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## **COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT**

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### **CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES**

- **City Council Actions in Response to COVID-19 Indoor Dining Restrictions** - Following the State and L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) [Revised Order](#) for the closure of indoor, in-person dining at restaurants, City Council took immediate action to assist Manhattan Beach Business Owners. Key Points in the Manhattan Beach [Press Release](#) includes:
  - an extension for Business Owners parklet applications (encroachments into public parking spaces) and sidewalk dining;
  - the City making necessary changes to traffic 1) reduction of speed on Highland Avenue from the northern City boundary to Rosecrans Avenue to facilitate outdoor dining and 2) closure of two portions of Ocean Drive immediately adjacent to Manhattan Beach Boulevard to facilitate outdoor dining in the public right-of-way; and
  - the creation of an ad hoc task force committee to consider and address COVID-19 long term restrictions and solutions.Businesses interested in expanding dining or retail use outdoors should [email](#) the Community Development Department or call (310) 802-5520 to apply for an Outdoor Facilities Permit.
- **Shop and Dine Locally Outdoors and Curbside; Bars & Indoor Dining Are Closed** – Manhattan Beach has so much to offer in shopping, outdoor dining, and curbside pickup. Per [DPH Order](#) of 6/28, bars remain closed, but drinks are available while dining outdoors. The [DPH Order](#) of 7/11, closed indoor, in-person dining at restaurants. All events and gatherings unless specifically allowed by the Order, remain prohibited. Remember your [face cover](#) and practice [social distancing](#) when dining outdoors or picking up curbside!
- **Community Forum: Policing and Partnerships in Manhattan Beach** – Please join us for a special [Virtual City Council Meeting](#) featuring a Community Forum discussing police policies and practices in Manhattan Beach, community partnerships, and implicit bias. The Community Forum takes place Thursday evening, July 9, at 6:00 PM. [View the flyer](#) for panelist information. For Zoom meeting details, visit the City's [website](#). Everyone is welcome to attend virtually!
- **Public Health: The Facts, The Options, and a Plan of Action** – Health protocols and information are changing by the hour as we try to transition to a new reality. Clear up misunderstandings and learn options to help safely re-open your business. The Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce is hosting a “Zoominar” titled Public Health: The Facts, The Options, and a Plan of Action on Wednesday, July 8, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. The panel of experts will discuss COVID-19 Return to Work Playbook, the Safe in the South Bay Pledge, and Health on Demand: Virtual Clinic. For more information and to register, visit [business.manhattanbeachchamber.com](http://business.manhattanbeachchamber.com)
- **Recent Press Release**
  - [City Council Takes Immediate Actions to Assist Business Community](#) (7/3/20)

- o [City Council Extends Annual City Business License Tax Submittals to July 31](#) (7/1/20)
- o [County Amends Health Order in Alignment with State of California](#) (7/1/20)

## LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States <sup>1</sup>	2,932,596 (+46,329)	130,133 (+322)
California <sup>2</sup>	277,774 (+6,090)	6,448 (+111)
Los Angeles County <sup>3</sup>	120,539 (+4,015)	3,579(+46)
Manhattan Beach <sup>4</sup>	169 (+8)	4 (+0)

The change reflects daily increases, not increases from the prior situation report.

## FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Update on COVID-19 Testing – [L.A. County funds \\$400,000 as part of its commitment to ensuring access to COVID-19 testing](#) during a critical new phase of the epidemic. The [State requested that labs prioritize testing turnaround](#) for individuals who are most at risk of spreading the virus to others. The COVID-19 test site at the South Bay Galleria is now located at the [Beach Cities Health District](#) campus at 514 North Prospect Avenue in Redondo Beach. 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. Visit [lacounty.gov/testing](http://lacounty.gov/testing) for more information or call 2-1-1.
- Expanding Career Opportunities for Women – The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced \$4.1 million in grants available to community organizations to recruit, mentor, train, and retain more women in quality apprenticeship and nontraditional occupational programs. The awards will help women gain new skills to succeed in the changing economic environment created by COVID-19. View the [FAQs](#) for program information or visit [dol.gov](http://dol.gov).
- Don't Get Overcharged During COVID-19 – The [L.A. County Board of Supervisors approved an urgency ordinance](#) to strengthen [protections for consumers and small businesses](#) and a crackdown on price gouging during the COVID-19 pandemic. The ordinance imposes a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per violation. If you have been a victim of price gouging, contact [L.A. County Consumer & Business Affairs](#) at (800) 593-8222 or file an [online complaint](#).
- Tax Deadline Nears – The Internal Revenue Service wants to remind taxpayers that IRS.gov offers tips on finding a qualified tax professional. The deadline to file is July 15. Forms and resources are available on [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).
- Building Resilience Through Private-Public Partnerships Conference – As communities around the world begin to recover from the effects of COVID-19, society grapples with the new normal. These disruptions uncover vulnerabilities and shine a light on the need for total resilience - protecting individuals, preparing communities, and fortifying social systems. [The U.S.](#)

<sup>1</sup> Source → July 6, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

<sup>2</sup> Source → July 6, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

<sup>3</sup> Source → July 7, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

<sup>4</sup> Source → July 7, 2020, [http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19\\_surveillance\\_dashboard/](http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19_surveillance_dashboard/)

[Chamber of Commerce Foundation will host a virtual conference](#), Building Resilience Through Private-Public Partnerships (PPP) centered around the collaboration between the private, public, and nonprofit sectors and the preparedness, response, and recovery strategies to help mitigate the effects of all disasters. The Virtual Conference will take place from July 14 to 16. To register and for more information, visit [uschamberfoundation.org](https://uschamberfoundation.org).

