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## **COVID-19 Situation Report**

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### **CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES**

- **Comply, Contain, and Collaborate in Manhattan Beach** – The City continues to urge the residents of Manhattan Beach to **COMPLY** with the [Public Health Directives](#) in place ~ continue to [wear a face covering](#), [stay 6 feet apart](#), wash your hands frequently, [avoid touching your face and avoid gathering with people](#) you don't live with. For us to remain on the [Road to Recovery](#), we must all **CONTAIN** the virus ~ [if you're feeling sick](#), stay home and call your doctor. We need your help to stop the virus in its tracks. And finally, **COLLABORATE** ~ we can't slow the spread of COVID-19 without you. The City continues to stress that our goal is to change behavior in a way that promotes the community's public health. Wear a face covering when outside your residence. Together, we can overcome COVID-19.
- **Care for Yourself and Your Community** – With local businesses that have taken the [Safe in the South Bay Pledge](#), you can shop and dine locally in Manhattan Beach reassured businesses are actively following the L.A. County Health Protocols to protect their employees and customers and mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Supporting these businesses is another way to care for yourself, your community, and help stop the spread of the virus. Look for the Safe in the South Bay Pledge signs in the windows of the businesses you choose to shop and dine!
- **Community Survey on COVID-19 Impact to Our Communities** – Alert SouthBay, in partnership with Beach Cities Health District, [requests your feedback](#). We first surveyed our residents at the start of the pandemic; we are back to check-in with you. Everyone is facing challenges during this unprecedented time. As we strive to help support our communities, your feedback is incredibly valuable to address concerns. The [survey](#) will remain open until August 7, 2020, at 8:00 AM. Alert SouthBay is the alert and warning notification system integrated with thirteen South Bay cities, including Manhattan Beach. Visit [AlertSouthBay.com](http://AlertSouthBay.com) to sign up for alerts if you have not already.
- **Manhattan Beach Back-to-School Plans** –The Manhattan Beach Unified School District Board of Trustees recently addressed several back-to-school items. The Board approved the living document [Distance Learning in MBUSD 2020-21](#) and online learning platform [SchoolsPLP](#). The Board also agreed to move forward with an ["intent to re-open" the Manhattan Beach Preschool](#), with the stipulation that more details would be worked out. Visit [mbusd.org](http://mbusd.org) for more information.
- **Update on 2020 Hometown Fair** – With health and safety as the priority, the [Hometown Fair](#) scheduled for October 2020 was canceled by the Hometown Fair Board. In the spirit of giving and because many organizations rely on the Hometown Fair to raise money, the Hometown Fair Board approved \$10,000 for grants. The grant application is now available [online](#); its deadline is September 8. To be considered for the award, the organization must have financial

need, be a non-profit in the South Bay, and be able to show proof of non-profit status. Visit [mbfair.org](http://mbfair.org) for more information.

- **Manhattan Beach Residents Respond to the Census Now** –The [U.S. Census Bureau announced that it will follow up with household visits in August](#). To avoid the household visit, your options are:
  - complete and mail back the paper questionnaire received;
  - respond online at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov); or
  - call and respond by phone at (844) 330-2020.

Residents that respond now can avoid a household visit next month. For more information and what to expect during the household visit, see [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov). As a reminder, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every ten years. Thank you to the [64.6% of the Manhattan Beach residents](#) who already responded to the 2020 Census!

- **Recent Press Releases:**
  - [City Assists Gyms and Personal Care Establishments: Emergency Orders Allows Additional Outdoor Operations in Public and Private Spaces](#) (7/28/20)
  - [City Council Strengthens Face Covering Requirements Citations to be Issued for Non-Compliance](#) (7/16/20)

### LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States <sup>1</sup>	4,405,932 (+65,935)	150,283 (+1,417)
California <sup>2</sup>	485,502 (+10,197)	8,909 (+194)
Los Angeles County <sup>3</sup>	185,872 (+2,628)	4,552 (+41)
Manhattan Beach <sup>4</sup>	260 (+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** – 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. Alternatively, another private COVID-19 testing may be available; to find a community testing site near you (e.g., Rite Aid, UCLA Health, UrgentMED, Exer Urgent Care, Quest) use [California for ALL Testing Tool](#). Testing priority at County sites is given to 1) people with [symptoms](#), 2) people working or living in skilled nursing facilities, group homes, residential care facilities and persons experiencing homelessness, and 3) people who were in [close contact](#) with someone with COVID-19. To schedule a test, visit [lacounty.gov/testing](http://lacounty.gov/testing) or call 2-1-1.
- **Living in Shared Housing** –The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created a webpage [Living in Shared Housing](#) as a reference during the pandemic. The page provides guidelines for shared or congregate housing such as apartments, condominiums, student or faculty housing. Shared housing residents often gather together closely for social, leisure, and

