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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Face Coverings Prevent Viral Spread** – Do your part. Together, we can re-open responsibly. The [City's Face Covering Requirements](#) are supported by the [World Health Organization](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) who recommend the use of face coverings. Without a doubt, COVID-19 spreads easily between people; according to the CDC, [COVID-19 is more contagious than the flu](#). You can spread the virus before you develop COVID-19 symptoms, and even if you never develop symptoms (asymptomatic). Emerging data suggests that the more people who wear a facial covering, the more we can slow the spread of COVID-19. So, let's all do our part, [wear face coverings](#), social distance, wash hands frequently, avoid crowds, confined spaces, and close contact. We can collectively slow the spread and prevent future surges in coronavirus cases.
- **Beautiful Time in the Neighborhood to Shop and Dine Locally** – Outdoors are better than indoors, and walking to our local businesses is great for back-to-school or back-to-work shopping! While out, curbside dining is always an option. And [outdoor dining hours have been extended to 11:00 PM](#). There are local [businesses in North Manhattan Beach](#). [Shops in Manhattan Village](#) are open for curbside service, and some businesses you might not think would be. The [Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Safe in the South Bay Program lists the local businesses](#) that are following the proper protocol to safely re-open and slow the spread of COVID-19 for their employees and customers. Whatever you do and wherever you go, just remember to wear a face covering!

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	5,176,018 (+56,307)	165,148 (+1,497)
California ²	593,141 (+7,085)	10,808 (+160)
Los Angeles County ³	216,139 (+1,999)	5,171 (+64)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	289 (+2)	4 (+0)

¹ Source → August 12, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

² Source → August 12, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source → August 13, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source → August 13, 2020, http://dashboard.publichealth.lacounty.gov/covid19_surveillance_dashboard/

The change reflects daily increases, not increases from the prior situation report. Today's numbers include about 300 backlog cases from the State; the L.A. County Department of Public Health anticipates receiving the additional backlog later this week.

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Medical Equipment and an Extended Power Outage** – The [Administration for Community Living](#) is hosting a [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) (FEMA) webinar for people who rely on electricity- and battery-dependent assistive technology and durable medical equipment to prepare for emergencies. Subject matter experts will offer emergency preparedness tips and resources, including checklists, to assist in planning for a power outage. They will also provide guidance on how people with disabilities and access and functional needs (AFN) can prepare for extreme heat events. This webinar is especially helpful for individuals who are power dependent, caretakers, family members, and organizations that provide services to the AFN community. Advanced [registration required](#). The webinar takes place Tuesday, August 18, at 9:00 AM. Visit [acl.gov](#) for more information and to register.
- **When Can You Be Around Others After Having or Likely Having COVID-19** – If you have or think you might have COVID-19, it is important to stay home and away from other people. If you receive a positive lab result, contact DPH at (833) 540-0473 to connect with a Public Health Specialist for information on COVID-19 services and support. Staying away from others helps stop the spread of COVID-19. When you can be around others (end home isolation) depends on different factors for different situations. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently updated the webpage with recommendations on several scenarios. Visit [cdc.gov](#) for more information.
- **Serving Veterans Amid a Global Pandemic** – Volunteers are a priceless asset to the Nation's Veterans and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A.). [The VA announced plans to gradually and safely reintroduce volunteers to its health care facilities](#). While volunteers are important to the operation of V.A. services and programs, most volunteer activities had been paused to prevent the spread of the virus. Some volunteer roles will be new, while others will stay the same, be modified, go virtual, or remain paused. Safety measures include retraining and health screenings. Visit [VA Voluntary Service](#) for information on how to help.
- **Colleges and Universities Must Continue Distance Learning** – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) need to limit campus activities in the near term, as community transmission rates remain high. These higher rates are driven, in part, by younger people between 18 to 30 years old who currently account for 25% to 30% of new infections. Colleges and universities in Los Angeles County:
 - May continue their essential operations, but most academic instruction must continue via distance-learning. Institutions may continue to offer in-person training and instruction only for students who are or will become part of the essential workforce and only for required activities that cannot be accomplished through virtual learning (such as labs).
 - May have faculty, and other staff come to campus to provide distance learning, and other activities related to the purposes above, as well as maintaining minimum basic operations.
 - Should limit on-campus student residency to only providing housing for students who have no alternative housing options.

