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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Last Chance to Respond to Community Survey on How COVID-19 Has Impacted Your Life** – 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. If you have not yet responded to the [survey](#), please do so. The [survey](#) will remain open until tomorrow morning, August 7, at 8:00 AM. As a reminder, Alert South Bay is the alert and warning notification system integrated with thirteen South Bay cities, including Manhattan Beach. Visit AlertSouthBay.com to sign up for alerts if you have not already.
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19 Business Impacts** – City Council has recognized the economic effects of COVID-19 in our community, and took additional measures to address business impacts at the S:
 - Directed the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review the 10:00 PM operating curfew for businesses participating in outdoor dining;
 - Revised the enforcement policy for outdoor dining to fine violators \$1,000 and suspend services for two days if a third citation is given and suspend services for four days when cited a fourth time;
 - Revised the street striping plan to allow most restaurants and retail shops in the downtown area to extend their outdoor business usage into additional areas of the public right of way;
 - Extended the deadline for businesses to pay business license taxes without a penalty until August 31;
 - Directed a parking meter rate increase to help offset lost revenue resulting from the private use of public parking spaces; street meter rates will increase from \$1.75 per hour to \$2.00 per hour, and City Lots from \$1.50/hour to \$2.00/hour;
 - Approved zeroing out parking meters after the patron leaves the parking space (if there is any time left on the meter); and
 - Waived \$51,300 for businesses utilizing the right of way (i.e., dining decks) from June 15 - July 31.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	4,802,491 (+53,685)	157,631 (+1,320)
California ²	529,980 (+5,258)	9,869 (+166)
Los Angeles County ³	201,106 (+3,290)	4,869 (+48)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	277 (+5)	4 (+0)

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

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- UCLA Health COVID-19 Recovered Research Program – [The U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) is promoting a national effort to collect and provide convalescent plasma to patients in need across the country.](#) UCLA Health is a local resource accepting plasma donations. If you have fully recovered from COVID-19, you may have antibodies in your plasma that attack the virus. Your donated plasma could be used for compassionate treatment, part of a scientific trial, or support research efforts to test immunity to the virus. If you are interested in donating plasma for research or treatment or [register for the intake survey](#), visit uclahealth.org.
- SBA Disaster Loan Deadline Approaching** – Monday, August 17, is the deadline to apply for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) [Federal Disaster Loan](#) for property damage caused by the civil unrest that began on May 26. Businesses of all sizes, most private nonprofit organizations, homeowners, and renters may apply for SBA federal disaster loans to repair or replace disaster-damaged property. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent, or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future. Visit sba.gov to apply and for more information.
- COVID-19 Forecasts** – [This week, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) received forecasts of national COVID-19 deaths over the next four weeks from 34 modeling groups.](#) These forecasts help us understand the likely overall impact of the pandemic in the coming weeks. Key points in this week's national ensemble forecast predict that weekly reports of new COVID-19 deaths may decrease over the next four weeks, with 4,500 to 10,600 new deaths reported during the week ending August 29. The ensemble forecast predicts that 175,000 to 190,000 total COVID-19 deaths will be reported by August 29. Visit cdc.gov for more information.
- Update on Travel During the Pandemic** – Though not a typical summer, August is typically the time for summer travel. Before you go, take steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. The CDC has updated its website on [Travel](#), with topics including [Travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), [Travel Health Notices](#), [Travel: Frequently Asked Questions](#), [After You Travel](#), and much more.
- Reminder on COVID-19 Testing** – L.A. 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 following [State](#)

¹ Source → August 5, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

² Source → August 5, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source → August 6, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source → August 6, 2020, http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19_surveillance_dashboard/

[guidelines](#) 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. Testing is also available when there is additional testing capacity if you do not have symptoms, and you are an essential worker with frequent contact with the public ([essential worker groups defined by the State](#)). Testing availability is subject to change; testing is by appointment only. To schedule a test, visit [lacounty.gov/testing](#) or call 2-1-1. Whether or not you get tested for COVID-19, you must [isolate yourself](#) if you are **experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms**. Keep your physician informed of your symptoms and, especially if you are elderly or have an underlying health condition. Seek medical care if your symptoms worsen. If you do not have a physician, call 2-1-1 to connect to one. If you are having trouble breathing or have other severe symptoms, dial 9-1-1, or go to the nearest emergency room. If exposed to someone with a known infection, you need to [quarantine](#) for the full 14 days.

- **Small Businesses Road to Recovery** – [The Los Angeles County Consumer & Business Affairs Office of Small Business is hosting a Virtual Grant Writing Workshop for small businesses](#). L.A. County Board of Supervisors Kathryn Barger will moderate the workshop taking place Monday, August 10, at 9:00 AM. Learn to successfully access and apply for grant and loan opportunities from the County, State, and federal governments. Advanced [registration required](#).
- **Assistance During the Pandemic** – The Department of Workforce, Development, Aging, and Community Services, and other County and State agencies have partnered to bring the community the [L.A. County Disaster Help Center](#). The center has resources to help businesses, nonprofits, workers, employees, landlords, and tenants during COVID-19. Counselors are available Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM for situations such as helping business owners navigate emergency loan applications and helping individuals that recently laid off. For assistance, call (833) 238-4450, email DisasterHelpCenter@lacounty.gov, or visit [LACountyHelpCenter.org](#).
- **Volunteer During the Pandemic and Beyond** – L.A. County Department of Mental Health (DMH) is requesting the help of veterans and military-related family members. Assistance is needed to support the well-being of Los Angeles County veterans and their families during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond via a telephonic support line. After training provided by UCLA/DMH Center of Excellence, volunteers provide peer support and connection to resources. View the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for more information.
- **California COVID Diaries** – [The California State Library is collecting COVID-19 stories from across the State](#) and invites you to share your experience – in an essay, poem, letter, photograph, artwork, or video. Each of us has been impacted differently by the COVID-19 pandemic. Old, young, and in-between, we've all experienced changes in our work home and social lives. Visit [library.ca.gov](#) for more information on the California COVID Diaries to preserve your COVID-19 memories for future Californians.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 48 new deaths and 3,290 new cases of COVID-19 in [today's daily report](#). The high number of new cases is, in part, due to a backlog of test results received from one lab. DPH recently determined an under-reporting of COVID-19 cases due to technical issues with the State's electronic laboratory system (ELR) for the past two weeks. Public Health anticipates a backlog of cases once the State resolves the ELR issues. Data sources that track other key indicators, including hospitalizations and deaths, are not affected by this reporting issue. To

date, Public Health has identified 201,106 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 4,869 deaths; ninety-two percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. Testing results are available for nearly 1,860,000 individuals, with 10% of all people testing positive. Residents between the ages of 18 and 49 years old make up 59% of the COVID-19 confirmed cases. Residents between the ages of 30 and 49 years old have the highest case rate among all age groups in L.A. County. Younger residents are being hospitalized more than before. People between the ages of 30 and 49 years old account for 25% of hospitalized patients in the County. Patients between the ages of 18 and 29 years old now account for more than twice the proportion of all hospitalizations than they did in April. These patients now match the hospitalization rate of people aged 80 years old or older. By comparison, hospitalizations of those 80 years old or older have fallen by half since a peak in April. Currently, there are 1,741 confirmed cases currently hospitalized, and 29% are confirmed cases in the ICU. The number of hospitalized patients continues to decrease. This number was up to 2,200 patients in the middle of July. 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 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	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

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
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/	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		

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	N/A