



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

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COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Weekend Activity in the City** – Over the weekend, the City saw increased activity around the beaches and downtown areas in the City and supplemented these areas with additional security and code enforcement staff to ensure COVID-19 restrictions compliance. Additionally, city staff placed a variety of physical and digital signage to inform visitors of restrictions. It is estimated that approximately 25,000 people visited the beach and 20,000 people visited the downtown area. While the City generally saw a large degree of compliance with face coverings, code enforcement staff cited individuals who violated the City's Emergency Order on face coverings and advised those individuals who wore them incorrectly to wear it properly where needed. The City thanks the community for their understanding during this time and appreciates the high compliance levels that were achieved.
- **Pandemic Plan for Learning and Safe Schools** – The Manhattan Beach Unified School District [Board of Trustees will meet via teleconference on Wednesday, July 22, at 5:00 PM to discuss re-opening of MBUSD schools and examining re-opening options for Preschool, Extended Day Program \(EDP\), and Supervised Child Care Options](#). Residents may view the meeting on the [District's Youtube channel](#). Visit mbusd.org for more information. [Governor Newsom's pandemic plan for returning safely to schools was published Friday](#). Highlights include:
 1. Safe in-person school based on local health data (schools located in counties that are on the [Monitoring List](#) must NOT physically open for in-person instruction until off the list for 14 consecutive days);
 2. All staff and students in the third grade and above will be required to wear a face covering;
 3. Physical distancing requirements and other adaptations;
 4. Regular testing and dedicated contact tracing for outbreaks at schools; and
 5. Rigorous distance learning that includes daily live interactions for every child, assignments that are equivalent to in-person instruction, and targeted supports and interventions for special education students.

More information on the State's plan can be found in the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#) guide. For your reference, CDPH also published the [In-Person Learning Framework for Schools](#) guidelines based on disease trends.

- **Wear a Face Covering in Public** – As of July 15, the City of Manhattan Beach has an [Emergency Order](#) in place, strengthening the requirement for face coverings. All persons shall wear a face covering over both the nose and mouth whenever leaving their residence. Citations have been issued for failing to wear a face covering with fines starting at \$100 for the first violation, \$200

for the second, and \$350 for each subsequent offense after that. The Order has limited exceptions, view the [press release](#) for more details.

- **City Visits Approximately 200 Businesses in Education Campaign** -The City's partnership with the Chamber of Commerce in the Safe in the South Bay campaign is off to an excellent start! Fifty (50) businesses in Manhattan Beach out of the 86 in the South Bay have taken the Safe in the South Bay [pledge](#). Taking the pledge commits to following the proper protocols to safely re-open and slow the spread of COVID-19 for their employees and customers. Later this week, the Safe in the South Bay campaign signs will be posted in these fifty businesses! Make sure your business is one of them and take the pledge. Residents and visitors can shop and dine with confidence in Manhattan Beach when they spot the Safe in the South Bay sign in the window. View the [Press Release](#) for more information on the Safe in the South Bay campaign.
- **Businesses Expand Dining and Retail Outdoors** – Several businesses successfully expanded their dining and retail operations outdoors following the [DPH Revised Order](#) for the closure of indoor, in-person dining, whereby Council took immediate action (see [press release](#)). 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.
- **Recent Press Releases:**
 1. [City Council Strengthens Face Covering Requirements Citations to be Issued for Non-Compliance](#) (7/16/20)
 2. [Indoor Operations at Fitness Centers, Worship Services, Malls, Personal Care Services Ordered to Close Immediately](#) (7/14/20)
 3. [City Partners with Chamber of Commerce to Inform Community of Health Protocols](#) (7/10/20)

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	3,819,139 (+57,777)	140,630 (+473)
California ²	400,769 (+9,231)	7,755 (+61)
Los Angeles County ³	161,673 (+2,741)	4,154 (+50)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	230 (+2)	4 (+0)