<sup>1</sup> Source → July 29, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

<sup>2</sup> Source → July 29, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

<sup>3</sup> Source → July 30, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

<sup>4</sup> Source → July 30, 2020, [http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19\\_surveillance\\_dashboard/](http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19_surveillance_dashboard/)

recreational activities, shared dining, laundry facilities, stairwells, and elevators. These situations present challenges with social distancing. Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information.

- **FDA Reiterates Warning About Dangerous Hand Sanitizers** – The FDA is warning consumers that the agency has seen a sharp increase in hand sanitizer product labels to contain ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol) but has tested positive for methanol contamination. Methanol or wood alcohol – a substance often used to create fuel and antifreeze is a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin and be life-threatening when ingested. The [FDA has identified the manufacturers, distributors, and product names \(94\) of hand sanitizers that consumers should not use](#). Note: Methanol does not appear on the product label. Treat disposal of the hand sanitizer as hazardous waste. The agency encourages consumers to report adverse events or problems experienced with hand sanitizers to the [FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Online Reporting](#) program. For more information, visit [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov).
- **Employment Law Webinar for Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19** – L.A. County's Department of Consumer & Business Affairs (DCBA) has teamed with legal experts to offer a free webinar for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Webinar topics include employment laws, anti-discrimination laws, employee benefits, tips on hiring and managing employees, and more. Attendees will be able to sign up to be screened for pro bono legal representation and receive information on applying for DCBA's free legal services. The webinar takes place Friday, July 31, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Advance [registration required](#).
- **CARES Act Benefits Early Childhood Education** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (PDH) announced that the [Board of Supervisors allocated \\$15 million in CARES Act funding for childcare vouchers](#) to serve essential workers and low-income families in the County. In partnership with the Los Angeles County Early Childhood Education COVID-19 Response Team, PDH will support the funding distribution. Families seeking early care and education services may access vouchers by calling 888-92-CHILD (888) 922-4453. The State sets eligibility for these vouchers.
- **New Paycheck Protection Program Deadline Approaching** – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) [loan](#) helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis. The new deadline to apply (with [local lenders](#)) for a PPP loan is August 8. SBA will forgive loans if all employee retention criteria are met, and the funds are used for eligible expenses. For more information, visit [sba.gov](https://www.sba.gov).
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – [Governor Newsom announced several initiatives that benefit many working in the State](#) during the COVID-19 recession through California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) and Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC). He also announced that minimum wage would increase on January 1, to \$13.00 per hour for businesses with 25 or fewer employees, and \$14.00 per hour for companies with more than 25 employees. In a separate press release, [Governor Newsom announced new efforts to transform the State's Employment Development Department and focus on processing unpaid claims](#), modernizing technology, and improving communication with claimants. Visit [ca.gov](https://www.ca.gov) for more information.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 41 new deaths and 2,628 new cases of COVID-19 in [today's daily report](#). DPH is responding to over 1,000 active outbreaks. Inspectors are conducting unannounced site visits and responding to a high volume of complaints. Residents are encouraged to report suspected outbreaks and notify the DPH if their employer is not following critical infection control protocols by calling (888) 700-9995 (can be anonymous). Testing results are available for over

1,733,000 individuals, with 10% of all people testing positive. Of the 12,638 people ever hospitalized, DPH is reporting 2,022 confirmed cases currently hospitalized, and 27% are confirmed cases in the ICU. There are a total of 2,597 confirmed and suspect cases that are currently hospitalized, and 17% of these patients are on ventilators. There are a total of 4,552 deaths; ninety-two percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. To view DPH's COVID-19 Daily Data, 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
City Hall	Closed (Limited Service Operations)	N/A
Construction Activity	Normal (Inspections Ongoing)	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 Exposure Control Plans and <a href="#">Social Distancing Measures See Press Release 4/3/20</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 Community Center, Live Oak Park Community Center)	Closed	N/A
Open/Green Space at Parks	Open (with social distancing required)	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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	N/A