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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- COVID-19 Situation Reports and Case Counts to be Sent via Email Starting Tuesday – The City of Manhattan Beach remains committed to providing the community with critical information and updates on the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on the community's feedback, beginning Tuesday, October 20, COVID-19 updates will only be sent by email and not by text message. Text messages will focus on community alerts and advisory notifications. If you are not receiving COVID-19 updates by email, [sign up for Coronavirus eNews on the City's website](#) to subscribe to the City's eNotifications. The City will also post timely information on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Nextdoor](#), and the City's [website](#).
- Last Call, Census Data Collection Ends TODAY – Following a Supreme Court ruling, [the 2020 Census response deadline, which had been extended to October 31, concludes today, on October 15](#). Visit My2020Census.gov to complete the internet self-response by 11:59 PM Hawaii Standard Time. Phone response will be available by calling (844) 330-2020 until 2:00 AM Eastern Time. Paper responses must be postmarked by October 15, 2020. Visit census.gov for more information.
- Recent Press Release:
 - [City Reimagines Halloween to Ensure Safe Celebrations and Adhere to County Health Recommendations](#) (10/8/2020)
 - [Health Order Revised to Re-Open Some Personal Care Establishments and Indoor Malls: City Re-Opens Playground Equipment and Fitness Stations](#) (10/8/2020)

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	7,894,768 (+59,761)	216,025 (+831)
California ²	858,401 (+3,329)	16,757 (+118)
Los Angeles County ³	286,183 (+1,233)	6,834 (+24)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	383 (+1)	5 (+0)

As of October 13, 2020, [Los Angeles County remains in Tier One](#), with "widespread" risk and the [most restrictions](#). According to the State's website, L.A. County reflects 9.0 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100k), with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment of 7.6. The positivity rate is 3.7%; the

¹ Source: October 14, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: October 14, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: October 15, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: October 15, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

health equity metric is 6.0% ([Healthy Places Index quartile positivity rate](#)). Los Angeles County has met the State's positivity rate metric threshold for Tier Three with "moderate" risk but remains in Tier One because the tier assignment case rate is greater than 7. When the positivity rate and case rate fall into different tiers, the stricter tier prevails.

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Gatherings of Three Households or Fewer Are Now Allowed** - On Friday, October 9, the [California Department of Public Health updated its guidance](#) to allow private gatherings of three or fewer households with restrictions. The L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) updated its [Health Officer Order](#) on October 14 to align with State guidance on private gatherings. Private gatherings of people who are not part of a single household or living unit must comply with the following requirements:
 - **Attendance:** Private gatherings that include more than three households are prohibited. The smaller the number of people, the lower the risk.
 - **Outdoors only:** All private gatherings must be held outside. Gatherings are permitted in a public park or other outdoor space.
 - **Keep it short:** Private gatherings should be limited to two hours or less in duration. The longer the period, the risk of transmission increases.
 - **Physical distancing and hand hygiene:** All attendees must follow the social distancing protocol requirement. There should be a place to wash hands or hand sanitizer available for participants.
 - **Singing, chanting, and shouting:** Because singing, chanting and shouting increases the release of respiratory droplets into the air, these activities are strongly discouraged. However, if singing, chanting, and shouting does occur, to reduce respiratory droplets spread, all attendees must social distance and wear a face cover.
 - **Notification:** Anyone who develops COVID-19 within 48 hours after attending a private gathering must notify DPH and should notify the other attendees as soon as possible.
- **OSHA Guidance for Repairs in the Home** - During the Public Health Order, home repairs may have been put off that are now being scheduled. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published the [COVID-19 Guidance for In-Home Repair Services](#) to protect America's workers and workplaces' health and safety during these unprecedented times. The tips can help reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus for the workers who perform in-home repair services and the residence. Visit [osha.gov](#) for additional news and updates on workplace standards and safety guides.
- **Herd Immunity May Not be a Practical Strategy**- In the October Research Spotlight of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, information on a study was published that concluded [achieving herd immunity to COVID-19 may not be a practical public health strategy](#). The study confirmed that suppression of COVID-19 transmission is possible and feasible with prolonged (months) of social distancing. For more information, visit [nih.gov](#).
- **L.A. County's First Skilled Nursing Facilities Report** - As a result of the devastating impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on skilled nursing facilities (SNF) residents and staff, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appointed an Inspector General to improve the oversight and accountability of SNF in Los Angeles County. [The Office of Inspector General released the First Interim Report](#). To view the report and more information, visit [oig.lacounty.gov](#).

- **National Library of Medicine Adds New Category - COVID-19** – The [U.S. National Library of Medicine | National Institutes of Health](#) announced that [PubMed Clinical Queries](#) includes a new [category for COVID-19](#). The PubMed Clinical Queries page will initially have COVID-19 articles and clinical study categories; new COVID-19 filter strategies may evolve. Visit [nlm.nih.gov](#) for more information.
- **Projections in Healthcare / Predictive Modeling** – Los Angeles County [Department of Health Services](#) (DHS) released the [COVID-19 Projections of Hospital-based Health Care Demand October 14 Update](#). Key findings include:
 - The number of new patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization each day across Los Angeles County appears to be level, or, more likely, increasing slightly;
 - The estimated transmission number ("R") is 1.05, with an uncertainty of 0.96 to 1.12. Last week the estimate was 0.99 with an uncertainty of 0.91 to 1.06. If R is above one, the number of cases may increase over time;
 - Based on the current estimate for R, it is more likely that the number of cases will go up than down, and the current number of hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators in Los Angeles County are likely adequate over the next four weeks; however, within the next month it may be necessary to create and staff additional ward and ICU beds to meet demand, as was done in July;
 - The model suggests about 1 in 650 Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others and that about 1 in 6 have had COVID-19;
 - This suggests about 1 in 650 (between 1 in 1100 and 1 in 400) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. Last week this estimate was 1 in 950; and
 - The transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County is changing over time. With different patterns in different geographic areas, more detailed geographical analysis is required to identify specific communities needing additional support in identifying cases and limiting spread.
- **Updated Study on COVID-19 During Pregnancy** – Monitoring the impact of COVID-19 during pregnancy can protect pregnant mothers and their babies. The CDC reports that a [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) study suggests that expectant mothers with COVID-19 are more likely to be hospitalized and are at increased risk for intensive care unit (ICU) admission and mechanical ventilation receipt non-pregnant people. For more information and the latest guidance on obstetric healthcare, visit [cdc.gov](#).
- **Financial Fears in the Age of COVID-19** – The Administration for Community Living (ACL) News, [Celebrating National Retirement Security Month](#), highlights an article titled [Financial Fears in the Age of COVID-19: Help Yourself Just by Starting](#). New [research numbers](#) are sad enough to rattle anyone close to retirement age. The ACL can help with links to resources. The [COVID-19 Resources Infographic](#) covers COVID-19 financial resources related to retirement, unemployment, housing and social security. Visit [acl.gov](#) for more information.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 24 new deaths, one new case of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 1,233 new cases of COVID-19 in L.A. County in [today's daily report](#). To date, DPH has identified 286,183 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 6,834 deaths. Testing results are available for more than 2,866,000 individuals, with 9% of all people testing positive. There are currently 723 confirmed cases presently hospitalized, and 27% of these people are currently 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
Building Permits	Limited (Processing current permits but limited new permits)	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
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
Farmers Market	Open Every Tuesday	N/A

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