



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

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COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Details on Coronavirus Data** – The City regularly receives inquiries on coronavirus data and requests additional information. However, the City only relays the data provided. The City has requested clarification on Manhattan Beach COVID-19 statistics from the County of Los Angeles, including the number of residents who have recovered from coronavirus. If more information is received, it will be included in the Situation Report.
- **Unobstructed Access to Water Meters** - An essential function impacting every resident and business is ensuring our water system meets community demand while we are “Safer at Home.” To meet this objective, the City’s Public Works Department has continued to deploy minimal staff to operate the water plant and to read meters daily. Please be aware that while our Water Division staff is performing these essential functions, they have been properly equipped and trained to minimize contact and maintain social distance. However, in some cases, City employees must access gates, move yard furniture, or push aside plants in order to access and read water meters. This is required in order to properly log water usage for each property. Blocked access can result in water bills that are artificially low one cycle and then much higher the following. We strive to avoid this type of variability by ensuring that each meter is read as close as possible to its 60-day cycle. The City requests that residents and businesses be mindful of our Water Division efforts, and take every measure possible to ensure that City staff has access to your water meter box at all times, while minimizing the need to touch anything other than the water meter box itself. The City understands that unrestricted access will not be possible at every location, but your assistance and understanding is paramount in allowing the City to continue providing this essential service to our community during the Coronavirus pandemic.
- **Door to Door Solicitations Prohibited** - Consistent with public health directives issued by the State of California and County of Los Angeles, the City of Manhattan Beach is warning businesses that door-to-door solicitation is strictly prohibited. These measures are designed to minimize close personal contact, a known cause of the spread of COVID-19. Businesses that place flyers on doors soliciting business are

deemed a non-essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Alternate advertising platforms are encouraged; violators may be subject to citations and criminal prosecution.

FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **San Bernardino County Requires Face Covering** - In an effort to protect the public from further spread of COVID-19, the County of San Bernardino's Acting Health Officer has formally ordered everyone in San Bernardino County to wear a face covering when leaving home. [View the entire press release.](#)
- **Department of Defense Face Covering Guidelines** - The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) issued a new directive requiring anyone on DoD property, installations, or facilities to wear a cloth face covering when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public area or work centers.
- **United States Postal Service (USPS) Delivers** - Despite the global health challenges, USPS remains committed to serving the nation while keeping the safety of their customers and employees a top priority. USPS provides the essential service of delivering mail every day. With the exception of numerous international posts that are not allowing mail to enter or exit their countries (primarily due to international travel restrictions), USPS continues to process mail in alignment with its service standards, i.e. priority mail, express, etc. The Postal Service continues to deliver Certified letters and has modified Signature Services procedures while maintaining safe, appropriate distance. USPS supports Safer at Home by offering services such as free shipping supplies, print labels at home, and free package pickup. For more information, service alerts and USPS Coronavirus FAQs, go to usps.com.
- **Hoarding Does Not Pay** - The U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services partnered to distribute medical supplies [confiscated from price gougers](#) to those on the frontlines of New York and New Jersey response. This includes about 192,000 N95 respirators, 598,000 medical grade gloves, and other supplies. The Federal Bureau of Investigation discovered the supplies during an enforcement operation by the Department of Justice's COVID-19 Hoarding and Price Gouging Task Force on March 30 and alerted HHS which used its authority under Defense Production Act to order that the supplies be immediately furnished to the United States. In addition to the N95 respirator masks, the supplies found included 598,000 medical grade gloves and 130,000 surgical masks, procedure masks, N100 masks, surgical gowns, disinfectant towels, particulate filters, bottles of hand sanitizer, and bottles of spray disinfectant.
- **California Expanding Hospital Capacity** - A former basketball arena is being transformed into an [alternate care site](#). Governor Newsom announced that the state has secured up to 4,613 additional beds to fight COVID-19 and relieve pressure on the health care delivery system.
- **Guidance on Cloth Face Coverings** - The Department of Public Health released [Guidance for Cloth Face Coverings](#) indicating wearing a face cover is not required

when in public right now. However, it is an additional tool that can be used to slow the spread of COVID-19. Additional things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community are on the Public Health [website](#).

LATEST DETAILS ON PEOPLE WHO HAVE COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	374,329 (+43,438)	12,064 (+3,154)
California ²	15,865 (+1,529)	374 (+31)
Los Angeles County ³	6,910 (+550)	169 (+22)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	51 (+3)	Unknown

CURRENT STATUS OF CITY FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
Emergency Operations Center	Level 1 ⁵	N/A
Police Emergency Response	Normal	N/A
Fire Emergency Response	Normal	N/A
Police Non-Emergency Response	Normal	N/A
Fire Non-Emergency Response	Normal	N/A
Water Services	Normal	N/A
Parking Enforcement	Normal (Street Sweeping Enforcement Suspended Temporarily)	N/A
Parks and Recreation Programming	Closed	N/A
Trash/Recycling Services	Normal	N/A
Sewer Services	Normal	N/A
Street Sweeping	Temporarily Suspended	N/A

¹ Source → <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

² Source → <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

³ Source → <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source → <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁵ Any disaster/emergency that requires continued involvement of all City departments. The Emergency Operations Center is fully activated with 24-hour staffing responding with various divisions that include: operations, planning, logistics and finance.

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
Retail Businesses	Varies (See citymb.info/COVIDstatus)	N/A
City Hall	Closed (Limited Service Operations)	N/A
Construction Activity	Normal (Inspections Ongoing)	N/A
Building Permits	Limited (Processing current permits but limited new permits)	N/A
Transportation (Beach Cities Transit)	Modified Services (See citymb.info/COVIDstatus)	N/A
Greenbelt (Veterans Parkway)	Open (with social distancing required)	N/A
Beaches/The Strand/Bike Path	Closed	N/A
Beach Parking Lots (El Porto, Pier and Bruce's Beach)	Closed (Permit Parking Only)	N/A
Meetings and Gatherings	Prohibited (See Ordinance)	N/A
Outdoor Exercises	Individually (with social distancing required)	N/A
City Community Centers (Joslyn Community Center, Manhattan Heights Park Community Center, Marine Avenue Park Community Center, Live Oak Park Community Center)	Closed	N/A
City Parks, Playgrounds, Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Fitness Areas, Sand Dune	Closed	N/A
Farmers Market	Closed	N/A
County Library	Closed	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Closed	N/A