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COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Additional Security Measures** – In light of all the activity surrounding the bioluminescence ocean phenomenon and in advance of the weekend, the City has adopted additional security measures to reduce the impact to our residents and business. Beginning the evening hours this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, additional security personnel will be deployed by the Police Department in the areas of Downtown Manhattan Beach, El Porto, and the walk streets along the Strand. The additional personnel will be responsible for restricting visitor access to the Strand and beach and also help re-direct vehicular traffic in problem areas such as Ocean Drive. Staffing levels will be evaluated throughout the weekend to determine overall effectiveness. We thank our community for your patience, support and understanding during this most challenging time.
- **All City Parks Partially Re-Opened** – Following last week's announcement of a gradual, phased-in, limited reopening of specific parks and amenities, the City has re-opened the open/green space at all parks in the City. These additional park re-openings include: Bruce's Beach, Manhattan Heights Park, Manhattan Village Park, Marine Avenue Park, Eighth Street Parquette, and Larsson Street Parquette. While the open and green/space are accessible, the park restrooms, playgrounds, community centers, picnic areas, basketball courts, dog runs, skate spot, fitness equipment, gazebos, and benches remain closed until further notice. [Social distancing](#) will be required and the policy of no contact surfaces will remain in effect. The City continues to strongly encourage residents to [wear face coverings](#) while in public, including in parks. Visit citymb.info/parksandfacilities for latest information on what is open and closed at each park.
- **Older Adults and Vulnerable Populations Hotline Assists Residents** – As of May 11, the City's Hotline has received over 322 calls for services related to Dial-A-Ride and older adult assistance. Our local community groups have stepped up and continue to work with older adults in need. We thank the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Rotary Club, Beach Cities Health District, Neighborhood Watch, and Leadership Manhattan Beach for stepping up when our community needs you most! If you are an older adult, disabled, or vulnerable population that needs assistance, call the City's hotline at (310) 802-5010. We're here for you!
- **Strand Reopening Consideration** – At tomorrow's City Council meeting taking place at 8:00AM, 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. [All City Parks Partially Re-Opened](#) (5/13/2020)
2. [Los Angeles County Beaches to Re-Open for Limited Activities on May 13](#) (5/11/2020)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Newest LA County Public Health Order** - Today, LA County Department of Public Health (Public Health) [announced a revised health order](#) advising that all retailers -- except for indoor malls and shopping centers -- can re-open for curbside, pickup or delivery. The manufacturers and logistics businesses that supply those retailers will also be allowed to re-open. The Order does not allow customers to enter stores, and requires businesses to take several steps to ensure they are following public health protocols designed to limit the spread of COVID-19. The Order also allows recreation opportunities at beaches, shooting and archery ranges, community gardens, bike parks, and equestrian centers to re-open. Additionally, the Order states the it will remain in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded or amended in writing by the Health Officer. Visit [lacounty.gov](#) to read the Health Order. The City is still analyzing the Health Officer Order and will provide additional information in the future.
- **Class Instructions of California Colleges during COVID-19** - Colleges and universities have created instructional requirements for students and faculty to safely abide by social distancing mandates. Our local junior college, El Camino, will have all Summer Session instruction delivered remotely. Visit [elcamino.edu](#) for more information. For the 23 California State University (CSU) campuses, in a [Statement from the Chancellor](#), he indicated that CSU courses will primarily be delivered virtually for the Fall term, with limited exceptions. Visit [calstate.edu](#) for more information. For news and updates on the 10 University of California (UC) campuses, visit [universityofcalifornia.edu/news](#).
- **Disbursement of CARES Act Aid to El Camino College Students** - The CARES Act, included funding of almost \$14 billion for colleges and universities. Of El Camino College's \$11.7 million allocation, \$5.8 million was designated as direct aid to students for their education-related costs such as textbooks, technology, and other similar expenses. Funds are being disbursed beginning today. See [elcamino.edu](#) for more information.
- **LA County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** - Public Health has confirmed 47 new deaths and 1,264 new cases of COVID-19 in [today's daily briefing](#). There are a total of 1,659 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 264,000 individuals and 11% of people testing positive. As of today, 5,596 people who tested positive for COVID-19 (16% 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	1,364,061 (+21,467)	82,246 (+1,426)
California ²	71,141 (+1,759)	2,934 (+87)

¹ Source → May 12, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

² Source → May 12, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
Los Angeles County ³	34,428 (+1,264)	1,659 (+47)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	71 (+0)	2 (+0)

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
Retail Businesses	Varies (See citymb.info/COVIDstatus)	N/A
City Hall	Closed (Limited Service Operations)	N/A
Construction Activity	Normal (Inspections Ongoing)	N/A

³ Source → May 13, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source → May 13, 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
	(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 (Limited Beach re-opening 5/13/2020)	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
Some City Parks, Playgrounds, Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Fitness Areas, Sand Dune	Closed (with Partial Park Openings) See Parks and Facilities	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)