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COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **City Making Preparations for Warm Weekend** – In advance of the warm weather weekend, the City has been making preparations to ensure City and County Public Health Orders are abided by. The City has deployed 8 portable changeable message signs throughout City reminding the public that the beach is closed, planned additional police patrols, deployed staff on Ocean Drive, Veterans Parkway (i.e. Greenbelt), and Polliwog Park, and developed signage with messaging informing the public of requirements. Take all necessary measures to stay cool, but please do so responsibly and remember, #StayHomeMB!
- **Support Local Businesses Responsibly** - The City Manager issued [Emergency Order No. 5](#) requiring establishments serving food and alcohol for takeout, to transfer alcohol purchases to customers only at the same time food is transferred to the customer. The goal of the order is to prevent the consumption of alcohol by customers while waiting for the preparation of food pick-up, and to prevent gathering opportunities for customers at or around restaurants. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the [State Alcohol Beverage Control Department](#) (ABC) has allowed restaurants and similar establishments to sell alcohol for off-site consumption “when sold in conjunction with meals prepared for pick-up or delivery.” However, pursuant to state and local laws, no one is allowed to open or consume alcohol in public.
- **Partial Trial Opening of Polliwog Park** - The City Council has directed a partial reopening of Polliwog Park on a trial basis. All those entering the park must wear face coverings while visiting the park. The park reopening will be effective Saturday, April 25, at 6:30 AM, and will be monitored and evaluated for compliance.
- **Happy Ramadan** – Ramadan has begun, and we want to wish a Happy Ramadan to our Muslim friends and neighbors who are observing. Please continue to connect to your faith community, friends and extended family from afar. Thank you for all that you are doing to slow the spread.
- **Recent Press Releases**
 - [Support Local Businesses Responsibly by Not Consuming Alcohol While Waiting to Pick Up Food](#) (4/24/2020)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **COVID-19 Grant to Benefit Firefighters** - On April 23, FEMA announced an additional \$100 million in funding for the [Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program](#). This supplemental funding will provide financial assistance directly to eligible fire departments, non-affiliated

emergency medical service organizations and State Fire Training Academies for critical PPE and supplies needed to respond to COVID-19.

- **Coronavirus Treatment Acceleration Program** – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a [blog](#) on the [Coronavirus Treatment Acceleration Program](#). The program uses every available method to move new treatments to patients as quickly as possible, while at the same time finding out whether the treatments are helpful or harmful. Visit [fda.gov](#) for more information.
- **COVID-19 State Orders** – Governor Newsom approved several executive orders benefiting the following:
 - [Student Loan Relief](#) – Provide options that include: allowing a minimum of 90 days forbearance, waiving late payment fees, ensuring that no borrower is subject to negative credit reporting, and helping eligible borrowers enroll in other assistance programs;
 - [School Districts](#) – Requires publishing a written report to the community that explains how they have responded to COVID-19, including steps taken to deliver distance learning and meet the needs of disadvantaged students;
 - [Medi-Cal Providers](#) – Temporarily suspends requirements for in-person signatures for patients to obtain certain prescriptions covered by Medi-Cal and allows 90-day extensions for providers;
 - [Department of Motor Vehicle](#) – Provide 60-day extensions for customers with expired drivers’ licenses and identification cards and suspends late fees from being applied to expired vehicle registrations;
 - [California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\)](#) – Allows public access involvement through electronic means consistent with COVID-19 public health concerns; and
 - [Grocery Bags](#) – Temporarily allows retailers, particularly grocery stores, to provide bags to consumers without charge to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- **County Considers Vote-By-Mail in November** – LA County Supervisors Hahn and Kuehl [have proposed sending](#) a Vote-by-Mail ballot to every eligible LA County voter in all elections starting with the November 3, 2020 General Election in an ongoing effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. The proposal, will be voted on during the Tuesday, April 28, Board of Supervisors meeting. Visit [bos.lacounty.gov](#) for more information.
- **LA County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has confirmed 52 new deaths and 1,035 new cases of COVID-19 in [today’s daily briefing](#). Testing capacity continues to increase in LA County, with testing results available for over 108,000 individuals. As of today, 4,211 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (24% of positive cases) have been hospitalized at some point during their illness. Thus far, 15% of those tested were positive for COVID-19.

LATEST DETAILS ON PEOPLE WHO HAVE COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	865,585 (+37,144)	48,816 (2,437)

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

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
California ²	39,254 (+1,858)	1,562 (+93)
Los Angeles County ³	18,517 (+1,009)	848 (+51)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	64 (+0)	Unknown

CURRENT STATUS OF CITY FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES, AND PROGRAMS

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
Emergency Operations Center	Level I 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 (See Virtual Parks and Recreation Programs)	N/A
Trash/Recycling Services	Normal	N/A
Sewer Services	Normal	N/A
Street Sweeping	Temporarily Suspended	N/A
Retail Businesses	Varies (See citymb.info/COVIDstatus)	N/A
City Hall	Closed (Limited Service Operations)	N/A
Construction Activity	Normal (Inspections Ongoing)	N/A

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

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

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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
	(with Exposure Control Plans and Social Distancing Measures See Press Release 4/3/20)	
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 and face coverings strongly encouraged)	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
Most City Parks, Playgrounds, Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Fitness Areas, Sand Dune	Closed	Polliwog Park Partially Reopened on Trial Basis
Farmers Market	Closed	N/A
County Library	Closed	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Closed (Suspended Until Further Notice)	N/A