- **Maintaining Healthy Family Relationships During Stressful Times** - As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many families are spending more time together. This can create many rewarding moments and memories, but can also strain even the strongest relationships. The Administration for Community Living (ACL) National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) created the [Keeping Family Together During COVID-19: A Checklist](#) to help families maintain safe and positive household relationships and avoid physical, emotional, and financial harm. Visit [acl.gov](https://acl.gov) for helpful COVID-19 resources.
- **Virtual Panel Discussion on Supporting Family Caregivers of Older Adults** - Due to COVID-19, caregivers of older adults may be experiencing new challenges, and others may be new to caregiving responsibilities. The emotional, physical, and financial impact of caregiving can lead to stress and other health problems. ACL is hosting a Virtual Panel Discussion titled [Supporting Family Caregivers of Older Adults through Times of Stress and Isolation](#) on Thursday, July 16. Visit [acl.gov](https://acl.gov) to register and for more information.
- **Reporting Public Health Order Violations** - As L.A. County continues to have significant community transmission, we must be extra diligent in helping slow the spread and NOT put our neighbors at risk of serious health complications, including death. Therefore, if you see a Public Health Order Violation, report it. The [Department of Public Health \(DPH\) has an online form](#) (also available on the City's coronavirus page) where pictures of the violation may even be attached (but is not required). If you choose not to make a complaint online, contact the DPH Call Center at (888) 700-9995 Monday to Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (except holidays).
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** - DPH confirmed the highest number of new cases of COVID-19 reported in a day with 4,015 new cases in [today's daily briefing](#). The high number of cases is, in part, due to a backlog of about 2,000 test results received from one lab who just submitted lab results from July 2 through July 5 today. In Los Angeles County cases (excluding Long Beach and Pasadena), the age group 40 and below represents 51% of the confirmed cases. Testing results are available for over 1,213,000 individuals, with 9% of people testing positive. The daily positivity rate (a composite of a 7-day rolling average) has risen to 11.6%. There are 1,969 people currently hospitalized, 27% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU, and 18% are confirmed cases on ventilators. Patients in hospitals remain substantially higher than the 1,350 to 1,450 daily hospitalizations seen three weeks ago. The number of daily cases of hospitalizations has steadily increased to over 1,900 since July 1. There are a total of 3,579 deaths; ninety-three percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. To view DPH's COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard, visit [lacounty.gov](https://lacounty.gov). To view L.A. County statistics as part of the State, visit [update.covid-19.ca.gov](https://update.covid-19.ca.gov).

## **CURRENT STATUS OF CITY FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES, AND PROGRAMS**

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
Emergency Operations Center	Level 1 <sup>5</sup>	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	June 29 Enforcement Began for Street Sweeping
Parks and Recreation Programming	Modified Services See <a href="#">Virtual Parks and Recreation Programs</a>	June 12 (with modifications)
Trash/Recycling Services	Normal	N/A
Sewer Services	Normal	N/A
Street Sweeping	Normal	June 15
Businesses	Varies (See <a href="http://citymb.info/RecoverMB">citymb.info/RecoverMB</a> )	N/A
City Hall	Closed (Limited Service Operations)	N/A
Construction Activity	Normal (Inspections Ongoing) (with Exposure Control Plans and <a href="#">Social Distancing Measures</a> See <a href="#">Press Release 4/3/20</a> )	N/A
Building Permits	Limited (Processing current permits but limited new permits)	N/A
Transportation (Beach Cities Transit)	Modified Services (See <a href="http://citymb.info/COVIDstatus">citymb.info/COVIDstatus</a> )	N/A
Greenbelt (Veterans Parkway)	Open	N/A

<sup>5</sup> 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 social distancing required)	
Beaches/	Open with Restrictions (Social distancing and face coverings required when around others)	N/A
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 ( <a href="#">See Ordinance</a> )	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
Open/Green Space at Parks	Open (with social distancing required)	N/A
Playgrounds, Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Fitness Areas, Sand Dune, Restrooms	Varies ( <a href="#">See Parks and Facilities</a> )	N/A
Farmers Market	Open Every Tuesday	N/A
County Library	Closed ( <a href="#">Sidewalk Service</a> )	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Closed	(Closed Until the End of the School Year)