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

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Update on COVID-19 Testing** – The [California Department of Public Health recently updated its Testing Guidance](#). There are four tiers in test priorities. Tier One Priority testing is for hospitalized individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, investigation, and management of outbreaks (includes contact tracing) and close contacts of confirmed cases. Visit [cdph.ca.gov](#) for more details on Testing Guidance. County residents needing a COVID-19 test are strongly encouraged first to contact their Primary Care Provider or Healthcare Center about receiving a test at their facility. If

¹ Source → July 20, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

² Source → July 20, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source → July 21, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source → July 21, 2020, http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19_surveillance_dashboard/

you do not have access to this care or are unable to contact them, free testing is available. The local County test site is at the [Beach Cities Health District](#) campus in Redondo Beach. To schedule a test, visit [lacounty.gov/testing](#) or call 2-1-1.

- **COVID-19 Results in a Two-Season High School Sports Calendar** – [The California Interscholastic Federation \(CIF\) released its 2020-21 Sports Calendars](#). Highlights include two seasons of sports instead of three, an extension of summertime rules, and due to the emergency situation (COVID-19), athletes will be able to compete simultaneously with club teams during the high school season of their sport. For more information, visit [cifss.org](#).
- **Update on Isolation and Quarantine** – In coordination with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CDPH published an updated [Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine for COVID-19 Contact Tracing](#). The majority of people with COVID-19 do not require hospitalization and isolation takes place at home. The update provides [guidance](#) for the patient, caregivers, and household. Visit [cdph.gov](#) for more information.
- **Drivers Licenses for 70+ Now Valid until 2021** – The [California Department of Motor Vehicles \(DMV\) provided an automatic one-year extension to Californians age 70 and older](#) with a noncommercial driver license with an expiration date between March 1 and December 31, 2020. This action delays the requirement for a visit to the DMV. [The DMV previously provided extensions to commercial drivers to September 30](#). For more information, a summary of all extensions and options to [renew online](#) or by mail, visit [dmv.ca.gov](#).
- **California Grants Portal**– Grants and loans are available on the all-new [California Grants Portal](#) created by the California State Library. Billions of dollars in state grant opportunities from dozens of state departments and agencies are easily accessible from a single and unique destination. All grants and funding opportunities are competitive and offered on a first-come basis. For more information, visit [grants.ca.gov](#).
- **Re-Opening Toolkit for Businesses and Workplaces** – The CDC created a [Toolkit for Businesses and Workplaces](#). The toolkit provides guidance and tools to help business owners make decisions, protect their customers and employees, and communicate with their communities. Visit [cdc.gov](#) for more information.
- **Indoor Air and Coronavirus** –Ensuring proper ventilation with outside air can help reduce airborne contaminants indoors. When used with other best practices (such as social distancing, frequent hand washing, and surface disinfection), increasing ventilation can be part of a plan to protect yourself and your family. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published information on [Indoor Air in Homes and COVID-19](#), which addresses natural ventilation for homes without conditioned air. [FAQs about Indoor Air](#) and tips for homes with HVAC. Visit [epa.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 15](#). The model suggests that about 1 in 230 Los Angeles County residents are currently infected and infectious to others. It also estimates that about 1 in 9 has had COVID-19. In L.A. County, COVID-19 is affecting a younger population, on average, than before. Visit [lacounty.gov](#) for more information.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** - DPH confirmed 50 new deaths and 2,741 new cases of COVID-19 in [today's daily report](#). Of the new cases reported, 57% occurred in

people under the age of 41 years old. This continues to confirm younger people are driving new infections and the spread of COVID-19. Testing results are available for over 1,559,000 individuals, with 9.6% of all people testing positive and a daily positivity rate of 12.5% (composite of 7-day rolling average). Of the 11,371 people ever hospitalized, there are 2,218 currently hospitalized; 26% are confirmed cases in the ICU, and 18% are confirmed cases on ventilators. This is the third consecutive day of over 2,200 hospitalizations. There are a total of 4,154 deaths; ninety-two percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. To view DPH's COVID-19 Daily Data, visit 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 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	June 29 Enforcement Began for Street Sweeping
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

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
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/	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 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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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	N/A