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# COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

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## CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Virtual #CoffeewiththeMayor on Wednesday, July 15, 3:00 PM** - Join Mayor Richard Montgomery for a casual conversation over a cup of coffee from the comfort of your own home on Wednesday, July 15, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM via Zoom video conference! This is your opportunity to interact with the Mayor, get to know him, convey a concern, ask a question, or just listen to the conversation. To ensure Mayor Montgomery will be able to answer all items in the hour, please [email](#) questions in advance of Wednesday's virtual meeting. For more information and Zoom meeting details, visit the City's [website](#).
- **Businesses Can Expand Dining or Retail Outdoors** - 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. 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.
- **COVID-19 Case Counts Daily Monday Through Friday** - The City of Manhattan Beach remains committed to providing the community with critical information and updates on the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 Situation Reports are published twice-a-week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. However, with the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, the City will now supplement the weekly report with posts on coronavirus case counts (latest numbers) via email and Nixle on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to keep the community informed.
- **Recent Press Release**
  - [City Council Takes Immediate Actions to Assist Business Community \(7/3/20\)](#)

## LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States <sup>1</sup>	3,047,671 (+64,771)	132,0563(+991)
California <sup>2</sup>	296,499 (+7,031)	6,711 (+149)
Los Angeles County <sup>3</sup>	124,738 (+1,777)	3,689(+50)
Manhattan Beach <sup>4</sup>	180 (+7)	4 (+0)

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

<sup>1</sup> Source → July 8, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

<sup>2</sup> Source → July 8, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

<sup>3</sup> Source → July 9, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

<sup>4</sup> Source → July 9, 2020, [http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19\\_surveillance\\_dashboard/](http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19_surveillance_dashboard/)

## FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Update on COVID-19 Testing** – 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 strongly 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](#) for more information or call 2-1-1.
- **Places of Worship Updated Protocols** - DPH recently updated the Protocol for Places of Worship Health Officer. It now aligns with Governor Newsom's [State Guidelines](#) released July 6. The modifications prohibit singing and chanting for indoor services. Visit [publichealth.lacounty.gov](#) for more information.
- **Updated Protocols Require Reporting of COVID-19 cases and HVAC** – DPH recently updated several Re-opening Protocols on July 8. The modifications include but are not limited to requiring some businesses to have HVAC in working condition and requiring businesses to report clusters of COVID-19 cases to Public Health. Visit [lacounty.gov](#) and click on Re-opening Protocols to review impact to your business, place of employment, or vendor you plan to visit to ensure compliance.
- **Paycheck Protection Program has Re-Opened** - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has re-opened the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) application. The deadline to apply for the PPP loan is August 8. Visit [sba.gov](#) for more information and to learn more about loan forgiveness criteria.
- **SBA and Treasury Release PPP Loan Data** – The SBA and Treasury Departments released loan-level data made under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The disclosure of the 4.9 million PPP loans covers an appropriate balance of transparency while protecting the sensitive information of small businesses. View the [data](#), or for more information, visit [sba.gov](#).
- **EDD and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Benefits** – The [Employment Development Department \(EDD\) completed its phased roll-out](#) of the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) extension. The PEUC provides up to 13 weeks of additional benefits once someone runs out of their regular unemployment insurance benefits. The benefits are part of the federal CARES Act. Visit the [Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation](#) webpage for more information and FAQs.
- **#ShopSafeShopLocal**- [The Governor's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery launched the #ShopSafeShopLocal campaign](#) because supporting nearby stores, business owners, and local employees, are essential to recovery. Objectives of the campaign include helping small businesses operate safely amid the COVID-19 pandemic, growing their digital footprints, and launching the [#ShopSafeShopLocal](#) site that connects California's small business owners to critical tools and resources. For more information, visit [business.ca.gov](#).
- **Pandemic-EBT Applications Due July 15** – Children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals at school are eligible for food benefits called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT. P-EBT benefits help families in California buy food when school is closed. Families eligible for free or reduced-price meals and do NOT get CalFresh, Medi-Cal, or Foster Care benefits must [apply online](#) for P-EBT by July 15. Visit [ca.p-ebt.org](#) for more information.