- Collegiate sports may only proceed in compliance with all the California Department of Public Health [Specific Interim Guidance for Collegiate Athletics](#).

View the DPH [Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management in IHE](#), and DPH [Health Officer Order Protocols for IHE](#) for more information.

- **COVID-19 Rent Relief** - The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) will begin accepting applications for the L.A. County COVID-19 Rent Relief Program on Monday, August 17, for two weeks through August 31. The COVID-19 Rent Relief is funded by the CARES Act and is open to eligible renters based on income struggling to pay rent due to the pandemic. Landlords must provide a W-9 and sign an agreement to have rent paid on behalf of tenants. The program may benefit property owners of buildings with fewer than ten units. View the [L.A. County COVID-19 Rent Relief Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) or visit lacda.org for more information.
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** - [Governor Newsom provided an update on the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and outlined proposals](#) to stabilize California's economy, businesses and workforce, aid workers and employers, and create equitable growth across the State's economy. Actions included:
 - A 90-day extension in state and local taxes and an extension of all licensing deadlines and requirements for several industries;
 - Waived penalties on property taxes for small businesses experiencing economic hardship based on COVID-19 through May 2021;
 - Extended the deadline for filing property tax statements;
 - Allowed small businesses to defer payment of sales and use taxes of up to \$50,000 for up to 12 months;
 - Provided \$50 million in loan guarantees for small businesses that may not be eligible for federal relief, including low-wealth and undocumented immigrant communities; and
 - Waived the \$800 minimum franchise tax for the first year of business creation and removed a barrier to entrepreneurship and job creation. ●

[View the presentation](#), [watch the press conference](#), or visit ca.gov for more information.

- **Drivers Learner's Permits Automatically Extended** - Per the [California Department of Motor Vehicles \(DMV\), eligible driver's learners permit expiration dates through November 30, 2020, are extended six months](#) or to a date 24 months from the date of application, whichever is earlier. The extension is to give student drivers more time to prepare for and schedule their behind-the-wheel drive test during the pandemic. The DMV [resumed behind-the-wheel drive tests](#) in June and re-scheduled all canceled appointments though it will take some time to clear the backlog. For a summary of all extensions and options to renew services online or by mail, visit dmv.ca.gov.
- **SBA Disaster Loan Deadline Extended** - The August 17 deadline to apply for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) [Federal Disaster Loan](#) for property damage caused by the civil unrest has been extended. The application filing deadline for physical damage is September 16, and economic injury is March 17, 2021. 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. View the [California Disaster Loans Fact Sheet](#) and other Resources for Businesses at sba.gov for more information.

- **Work Sharing Program for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19** - Employers can apply for the [Unemployment Insurance \(U.I.\) Work Sharing program](#) through the State Employment Development Department (EDD) as a temporary alternative to layoffs if a business's production or services have been reduced. The Work Sharing program helps employers 1) minimize or eliminate the need for layoffs in nearly all types of businesses or industries, 2) keep trained employees and quickly recover when business conditions improve, and 3) void the cost of recruiting, hiring, and training new employees. With a Work Sharing Program, employees whose hours and wages have been reduced; the employees can receive U.I. benefits, keep their current jobs and avoid financial hardships. For more information, visit [edd.ca.gov](#).
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 64 new deaths and 1,999 new cases of COVID-19 in [today's daily report](#). The number of new cases reported includes about 300 backlog cases from the State. Additional backlog reporting of cases is expected later this week. To date, Public Health has identified 216,139 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 5,171 deaths; ninety-two percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. Testing results are available for more than 2,012,000 individuals, with 10% of all people testing positive. Currently, there are 1,481 confirmed cases currently hospitalized, and 32% are confirmed cases in the ICU. The number of hospitalized patients continues to decrease. Currently, there are 891 COVID-19 outbreak investigations ongoing, including outbreaks at UPS, Trojan Battery, and SoFi Stadium. These three locations each have between 60 and 90 confirmed positive cases among employees. Employers must report when three employees test positive for COVID-19 to allow DPH early intervention to contain the spread. To view DPH's COVID-19 Daily Data, visit [lacounty.gov](#). To view statewide case statistics and demographics, including positive cases, deaths, and testing results, visit [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

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
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
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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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
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