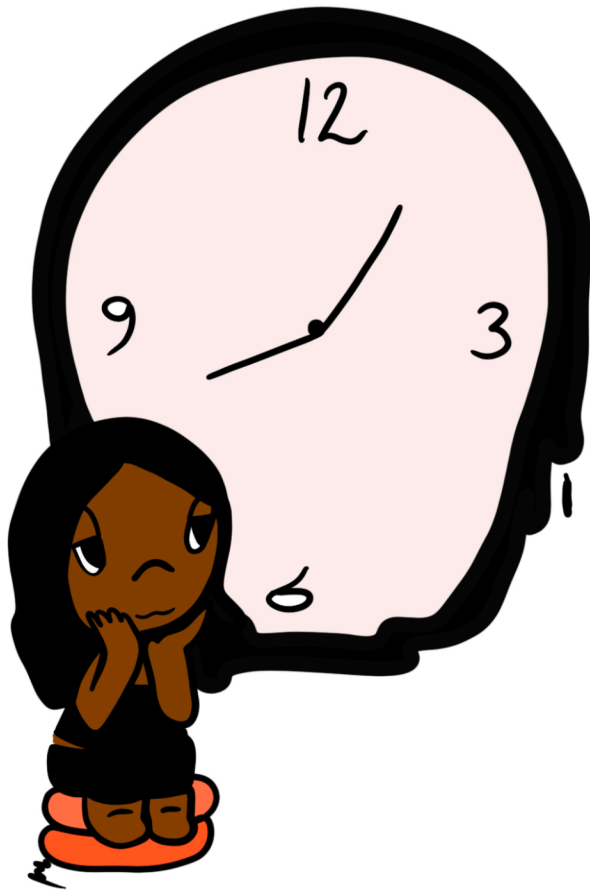


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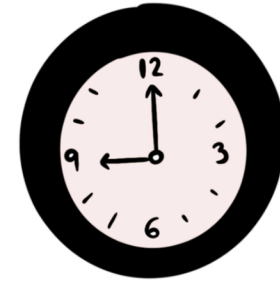
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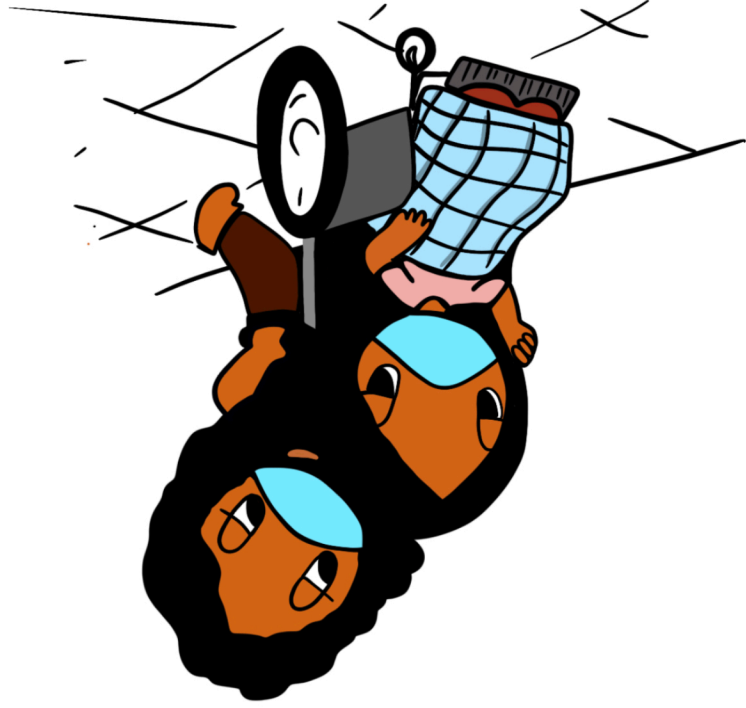


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ISSUE 1

NOT A MOMENT IN TIME

This crisis is not an isolated moment in time. Policing, capitalism, and public health in the US have always been a crisis, and everything we're fighting for right now is what we've long demanded.

