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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- Los Angeles County is Currently in Tier 1 – [DPH reminds the public that the ultimate decisions about sector re-openings remain under the purview of the local Health Officer Orders that are developed in consultation with the L.A. Board of Supervisors, once the State of California allows the County to move into a lower risk tier.](#) L.A. County is currently in Tier 1, meaning that there continues to be a widespread transmission of the virus in the County. The current number of new cases per day per 100,000 people is 13.1, nearly double the threshold for this tier, which is less than seven new cases per day per 100,000 population. And even though L.A. County's current test positivity rate of 5% puts us in Tier 2 (Red) for this metric, when the two metrics fall in different tiers, the State places counties in the most restrictive tier; hence, L.A. County, like most counties in California, has been placed in Tier 1. The County's path forward for recovery depends on everyone being able to reduce community transmission significantly so children and teachers can get back to their classrooms, and more people can get back to their jobs with as much safety as possible.

	Higher Risk → Lower Risk of Community Disease Transmission			
	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Measures*				
New cases**/100,000 population per day (7 day average; 7 day lag)	>7	4-7	1-3.9	<1
Testing % Positivity (7 day average; 7 day lag)	> 8%	5-8%	2-4.9%	<2%

- Celebrate Labor Day at a Distance** – As Labor Day nears, do not be tempted to make plans to gather with family members, friends, and neighbors. While optimistic about the current community transmission data we are seeing, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) warns the public to heed the lessons learned from the spike in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths that occurred after the previous holidays. Increases in cases and hospitalizations happened within a few weeks of the Memorial and Independence Day holiday weekends. To continue our recovery journey, we must continue to adhere to physical distancing and infection control requirements that reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. As a reminder, being around people who aren't part of your household puts you and the ones you

love at a greater risk for COVID-19. That is why it is so important to find ways to celebrate Labor Day without going to parties and barbecues hosted by non-household members.

- Saturdays in September are Coastal Clean-Up Days** - [Coastal Clean-up Day is still ON for 2020](#) with changes to help everyone stay safe during COVID-19. This year, cleaning the coast will start at our front doors. For safety reasons, there are no large, centrally organized clean-up sites. Instead, clean-ups will be self-guided, close to home, physically distant, and strictly following the [DPH Beach Guidelines](#) and the [Coastal Clean-Up Safety Guide](#). Cleaning Manhattan Beach neighborhoods, our local parks, streets, and storm drains help protect our coast. Trash travels through Manhattan Beach streets and storm drains and becomes beach and ocean pollution. Help clean our beach by picking up litter in our community with your household. Clean-ups are happening every Saturday in September or any day and any time you choose. Report your clean-up by recording data on the [CleanSwell app](#) or by [completing this form](#). If you find something unusual during your clean-up, you can enter it in the Most Unusual Item Contest using the [form](#). All clean-ups in September will be included as part of Coastal Cleanup Month. Thank you for staying safe, cleaning Manhattan Beach neighborhoods, streets, parks, beach, and protecting the coast!

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	POSITIVE CONFIRMATIONS (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	6,004,443 (+32,087)	183,050 (+428)
California ²	707,797 (+3,712)	13,018 (+85)
Los Angeles County ³	242,521 (+840)	5,829 (+45)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	315 (+1)	5 (+1)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Blueprint for a Safer Economy** - [Governor Newsom unveiled the Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), a statewide, stringent, and slow plan for living with COVID-19 for the long haul. The program imposes risk-based criteria on tightening and loosening COVID-19 allowable activities and expands the length of time between changes to assess how any movement affects the trajectory of the disease. Like every aspect of California's response, data and science are the North Star. As a result, this new framework makes several changes to the state's previous resilience roadmap. The Blueprint builds on lessons learned from the first six months of the disease - and the new scientific understanding that has been collected - to create a new system for regulating movement and COVID-19 transmissions. It includes:
 - At least 21 days to expand activities beyond the initial tier to ensure California better limits the spread of the virus;
 - Mandatory metrics - case rates and test positivity - to measure how widespread COVID-19 is in each county and guide what is allowed;

¹ Source → August 31, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source → August 31, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source → September 1, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source → September 1, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

3. A uniform State framework, with four categories instead of 58 different sets of rules;
4. A more nuanced way of allowing activity: Instead of open versus closed, sectors can be partially opened and progressively add to their operations as disease transmission decreases; and
5. A new process for tightening back up again quickly when conditions worsen.

Based on recent data, each county will fall into one of four colored tiers based on how prevalent COVID-19 is in each county and the extent of community spread. The colors Purple (Widespread), Red (Substantial), Orange (Moderate), and Yellow (Minimal) will indicate how sectors can operate. [View Governor Newsom's presentation](#) or go to covid19.ca.gov to find out the current status in each Los Angeles County and what activities are allowed. The first weekly assessment will be released on September 8. For more information, visit cdph.ca.gov.

- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – The Governor took several measures in response to COVID-19:
 1. [Governor Newsom signed an executive order to assist elections officials](#) to prepare for the upcoming election amid the COVID-19 pandemic and state wildfires. The order extends the deadline for county elections officials to count and verify signatures submitted for initiative petitions seeking to qualify for the November 2022 ballot, giving the elections officials needed flexibility to focus on preparations for the General Election this November.
 2. [Governor Newsom signed a contract to process up to an additional 150,000 COVID-19 diagnostic tests a day with a reduced turnaround time of 24 to 48 hours](#). The goal is to stand up a laboratory facility and begin processing tens of thousands of additional tests by November 1 and run at full capacity in the Spring.
 3. [Governor Newsom issued an executive order to help increase the availability of CLIA-waived COVID-19 testing and address a variety of issues in response to the pandemic](#). The ruling allows the California Department of Consumer Affairs, in consultation with the California Department of Public Health, to issue waivers permitting pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to conduct CLIA-waived COVID-19 tests, which detect the presence of the virus.
- **New Initiative to Support Smallest of California Small Businesses** – The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) [announced the California Rebuilding Fund, a new public-private partnership that will leverage government backed capital to support California's small businesses](#) – especially the smallest under-served firms and entrepreneurs from communities that have been historically disenfranchised. The goal of the Fund is to help small businesses recover and reposition themselves to survive the realities of the COVID-19 marketplace. Visit ibank.ca.gov for details on the Fund.
- **California's Resilient Business Challenge** – As we turn toward recovery from COVID-19, it's essential to invest in resiliency now to ensure we can get back to business faster after a natural disaster. [Outsmart Disaster is a statewide awareness campaign](#) that is focused primarily on providing California businesses with resources to prepare for and recover from all types of disasters adequately -enterprises face a variety of potential disruptions. Take California's Resilient Business Challenge and get essential resources to plan and prepare for disasters at outsmartdisaster.com.

- MIS-C Cases Increase in L.A. County Children** – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) reported additional cases of [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\)](#), bringing the total cases of MIS-C in L.A. County to 28 as of August 28. MIS-C is a severe complication of COVID-19 that affects children under 21. Twenty-eight percent of these cases were between the ages of 0 and 5 years old, 39% were between the ages of 6 and 12 years old, and 32% were between the ages of 13 and 20 years old. Most children exposed to or infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, develop only a mild form of the illness. However, others go on to develop MIS-C, a severe, sometimes fatal, inflammation of organs and tissues, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, and eyes or gastrointestinal organs resulting in lifelong health impacts. No children with MIS-C in L.A. County have died. While not all children will have every symptom of MIS-C, the symptoms include fever, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, rash, bloodshot eyes, and or feeling extra tired. Parents should contact your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic right away if your child is showing symptoms of MIS-C. Visit [cdc.gov](#) for more information on MIS-C and [lacounty.gov](#) for more details on MIS-C in L.A. County.
- Limiting Workplace Violence Associated With COVID-19 Prevention Policies** – The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published [Limiting Workplace Violence](#) information on their website intended for use by employers and employees in retail, services, and other customer-based businesses. Workers may be threatened and assaulted as companies try to put into place COVID-19 prevention policies and practices (e.g., mandatory use of masks, social distancing, and limits on the number of customers allowed in a business). Visit [cdc.gov](#) for information, resources, and training.
- COVID-19/Emergency Preparedness Guide for Kinship Families and Grandfamilies** - "Kinship Families and Grandfamilies" are families in which children are raised by their grandparents, other extended family members, or adults with whom they have a close family-like relationship. During emergencies, including natural disasters or pandemics, these challenges are magnified for Kinship Families and Grandfamilies. Recognizing this, the Advisory Council to [Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren](#) (SGRG) developed a [COVID-19/Emergency Preparedness Resource Guide](#). Visit [acl.gov](#) for more information.
- Pandemic Recovery Funds Application Closes Friday, September 4** - The L.A. Regional COVID-19 Recovery Funds open to micro-entrepreneurs, very small businesses and very small non-profits located in Los Angeles County opened on August 31 will close Friday, September 4. Recovery Fund amounts range from are \$5,000 grants for micro-entrepreneurs, \$15,000 grants for very small businesses and non-profits, and \$25,000 for small businesses. Visit [lacovidfund.org](#) for eligibility details and to apply.
- L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 45 new deaths and 840 new cases of COVID-19 in [today's daily report](#). The 7-day average of new cases is just under 1,300, which has declined steadily over the past month. Younger residents continue to make up the majority of positive new cases. Of the new cases reported today, 70% are of people under the age of 50 years old. Residents between the ages of 30 and 49 years old have the highest number of new cases among all age groups in L.A. County, 35% of new cases today. Children under the age of 11 years old represent 6% of new cases today. To date, DPH identified 242,521 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 5,829 deaths; ninety-three percent of people who died had underlying health conditions. Testing results are available for more than 2,305,085 individuals, with 10%

of all people testing positive. There are 1,057 people with confirmed cases of COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 33% of these people are documented cases in the ICU. 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
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

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
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
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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
Farmers Market	Open Every Tuesday	N/A
County Library	Closed (Sidewalk Service)	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning	Recently Opened