



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

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COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **LA County Beaches Re-Opens for Limited Activities Tomorrow** – Los Angeles County reopens the beaches, including Manhattan Beach tomorrow. County beaches are open for active recreational use only; [physical distancing](#) and [face coverings](#) out of the water and around others are required. Active recreation includes walking, running, swimming, surfing, bodysurfing, boogie boarding, skim boarding, and similar activities that keep individuals in non-stationary, active motion. Not permitted are chairs, beach blankets, grills, coolers, umbrellas, canopies, passive games, loitering, sunbathing, and similar stationary activities. Gatherings of people of any size, even if engaged in active recreation are not permitted. Organized recreational programming such as beach volleyball is also not permitted at this time. Violators may be subject to fines and criminal prosecution. The Strand, Pier, bike path, and parking lots remain closed.
- **All Parks to Partially Re-open Soon** – Following City Council direction tonight, the City will begin to re-open green/open space at all parks in the City. The City will announce details on the opening date of parks but please keep in mind, social distancing will be required and the policy of no contact surfaces will remain in effect. The City thanks you for your continued patience during this time.
- **City Hall and City Facilities Re-Opening Plan** – City Staff has unveiled a re-opening plan for City Hall and City Facilities that is intended to guide the COVID-19 pandemic response re-opening process for applicable employees and customer serving spaces. The document lays out a phased process that is predicated upon a fluid situation and subject to change as the situation evolves. [View the phased plan](#) and the [PowerPoint Presentation](#).
- **Strand Reopening Consideration** – At the upcoming May 14, 2020, City Council meeting, the City Council will consider additional measures to address COVID-19. One of the measures that may be considered, is the reopening of the Strand. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, the City Council encourages the public to participate by using one of the options to submit public comments found on the City's [website](#).
- **Recent Press Releases**
 1. [Los Angeles County Beaches to Reopen for Limited Activities on May 13](#) (5/11/2020)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **LA County Public Health Director Clarification** – Following Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer's comments at the County Board of Supervisors meetings regarding, the "Safer at Home" Public Health Orders, the Department issued a clarification to her remarks stating, "While the Safer at Home orders will remain in place over the next few months, restrictions will be gradually relaxed under our 5-stage Roadmap to Recovery while making sure we

are keeping our communities as safe as possible during this pandemic.” [View entire statement.](#)

- **COVID-19 Statewide Tests Increase** – [Governor Newsom announced](#) that more than 1 million COVID-19 diagnostic tests have been conducted statewide. Ramping up test capacity is critical to modify the Stay at Home Order as laid out in the [Resilience Roadmap](#). An average of more than 35,000 tests are conducted daily. Governor Newsom also announced that the [California Department of Consumer Affairs and State Board of Pharmacy](#) will allow pharmacists to collect specimens for COVID-19 tests and order tests for consumers which will further increase testing statewide. For more information see [ca.gov](#).
- **Funds to Benefit Municipalities’ Cash Flow Stresses Caused by COVID-19** - The [Federal Reserve Board published updates to the term sheet](#) for the [Municipal Liquidity Facility](#) (MLF) to provide pricing and other information under Section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act, with approval of the Treasury Secretary. The MLF will offer up to \$500 billion in lending to states and municipalities to help manage cash flow stresses caused by the coronavirus pandemic. For more information, visit [federalreserve.gov](#).
- **LA County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** - Public Health has confirmed 45 new deaths and 961 new cases of COVID-19 in [today's daily briefing](#). There are a total of 1,613 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 253,000 individuals and 11% of people testing positive. As of today, 5,508 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (17% 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	1,342,594 (+18,106)	80,820 (+1,064)
California ²	69,382 (+1,443)	2,847(+77)
Los Angeles County ³	33,180 (+961)	1,613(+45)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	71 (+2)	2 (+0)

CURRENT STATUS OF CITY FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES, AND PROGRAMS

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
Emergency Operations Center	Level 1 ⁵	N/A

¹ Source → May 11, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

² Source → May 11, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source → May 12, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source → May 12, 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
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
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 (Limited Beach re-opening 5/13/2020)	N/A
Beach Parking Lots	Closed	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
(El Porto, Pier and Bruce's Beach)	(Permit Parking Only)	
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
Some City Parks, Playgrounds, Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Fitness Areas, Sand Dune	Closed (with Partial Park Openings)	Partial Park Openings Planned
Farmers Market	Open Every Tuesday	N/A
County Library	Closed	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Closed	(Closed Until the End of the School Year)