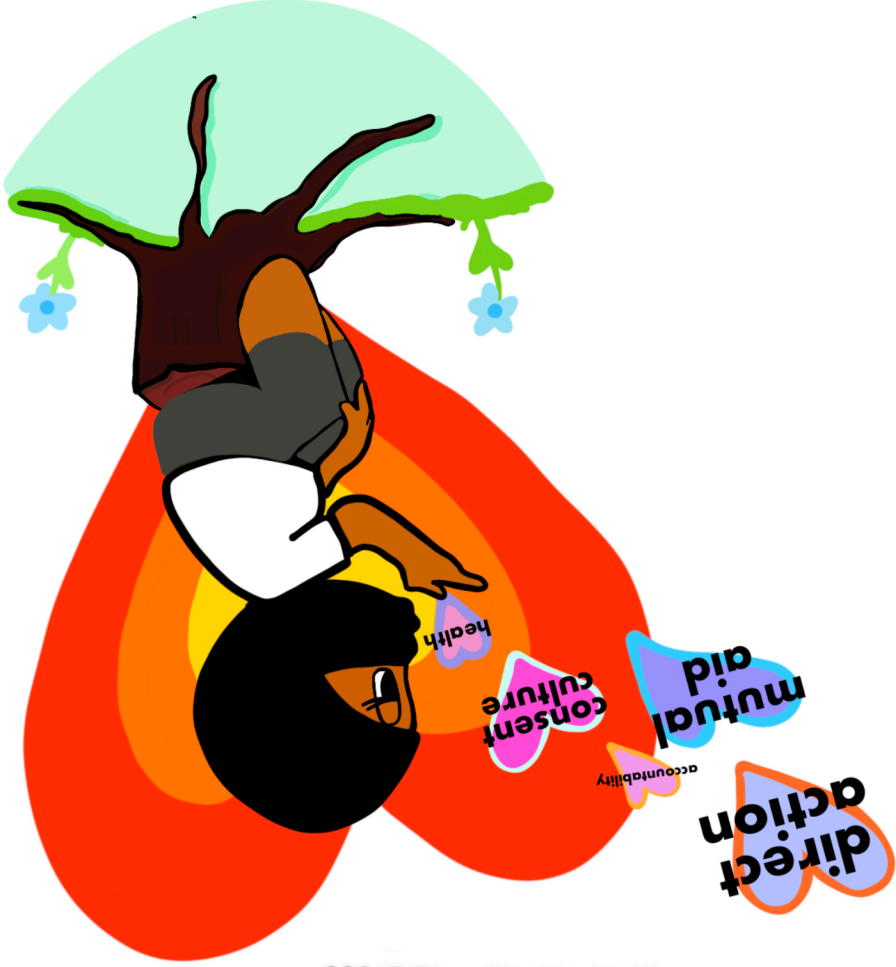


Meanwhile, the state has a long history of exploiting emergencies like this to expand policing and surveillance.

**We need to be vigilant
and protect each other.**

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a call to action.

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THIS IS A CALL TO ACTION

This is going to be a on-going series, so we invite folks to share knowledge, resources, pose questions, raise concerns, etc.



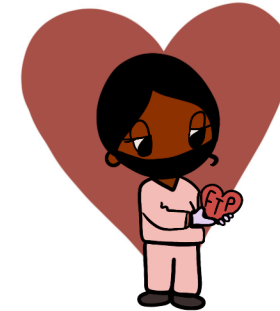
Join us as we dig deeper on issues facing youth, unhoused communities, the stimulus/budget, and also understanding the orders better.

BUILD POWER NOT PARANOIA

Dear reader,

This living document is part of an on-going series in response to Covid 19. Through this series and continuous research, webinars, conversations, etc., we are hoping to answer:

- Why are we being asked to "socially distance" and/or "quarantine" ourselves? What is social distancing and quarantining?
- Can I even do this?
- How will it save lives?
- With all the tracing and tracking the state does, why couldn't they test enough people to track down COVID's spread?



These next 4 questions are going to be addressed in webinar and the information will be posted in the upcoming issues:

- What public health principles should we be considering when organizing in a COVID pandemic?
- What kinds of healthcare and health related needs should we be considering when thinking of the impact of COVID?
- Can COVID help us to create more solidarity between the healthcare workforce and the movements and communities most at risk?
- What would a public health victory look like?

We kindly invite you to be a part of this knowledge exchange, by joining upcoming webinars, and/or documenting and sharing how the state is rolling things out in their neighborhoods, etc. Please send any inquiries to stoplapdspy@gmail.com

Disclaimer- Consensus on some health precautions is still being researched and debated, and we will share as we learn more.

