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COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Our Community, Our Health, Our Responsibility: Wear a Face Covering**– As L.A. County continues to have significant community transmission, we must be extra diligent to help slow the spread and not put our neighbors at risk of serious health complications or death. [Wearing face coverings](#) when outside your home is required per [State](#) and [County](#) guidelines. Protect the ones you love, [avoid the three C's](#) 1) **Confined Spaces** – especially with poor ventilation. Outdoors is better than indoors. 2) **Crowds** – the more people, the higher the risk. 3) **Close Contact** – [staying further apart](#) is safer than being close together. The more C's, the higher the risk!
- **Bring Your Reusable Bags When Shopping**– The City of Manhattan Beach's long-standing plastic bag ban is still in effect. Governor Newsom's [Executive Order](#) allowing grocery retailers to temporarily provide single-use plastic bags has expired. The Executive Order was not intended to apply to the 100+ local single-use plastic carryout bag prohibition ordinances that were adopted before the enactment of the statewide bag ban, including Manhattan Beach. In addition, recyclable paper bags are still allowed under both Manhattan Beach and the State's carryout bag laws. There is no credible scientific evidence that can be found that proves that reusable bags, when handled according to recommended safe practices, contribute to the spread of COVID-19. The California agency Cal-OSHA does NOT recommend prohibiting the use of reusable bags, and provided [guidelines for infection prevention in grocery stores](#), and states, "If customers bring their own bags, ensure customers bag their own groceries, and customers do not bag groceries in the checkout area if they cannot maintain physical distancing. Groceries can be placed in a cart and bagged elsewhere by the customer."
- **Fireworks are Prohibited** - The City of Manhattan Beach would like to remind the public that it is illegal to possess or discharge fireworks of any type in the City. In addition to being illegal, the fireworks are upsetting to local pets.. As we approach the 4th of July Holiday, we are reminded to celebrate our independence safely. The City continues to protect your well-being and property; please do not place us or yourselves in unsafe situations with illegal discharge of fireworks. We ask your cooperation in continuing to make our City a safe community.
- **Concerts in the Park Cancelled** - Following the guidance of L.A. County Public Health, the City has officially announced, the 2020 Concerts in the Park series has been cancelled due to COVID-19. While this decision comes with great sadness, the health and safety of concert goers, employees and our community remains a top priority!
- **Update on 2020 Hometown Fair and 10K Run** – With health and safety as the priority, the [Hometown Fair](#) scheduled for October 2020 has been cancelled by the Hometown Fair Board. The Manhattan Beach 10K Run is going virtual in 2020; more details will be available late summer. In the spirit giving and because many organizations rely on the Hometown Fair to raise money, the Hometown Fair Board has approved \$10,000 for grants. These grants will be

distributed to community clubs, boosters and non-profits. Visit mbfair.org and mb10krun.com for more information.

- **Citywide Parking Violations Enforcement Resume on Monday, June 29** - The City resumed citywide street sweeping of public streets on June 15. To allow residents time to adjust to the resumption of service, a grace period was provided before street sweeping parking restrictions would be enforced. **This grace period is ending.** As a reminder, tickets for all parking violations will be issued beginning Monday, June 29. Residents should begin to comply with the posted parking signs once again.
- **Change to COVID-19 Updates to Twice-A-Week** - The City of Manhattan Beach remains committed to providing the community with critical information and updates on the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting this week, COVID-19 Situation Report will be twice-a-week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Should any COVID-19 or new developments happen, the City will release timely information using platforms that include: [Nixle](#) Public Safety Alerts, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Nextdoor](#), [Instagram](#), and post content on the City's [website](#).
- **City Council Adopts FY2020-2021 Budget** - Following multiple discussions and public hearings over the past six months, the City Council adopted the [Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget](#). The General Fund budget is nearly balanced, maintains essential City services and continues to reserve funds in the future.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	2,374,282 (+37,667)	121,809 (+692)
California ²	195,571 (+5,349)	5,733 (+101)
Los Angeles County ³	91,467 (+2,012)	3,246 (+42)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	105 (+5)	3 (+0)

Change reflects daily increases, not increases from the prior situation report.

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Update on COVID-19 Testing** - L.A. County now publishes testing information weekly on a dashboard. Visit covid19.lacounty.gov to view the dashboard. County residents interested in being tested for COVID-19 are encouraged first to contact their Primary Care Provider or Healthcare Center about receiving a test at their facility. If you do not have access to this care or are unable to contact them, free testing is available across L.A. County. Priority is given for those who meet the criteria under the new State guidelines. Visit lacounty.gov/testing for more information.
- **Small Business Webinar on Capital and Connections** - The California Entrepreneurship Task Force (ETF) and the Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA), will [host a COVID-19 Rapid](#)

¹ Source → June 24, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

² Source → June 24, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source → June 25, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source → June 25, 2020, http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19_surveillance_dashboard/

[Response Virtual Session](#) Capital and Connections Part II. The session takes place Friday, June 16, at 11:00 AM. [Registration is required](#). Learn from diverse leaders and venture environments.

- **Food and Food Packaging Cannot Transmit COVID-19** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Food Drug Administration (FDA) issued a joint statement on the transmission of COVID-19 and food safety. COVID-19 cannot be transmitted through food or food packaging. Visit [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov) for more information.
- **SBA Reopens EIDL Loan Portal** – The Small Business Administration has re-opened the Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for small businesses and non-profit organizations. Loans of up to \$150,000 for non-profits and \$2 million for small businesses can be a way to capitalize your business for the re-opening and sustain it into the recovery phase of our local economy. Visit [sba.gov](https://www.sba.gov) to complete the application.
- **Your Pet and Your Return to the Workplace** - As businesses re-open, pet owners returning to work may be concerned how pets will handle the sudden separation. Pets may become depressed or destructive because owners are no longer around full time. If you plan to be returning to work outside of the home, LA County Animal Care & Control has suggestions to get your pets accustomed to your absence. Visit [animalcare.lacounty.gov](https://www.animalcare.lacounty.gov) for more information.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) has confirmed 42 new deaths and 2,012 new cases of COVID-19 in [today's daily briefing](#). There are a total of 3,246 deaths; ninety-four percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. L.A. County now reports testing information weekly, and can be viewed on this [Community Testing Dashboard](#). To view DPH's COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard, visit [lacounty.gov](https://www.lacounty.gov). To view L.A. County statistics as part of the State, visit update.covid-19.ca.gov.

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)	June 29 Enforcement Begins for Street Sweeping

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
Parks and Recreation Programming	Modified Services See Virtual Parks and Recreation Programs	June 12 (with modifications)
Trash/Recycling Services	Normal	N/A
Sewer Services	Normal	N/A
Street Sweeping	Normal	June 15
Businesses	Varies (See citymb.info/RecoverMB)	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	Open with Restrictions (Social distancing and face coverings required when around others)	N/A
Bike Path	Open	N/A
Beach Parking Lots (El Porto, Pier, and Bruce's Beach)	Open	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		

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
(Joslyn Community Center, Manhattan Heights Park Community Center, Marine Avenue Park Community Center, Live Oak Park Community Center)	Closed	N/A
Open/Green Space at Parks	Open (with social distancing required)	N/A
Playgrounds, Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Fitness Areas, Sand Dune, Restrooms	Varies (See Parks and Facilities)	N/A
Farmers Market	Open Every Tuesday	N/A
County Library	Closed (Sidewalk Service)	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Closed	(Closed Until the End of the School Year)