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COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Community Loss** - Sadly, LA County Public Health has reported another Manhattan Beach resident has passed away from COVID-19. Additional details were not made available. This pandemic has brought heartache to many families, and to those who are grieving loved ones, we are sorry. We express our heartfelt condolences to the affected families and friends and we wish you healing and peace. Continue to stay safer at home; the City will continue to do everything we can to keep our community safe and healthy.
- **City Begins to Take Steps Toward Opening Specific Parks** - A phased approach to reopening parks and recreation facilities allows for safe and thoughtful community access while protecting public health. Following a successful reopening of Polliwog Park consistent with State and County Public Health guidelines, City Council has now approved the reopening of open space and walkways at Live Oak Park and Sand Dune Park beginning May 8. The principles guiding the phases include activities with no contact, low contact, limited gatherings, and an eventual return to normal activities. During the first phase, individuals must continue to practice social distancing and avoiding gatherings. Further, the City continues to strongly encourage wearing face coverings while in public, including in parks. Visit citymb.info/parksandfacilities for the latest information on park and facility reopenings.
- **County Unveils First Modification to Safer at Home Orders** - Today, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) issued the Order, "[Conditional and Limited Reopening of Certain Lower-Risk Retail Businesses and Public Spaces](#)," which modifies portions of the "Safer at Home" Public Health Order. In summary, specified lower-risk, non-essential retail businesses, not located within an indoor mall, may reopen for the sale of goods or services, but may only provide these goods and services to customers via pick-up, delivery, curbside, or outside of the store or facility. The State of California and County of Los Angeles are in the early stages of establishing a framework to adjust the Public Health Orders that allows businesses, organizations, facilities, and public spaces to reopen in a safe manner. The City is looking forward to when the State and County reopen our local economy, and our local businesses, organizations, facilities and public spaces are safely busy with community activity.
- **Recent Press Releases**
 1. [City Announces Limited Park Reopenings](#) (5/8/2020)
 2. [County Unveils First Modification to Safer at Home Orders](#) (5/8/2020)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **DMV Reopens Select Offices May 8** – The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has reopened [select](#) offices to the public to assist customers with existing appointments and with transactions that require an in-person visit. New appointments are not currently available. Check the [Online Services page](#) for ways to complete your DMV business. DMV has [extended all driver licenses that expire](#) between March and May 2020 and has expanded eligibility to [renew online](#). Visit the [DMV Virtual Office](#) for more information.
- **State to Require Vote-By-Mail Ballots in the November General Election** – Governor Newsom signed an [executive order](#) that requires all county’s elections officials statewide to send vote-by-mail ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election to all registered voters. Californians who may need access to in-person voting such as individuals with disabilities, experiencing homelessness, speak languages other than English, and others will still be able to access in-person voting opportunities. Visit [gov.ca](#) for more information.
- **Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) Response to COVID-19** - [Metro](#) can help with essential travel. Beginning Monday, May 11, Metro will require all riders on buses and trains to wear face coverings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. For reference, Public Health published [Public Transportation FAQs](#). All riders are asked to keep a social distance of 6 feet from others as much as possible, and avoid riding Metro if sick. For the latest updates on Metro’s ongoing response to the public health emergency, visit Metro’s daily blog post at [The Source](#).
- **Amtrak Responds to COVID-19** - [Amtrak](#) is committed to keeping guests informed about the actions they are taking in response to COVID-19. In that regard, they have extended Amtrak Coupons, Guest Rewards, and Points through September 25. Select Tier status may request Lounge Access privileges through June 30. Tier status memberships will be extended through February 28, 2022. Amtrak will waive change fees on all existing or new reservations made before May 31, 2020, including reservations booked with points; future travel reservations are flexible.
- **Los Angeles County Requirements** - Whether you are the owner, employer, or employee, compliance is required with the conditions laid out by the [Reopening Protocols](#) Checklists. Each Checklist covers key five areas that must be addresses as each business develops any reopening protocols:
 1. Workplace policies and practices to protect employee health;
 2. Measures to ensure physical distancing;
 3. Measures to ensure infection control;
 4. Communication with employees and the public; and
 5. Measures to ensure equitable access to critical services.All businesses covered by this guidance must implement all applicable measures. Public Health may update the Checklists as additional information and resources become available. All are advised to check the [Public Health webpage](#) regularly for any updates.
- **State of California Requirements** - The State of California has posted [Industry Specific Guidance](#) on its webpage for Stage 2 Businesses to follow. The goal is a safe, clean environment for workers and customers. Before reopening, all facilities must:
 1. Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan;
 2. Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to [screen themselves for symptoms](#) and stay home if they have them;

3. Implement individual control measures and screenings;
4. Implement disinfecting protocols; and
5. Implement physical distancing guidelines.

More information is available on the [State's Resilience Roadmap](#) page.

- **Local Restaurants' Business Opportunity via Great Plates Delivered** - The State of California recently announced [Great Plates Delivered](#), a new meal delivery service for older adults 65+ and at risk COVID-19 adults 60-64 who are staying at home. Through Great Plates Delivered older adults will be delivered three nutritious meals a day, from local [restaurants](#), [food service businesses](#) and workers struggling to stay afloat during this crisis. The County of Los Angeles is launching this program next week and hosting a briefing for community partners on Wednesday, May 13 at 10:30 AM. Visit wdacs.lacounty.gov for more information.
- **LA County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** - Public Health has confirmed 51 new deaths and 883 new cases of COVID-19 in [today's daily briefing](#). There are a total of 1,468 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 215,000 individuals and 12% of people testing positive. As of today, 5,298 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (19% of positive cases) have been hospitalized at some point during their illness. To view Public Health's COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard, visit lacounty.gov.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	1,248,040 (+28,974)	75,477 (+2,180)
California ²	62,512 (+1,898)	2,585 (+81)
Los Angeles County ³	30,296 (+883)	1,468 (+51)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	68 (+0)	2 (+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

¹ Source → May 7, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

² Source → May 7, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/#top>

³ Source → May 8, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source → May 8, 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
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
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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
City Community Centers (Joslyn Community Center, Manhattan Heights Park Community Center, Marine Avenue Park Community Center, Live Oak Park Community Center)	Closed	N/A
Some City Parks, Playgrounds, Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Fitness Areas, Sand Dune	Closed (Polliwog Park, Live Oak and Sand Dune Park Partially Open)	Live Oak and Sand Dune Park Partially Opened
Farmers Market	Currently Closed	Will Open on May 12
County Library	Closed	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Closed	(Closed Until the End of the School Year)