Understanding Covid 19

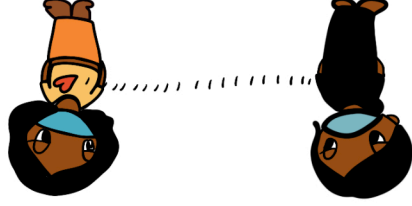
Let's start with the basics...

What do we know about Coronavirus?

— Coronavirus causes and spreads COVID-19, a respiratory illness whose symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

— The virus can spread in various ways, including between people who are within 6 feet of each other, through droplets from when a person coughs or sneezes, or possibly by touching a surface or object that had droplets on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes.

— People can be infected and spread infection to others even if they do not show any symptoms. It can take a few days between catching the virus and showing symptoms, though some people will be infectious without ever showing symptoms.



Physical Distancing NOT Social Distancing

There is a lot that is still unknown about COVID-19, and there is a lot of information about the virus that is still debated. But experts believe creating physical distance will limit the spread of the virus from person to person. Delaying physical distancing measures (or prematurely ending them, as President Trump has threatened) exponentially increases the risk that communities will get infected. But "social distancing" (a term often used interchangeably with "physical distancing") should not mean we give up on our social connections, community organizing, and power building. Those can and must go on.

3.

Mutual Aid

Graphic on how people can build their own hand washing station:



How you can help:

- **Build a DIY handwashing station** and drop it off at LA CAN. We need parts to build more.
 - **Drop off (or ship) supplies** to LA CAN. DIY handwashing stations, and supplies to keep them working, like liquid soap and paper towels.
 - **Donate** to LACAN to support our handwashing campaign.
 - **Report** the status of Handwashing Stations so we can update our map. Send us your field reports at handwashing@skidrowpower.com (note the address, the status, and if possible attach a photo or video).
- For more info, visit: cangress.org/coronavirus/ or contact them at:

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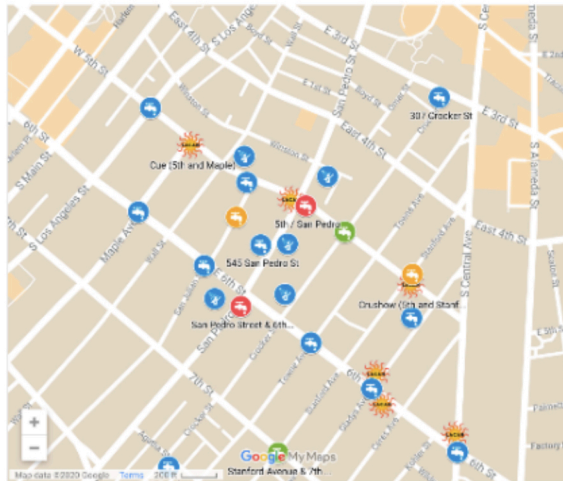
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20.

Resources for food, housing, etc.



LACAN's Handwashing Stations



To learn more about LA CAN's
Handwashing Stations Campaign visit:
skidrowpower.com/handwashing/



What is the advice from health experts?

Physical distancing needs to be immediate, not later - Once COVID-19 arrives in a community, exponential growth means it will quickly become widespread. Delaying distancing measures (or prematurely ending them, as President Trump has threatened) exponentially increases the risk that other communities will get infected. The sooner we distance, the less long we will need to keep that going. While the risk to individuals may be low in the early stages of a community outbreak, the collective risk at the community and global levels is extremely high.

Identifying cases and isolating people is essential - Absent rapid testing (which the US is extremely behind on), effective vaccines (which could take several months to develop, test, and manufacture), or medications (some of which are experimental), health officials are focused on identifying cases and separating those who have been exposed or infected. Delaying the spread of COVID-19 could buy time to develop vaccines and other responses, plus it will help reduce the sudden surge of cases that hospitals face.

The numbers now are deceptively small - Since testing is so limited, the number of confirmed cases is much smaller than the true number of people infected. But this number is growing and will grow exponentially without rapid action. The government has failed to invest in testing and is now exploiting this failure to pursue invasive mass surveillance programs (which will not be as effective as mass testing) and forcing workers back into danger (which will definitely increase COVID-19's spread and).

Banning travel will have limited effect - Without timely and aggressive physical distancing measures, banning travel from infected communities serves only to delay the spread of the outbreak. We do not support a state sanctioned travel ban with punitive enforcement, but we do strongly urge people to avoid traveling unless absolutely necessary.

Housing is health care.



5.

Free online activities for children- go to achieve.lausd.net/resources to download them

Free/Low Cost Internet- we are looking into this, as some companies have stated they will provide free and/or low cost internet. Will update when more info available.

