



# CALIFORNIA'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

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**The most urgent economic recovery  
tool the business community  
needs is stabilizing the virus.**

**We need a more inclusive, resilient,  
future-proofed economy with a focus  
on near, medium, and long term.**

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## Jobs and Economic Recovery Task Force

- Helping with sector specific guidance for safer reopening
- Developed “Wear A Mask” campaign
- Launched #ShopSafeShopLocal
- 90 members signed letter advocating for more federal funding
- Produced dozens of recommendations from 5 subcommittees

# Actions Taken to Support Economy

- **Simplified accounting methods to reduce tax liabilities for most small businesses**
- **Eliminated the minimum franchise tax for all first year businesses**
- **Allowed small businesses to defer sales tax payments for 12 months: up to \$50,000**
- **Extended sales tax deadlines**

## Actions Taken to Support Economy

- **\$1 billion in tax credits for 3.6 million working families**
- **\$1 billion in additional low-income housing tax credits over last 2 years**
- **Signed major housing production package: 18 bills to address housing shortage and create jobs.**

# Pandemic Supports for Businesses

- **Over 5.6 million meals served and 8,000 jobs supported through first-in-nation Great Plates Delivered program**
- **Waived property tax penalties for small businesses**
- **\$75 million for small businesses that may not have qualified for federal relief**



# Pandemic Supports for Businesses

- **Supporting manufacturing and small businesses through [SafelyMakingCA.org](https://www.safelymakingca.org)**
- **Over 8,500 employers and 54,000 employees benefitting from workshare program**
- **CA network Small Business Centers: 86 active, 31 languages, 10-fold increase in finance assistance**

# Pandemic Supports for Workforce

- **Workers' Compensation for essential workers**
- **Paid sick leave for food sector workers**
- **Paid family leave for those caring for ill or quarantined family member**
- **Ensuring childcare for frontline workers**

# Pandemic Supports for Workforce

- **Hotels for health care and agriculture workers**
- **Cash assistance for skilled nursing facility workers**
- **PPE for essential workers**
- **Evictions moratorium**
- **Mortgage forbearance negotiated with big banks**

**The Legislature has done great work elevating ideas to help spur growth.**

**With two weeks left, it's time to get an economic recovery package across the finish line.**

# Jobs and Workforce Training

## Accelerating state funded infrastructure

- Unspent bonds and shovel ready projects

## Accelerating wildfire and green infrastructure projects

- Hardening energy grid

## Expanded workforce training

## Streamline permitting in hardest hit sectors

## Upgrade technology

- Office of Digital Innovation



# Lifelines for Small Businesses

## Main Street Hiring Credit

- Partnering with the Legislature to revamp the state hiring credit

## State tax exemption on PPP awards

- Conform to federal PPP taxation (exempt from state taxation)



# Worker Protections Needed to Reopen



- **Worker protections – job protected paid family leave, paid sick days, workers' comp**
- **Helping workers isolate and quarantine**
- **Stronger enforcement tools to protect worker health and safety**
- **Expand outreach and training to employers and workers to reduce the risk of COVID-19**

# Worker Protections Needed to Reopen



- **Continuing major public awareness campaign**
- **Analysis of pandemic's impact on caregiving**
- **Enact stronger consumer protections**



# Evictions and Housing Market Stabilization



- **Enacting eviction protections for vulnerable renters & assistance for struggling property owners impacted by COVID-19**
- **Accelerating \$300 million in National Mortgage Settlement funds, targeted to the most in-need homeowners & renters**

# Evictions and Housing Market Stabilization



- **More quickly build housing through the Infill Infrastructure Grant program**
  - **Accelerate bond funds**
- **Build on housing production laws**
  - **Get more housing built faster**

# Reforms To Adapt to Pandemic Conditions



- **Closing the digital divide**
  - **Expanding broadband infrastructure**
- **Bring together employees and employers to look at telework rules**

