



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

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COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Explore Your Neighborhood** - The City recognizes the importance the community places on physical exercise, especially during this time. We urge the community to utilize your local neighborhood where possible to exercise. Ocean Drive does not serve as a substitute to the Strand or Bike Path. During the Safer-at-home Order, residents are asked to stay home, go out for essential purposes and exercise in a responsible and safer manner, in their local neighborhoods.
- **Farmers Market Reopens on May 12** - The City of Manhattan Beach City Council approved the reopening of the Manhattan Beach Farmers Market, beginning May 12 under modified conditions and heightened safety protocols. The safety of the community, shoppers, farmers, and vendors will be held in the utmost regard and good practices of current operating Certified Farmers Markets will include: a maximum number of shoppers within the market at any one time, controlled entry/exit, heightened food handling & hygiene protocols, and additional safety measures.
- **Manhattan Beach "Red House" Highlighted** - The city services and employee appreciation campaign continues. In an effort to #stayconnected to our past, enhancements are being made to the Manhattan Beach Historical Society 'Red House.' This includes installing an access point that extends the internet signal from the Manhattan Beach Arts Center across the street to the Historical Society facility so images can be archived in a digital solution going forward! Continue to follow the City on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) to see employees behind the scenes, working from home, and around the City. Kudos to #TeamMB!
- **Change in City Council Meeting Schedule** - Starting the week of May 4, 2020, City Council meetings will be held at 6:00 PM every Tuesday and at 8:00 AM every Thursday. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders [No. N-25-20](#) and [No. N-29-20](#), the City Council Chambers is not open to the public. However the public may view City meetings through Manhattan Beach Local Community Cable (Channel 8 on Spectrum and Channel 35 Frontier), and [live streamed](#) via the City's website. Visit the City's Calendar to view the [May City Council Meetings Scheduled](#). As each meeting [agenda](#) becomes available, it will be [posted for public comment](#) and will be published on the [Agenda and Minutes](#) page.

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Tips on Good Nutrition** - With [temporary disruptions in the food supply chain](#), there may be new or other items in your kitchen than usual. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a consumer update, [Tips on Good Nutrition and Using the Updated Nutrition Facts](#)

[Label](#) during the coronavirus pandemic. The update provides helpful tips on how to use the updated label to learn more about the foods you have on hand or are purchasing online or in stores. Another useful FDA guide is [Food Planning during the Pandemic](#).

- **COVID-19 and Pets** - The FDA issued a consumer update, [Helpful Questions and Answers about COVID-19 and Your Pets](#), that provides answers to frequently asked questions. Based on the limited information available to date, the risk of pets spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 in people is considered to be low. At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role and there is a small number of animals around the world reported to be infected, mostly after having close contact with a person with COVID-19.
- **Child Care Options** - Governor Newsom [announced](#) a new portal to help parents, essential workers, and vulnerable families, find safe, reliable and accessible child care options through [MyChildCare.ca.gov](#). Licensed child care providers may add their service to the provider list. Visit [ca.gov](#) for more information.
- **Marriages via Videoconference** - Governor Newsom signed an [executive order](#) in place for the next 60 days that allows adults to obtain marriage licenses and get married via videoconferencing rather than in person amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the executive order, as long as both adults are located within the State, and at the discretion of their local county clerk, the adults can obtain a marriage license, through a videoconference. The license can then be issued via email. For more information, visit [ca.gov](#).
- **Adopt a Shelter Pet Day** - Did you know that you can make an appointment to adopt a furry friend? It's National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day and LA County Animal Care and Control have wonderful animals who are looking for their forever homes. Check out their [photos](#) to view the available animals and then call the Animal Care and Control Communications Center at (562) 940-6898 to make an appointment. Remember to bring a face covering before leaving home to pick up your pet. Visit [animalcare.lacounty.gov](#) for more information.
- **Paramedics to Aid in the Prevention and Spread of COVID-19** - The LA County Board of Supervisors voted to expand the scope of paramedic practice that will help alleviate strain on congregate settings during the pandemic. The [Emergency Medical Services](#) (EMS) Agency will provide Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Advanced EMTs (AEMT), and Paramedics to assist with delivery of non-IV medications in nursing homes, and other congregate settings that are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19; they will be supervised by nurses, nurse practitioners or physicians.
- **LA County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has confirmed 62 new deaths and 1,065 new cases of COVID-19 in today's daily briefing. There is a total of 1,172 deaths; ninety-two percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. Testing capacity continues to increase in LA County, with testing results available for over 152,000 individuals. As of today, 4,880 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (21% of positive cases) have been hospitalized at some point during their illness. Thus far, 14% of those tested were positive for COVID-19. To view LA County's Public Health's COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard, visit [lacounty.gov](#).

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	1,062,446 (+30,787)	62,406 (+2,349)
California ²	50,442 (+1,525)	2,073 (+91)
Los Angeles County ³	24,215 (+1,065)	1,172 (+62)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	66 (+0)	1

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	Modified Services 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

¹ Source → April 30, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

² Source → April 30, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/#top>

³ Source → May 1, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source → May 1, 2020, http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19_surveillance_dashboard/

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) (with Exposure Control Plans and Social Distancing Measures See Press Release 4/3/20)	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 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 Open)	N/A
Farmers Market	Currently Closed	Will Open on May 12
County Library	Closed	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
MBUSD Schools	Closed (Suspended Until Further Notice)	N/A