Mutual Aid

Fill out this chart if there is something you need and/or you would like to share some of your resources:

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If someone you know does not have online access to fill this chart out, fill this out with them
Database of Localized Resources during COVID 19

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18.

Resources for food, housing, etc.

Free Food there are various food resources. One would be LAUSD's 64 resource centers where they are giving each child 2 meals. Here are some of the "Grab and Go" Food Centers that are open from 7am to 11am- there are 64 centers total. Some are listed below- for more, go to <https://achieve.lausd.net/resources>

Central has 12 centers- two of them are the Robert F Kennedy Community Schools at 701 S Catalina St, Los Angeles, CA 90005 and Barack Obama Prep Academy at 1700 W 46th St, Los Angeles, CA 90062

East has 12 centers- two of them are Ellen Ochoa Learning Center at 5027 Live Oak St, Cudahy, CA 90201 and Hollenbeck Middle School at 2510 E 6th St, Los Angeles, CA 90023

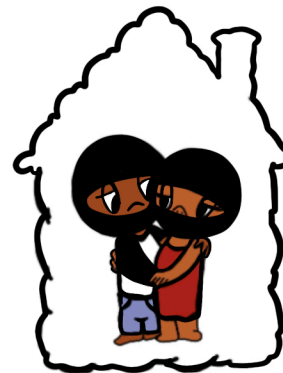
Northeast has 10 centers- two of them are San Fernando Senior High School at 11133 O'Melveny Ave, San Fernando, CA 91340 and Van Nuys High School at 6535 Cedros Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91411

Northwest has 7 centers- one is John Sutter Middle School at 7330 Winnetka Ave, Winnetka, CA 91306

South has 12 centers- three of them are Peary Middle School at 1415 W Gardena Blvd, Gardena, CA 90247, Rancho Dominguez Prep at 4110 Santa Fe Ave, Long Beach, CA 90810 and Dana Middle School at 1501 S Cabrillo Ave, San Pedro, CA 90731

West has 2 centers- Bret Harte Prep at 9301 S Hoover St, Los Angeles, CA 90044 and Johnnie Cochran Middle School at 4066 Johnnie Cochran Vista, Los Angeles, CA 90019

Skid Row and unhoused communities have always been in health crisis due to state.



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The National Security Police State always uses crisis like this to expand oppression, to expand surveillance, accumulate new weapons, push boundaries and justify its violence... **We must:**

REJECT policing & surveillance
ABOLISH the power of wealthy elites
FIGHT BACK by supporting communities



Basic Suggestions

- ✦ Keeping 6 ft apart
- ✦ Frequently washing hands with soap & water
- ✦ For at least 20 seconds
- ✦ Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow
- ✦ Regularly clean surfaces you touch/use a lot
- ✦ Don't shake hands

7.

Our communities have a history of taking care of each other in the face of state violence and the state taking away our communities' basic human rights. We can and we will take care of one another.

As the wealthy limit our communities' access to money, how are we taking care of each other?

16.

love is...



*mutually supporting each other
when pain or illness means we have less capacity.*

The Comrade Closet



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Know your fight:

1. Reject policing and surveillance - The line between necessary public health measures and unnecessary police coercion can be hard to identify in this fast-moving crisis. But we have already seen how some of the government response has been driven by a desire to protect corporate profits and increase policing and punishment of poor people. A sound response starts with science, voluntarism, and communal responsibility. Coercive measures could erode public trust and cooperation and, they are particularly dangerous now, since the crisis has made critical thinking and revolutionary change more urgent than ever. We need to make sure the public can distinguish public health needs from dangerous government responses.

2. Abolish the power of wealthy elites and reject the market. Throughout history, rich elites have eagerly worked others to death in order to protect their investments. This thinking is what drives the call to end distancing measures early, to replace social distancing with surveillance and make people go back to work even if this increases infection and death. We must fight back and ensure that investment in the economy is shifting power away from wealthy corporations and toward the people.

3. Fight back and prioritize deep investment in the community. Because the state has historically denied our communities basic needs, we have a long history of providing for each other. We must continue this fight and prioritize deep investment in the health system, unemployment benefits, housing security, and food security.

National Security Police State

The police response to this crisis is not an isolated moment in time. While distancing and infection-tracking measures can be necessary to public health, the government also has a history of exploiting emergencies to expand policing, punishment, and surveillance, which are then used to oppress vulnerable communities. **Throughout history, many of the oppressive tactics, laws, and tools we are fighting today were introduced as a response to crisis.** And like today, these responses often followed calls by the public for increased government action.