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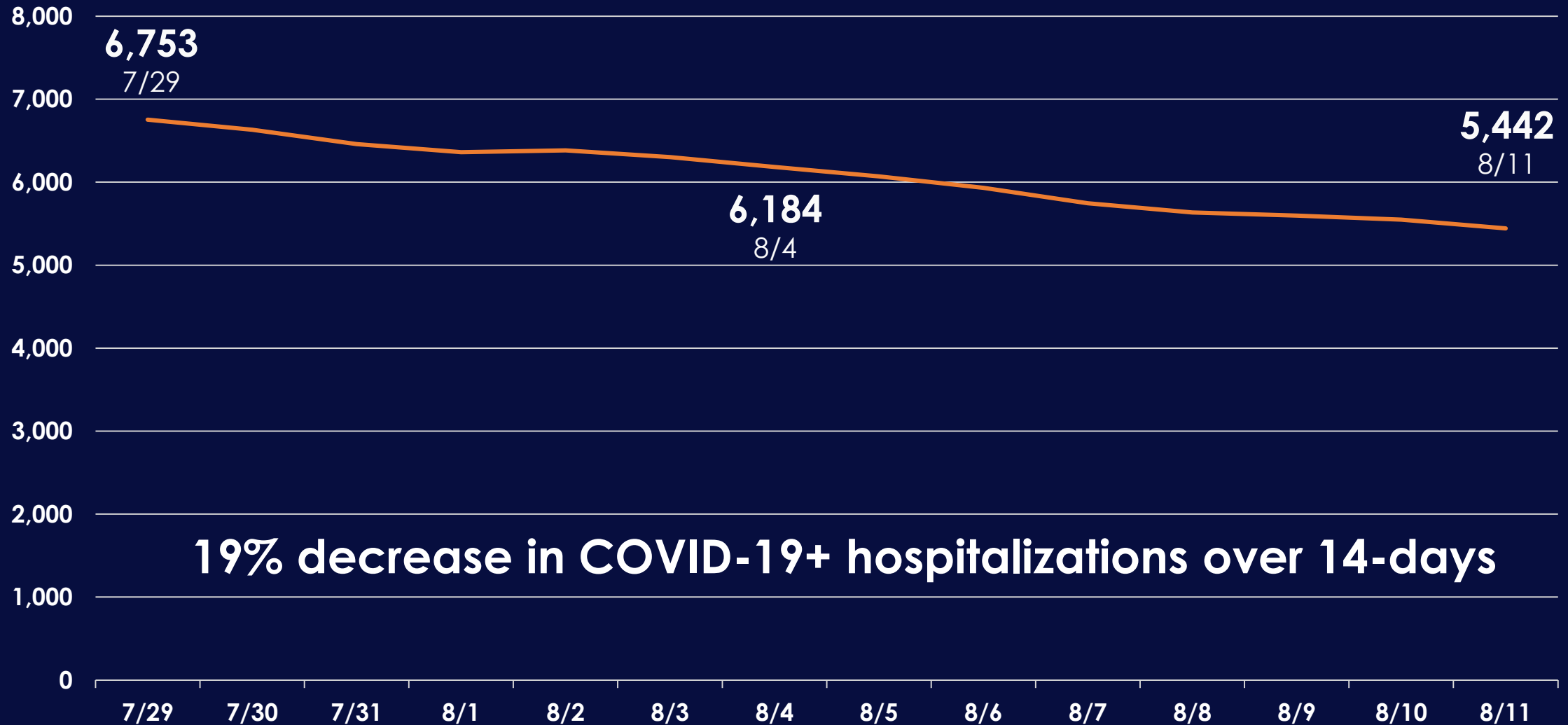
**6,212**