- **More Firefighting Support Amid COVID-19 Pandemic** – [The State will hire 858 more firefighters](#). The initiative is to be better prepared to meet wildfire season and address significant changes to emergency operations and sheltering to protect firefighters and evacuees respective of COVID-19 protocols. See [ca.gov](#) for more information.
- **Clinical Trials Network to Test COVID-19 Vaccines and Other Prevention Tools** – The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has established a clinical trials network. Volunteers are needed to test investigational vaccines and monoclonal antibodies intended to protect people from COVID-19. Visit [coronaviruspreventionnetwork.org](#) to learn more about the different stages of vaccine research, the coronavirus vaccine, and monoclonal antibody studies. Visit [nih.gov](#) for information on the clinical trials network.
- **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).
- **Tax Deadline Nears** – Per the IRS, taxpayers who have yet to file their tax returns should file electronically now and choose direct deposit if getting a refund. File electronically for free. Taxpayers with income \$69,000 or less in 2019 can [use the IRS Free File software](#) to do their taxes. Also, regardless of income, taxpayers comfortable in preparing their own taxes can use electronic versions of IRS forms to complete their taxes and file online at [IRS.gov/freefile](#).
- **Public Health Updates COVID-19 Data Portal** – DPH updated its online data portal to provide accurate and timely County COVID-19 data. The portal displays critical 7-day averages for:
  - New COVID-19 Cases
  - Number of People Tested for COVID-19
  - Testing Positivity Rates
  - Number of Deaths
  - Death Rates and
  - Hospitalization Numbers

Visit the new [COVID-19 Data Portal](#) to learn more.

- **Health Warning on Toxic Hand Sanitizers** – The [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) issued a health advisory warning NOT to use hand sanitizer manufactured by "Eskbiochem SA de CV" in Mexico](#), due to potential presence of methanol, a toxic alcohol. When absorbed through the skin or swallowed, methanol contamination can cause blindness and death. Most commercially available alcohol-based hand sanitizers or rubs contain either ethanol or isopropanol, which are safe to use. Visit [emergency.cdc.gov](#) for more information.
- **Projections in Healthcare / Predictive Modeling** – The Los Angeles County [Department of Health Services](#) (DHS) released an updated COVID-19 [Projections of Hospital-based Health Care Demand through July 8](#). Per the update, the number of available, currently staffed ICU beds is more limited and could potentially become inadequate over the next four weeks. The model also suggests that about 0.37% of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others. This suggests about 1 in 270 (between 1 in 480 and 1 in 160) residents are

currently infectious to others. Last week this estimate was 1 in 140. Visit [lacounty.gov](http://lacounty.gov) for more information.

- L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH has confirmed 50 new deaths and 1,777 new cases of COVID-19 in [today's daily briefing](#). The number of new deaths remains higher than the 7-day average of 24 deaths. Testing results are available for nearly 1,240,000 individuals, with 9% of people testing positive. The daily positivity rate (a composite of a 7-day rolling average) is 9.2%. There are 2,037 people currently hospitalized; 26% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 17% are confirmed cases on ventilators. This remains substantially higher than the 1,350 to 1,450 daily hospitalizations seen four weeks ago. There are a total of 3,689 deaths; ninety-three percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. To view DPH's COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard, visit [lacounty.gov](http://lacounty.gov). To view L.A. County statistics as part of the State, visit [update.covid-19.ca.gov](http://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

<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
City Hall	Closed (Limited Service Operations)	N/A
Construction Activity	Normal (Inspections Ongoing) (with Exposure Control Plans and <a href="#">Social Distancing Measures See 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 (with social distancing required)	N/A
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 (See <a href="#">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)	Closed	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
Community Center, Live Oak Park Community Center)		
Open/Green Space at Parks	Open (with social distancing required)	N/A
Playgrounds, Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Fitness Areas, Sand Dune, Restrooms	Varies (See <a href="#">Parks and Facilities</a> )	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)