In the 1960s, in response to "liberal outrage" (white guilt) about southern states attacking civil rights demonstrations using weapons like fire hoses and police dogs, Congress passed the **Safe Streets Act of 1968.** The law gave police departments funding, equipment, and training to "improve" and modernize policing, setting up the **heavy police militarization** we are fighting today.

Here in LA, the **1984 Olympics** were used to expand surveillance and policing. The LAPD acquired military weaponry and equipment, and it performed repeated sweeps of "gangs" and unhoused people. These tactics didn't stop with the Olympics. Instead, they were made routine, for example in the form of **Operation Hammer**, a series of large-scale militarized raids of Black and Brown communities beginning in 1987.

In 1994, Bill Clinton signed the **Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act**, stating "Gangs and drugs have taken over our streets and undermined our schools," and "Every day, we read about somebody else who has literally gotten away with murder." This law put 100,000 cops on the streets and directed \$30 billion to state and local policing. This was clearly a "concocted crisis" with claims about "super predators," meth and gang epidemics, etc.



9.

Looking out for wellbeing of youth- how are basic needs being met and how can we be vigilant on the state using recent orders to come down on youth?

We push for the release of youth and their families, as we always have. Our families who are migrating, seeking asylum, etc.- how are we staying vigilant to take care our relatives incarcerated and kidnapped by the state?

14.



In 1996, soon after white nationalists bombed a federal building in Oklahoma City, Congress passed the **Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act** (AEDPA). This law limited the legal rights of incarcerated people, and it has expanded capital punishment and life sentences for Black, Brown, and poor people.

Within weeks of the **9/11 terrorist attacks**, Congress passed a series of repressive laws expanding surveillance and detention, including the Patriot Act. These laws have been used to target immigrant communities and expand the racist War on Drugs. As police keep testing the limits of their Patriot Act powers, Congress keeps renewing the law.

With programs such as **Preventing Violent Extremism in Schools** (PVE), Black, Brown, Muslim, Immigrant and Indigenous youth are being criminalized as “threats to national security.” Through these programs, the government treats youth as suspicious if they speak against authority, live in poverty, are migrants, express anger and frustration, feel lonely, aren’t doing well in school, and more. With schools closed, we know that youth may be stalked and criminalized even more aggressively by the state.

After the police killing of Mike Brown exposed a crisis of widespread police violence against Black people, reformers called for police to use **body-worn cameras**. These cameras quickly become surveillance, used to expand criminalization. Like any new resources given to law enforcement, they have made police more powerful.

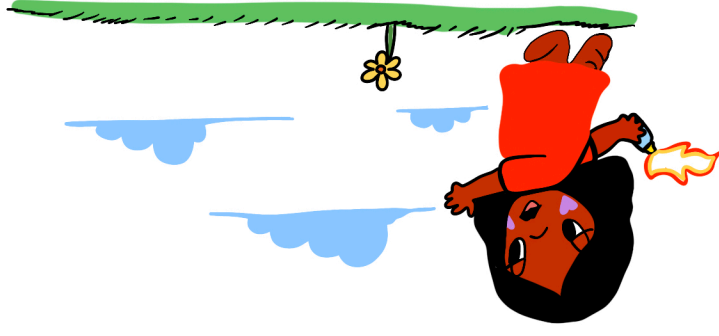


I deserve a childhood.

Resources/ Resistance

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II.

Here are four ways to fight back:

Care - Caring for each other is critical right now. Join mutual aid efforts. Find safe ways to redistribute resources and support others, prioritizing those who are most vulnerable. Show how we can protect each other without police and without capitalism.

Advocate - Take care to distinguish important public health measures from policing that will harm vulnerable communities. Demand that the government provide care and support, not punishment and exploitation. Oppose criminalization and policing. Oppose crisis measures that shift power away from the people and toward wealthy elites.

Expose - Document oppressive police tactics and tools. Take pictures, do research, and share what you learn. Expose the logic of capitalism and punishment behind certain responses to the crisis. Make sure the community understands the harms of police oppression and elite exploitation.

Resist - Be strategic about keeping our movements alive. As people fight for freedom, housing, health, and other needs in this crisis, there may be times when we need to mobilize in person and show up for each other. We must remain committed to health and safety in these efforts, but we cannot let police dictate our solidarity and our resistance.

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