Backlog

**5,433**

New

# COVID-19+ Hospitalizations



# California's Healthcare System Capacity

**42,665**  
Admitted  
Patients

58%  
Of Hospital Beds

**5,442**  
COVID-19  
Patients

7%  
Of Hospital Beds

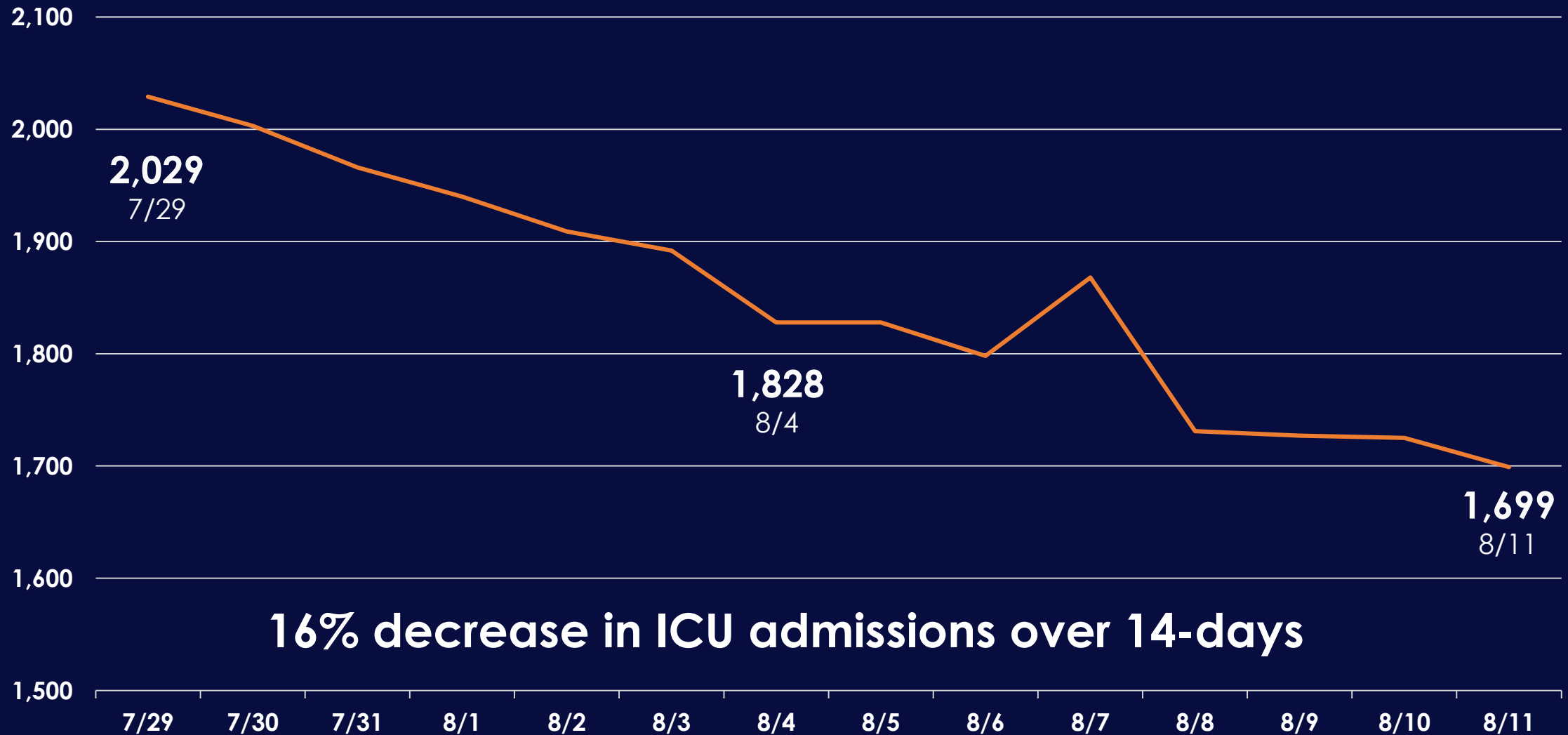


**73,867**  
Hospital  
Beds





# COVID-19+ ICU Admissions



**16% decrease in ICU admissions over 14-days**

# California's Critical Care Capacity

**1,699**

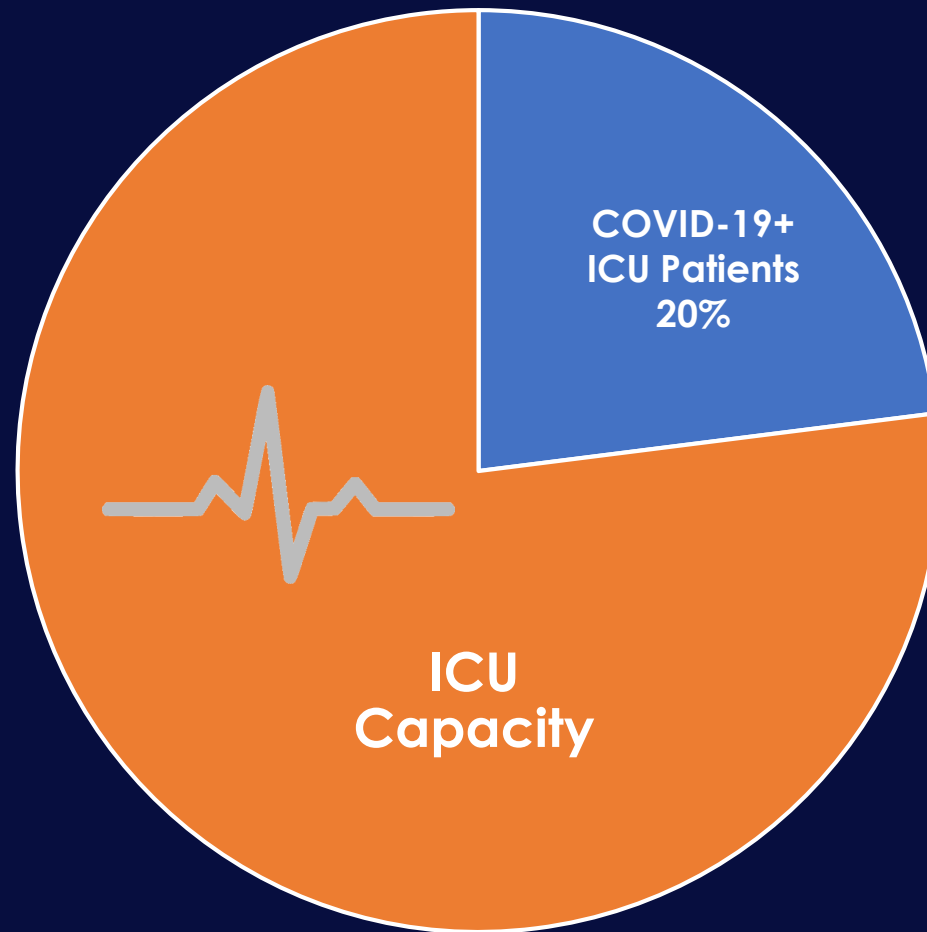
Total ICU  
COVID-19+ Patients

**2,522**

Total ICU Beds  
Available

**8,430**

Total ICU Beds



**13,149**

Ventilators Available

**REMINDER: Your Actions Can Save Lives**

**Wear a mask**

**Physically distance**

**Wash your hands**

**Minimize mixing**



Learn more at  
**[covid19.ca.gov](https://covid19.ca.gov)**