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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Latest City Council Actions in Response to COVID-19** - At the October 20, 2020, meeting, City Council directed the following additional actions in response to COVID-19:
 - Directed staff to look into options to provide Blankets of Love a meeting location two hours a day within the Public Health Order guidelines; and
 - Directed staff to review the County's Public Health Order to ensure consistency and compliance with what public facilities are allowed to re-open.
- **Enter Sunday's Pumpkin Decorating Contest** - The City is excited to partner with [Manhattan Beach Downtown Business and Professional Association](#) to host a virtual pumpkin decorating contest. Residents are encouraged to decorate pumpkins ahead of time and drop them off at Metlox Plaza (13th and Morningside) for display at the "Pumpkin Valet" between Noon and 5:00 PM Sunday, October 25. Then enjoy shopping, and dining downtown as photos of the pumpkins are captured and prepared to upload to the contest site. Gift certificates will be awarded to winners in the following categories: Best Kids Creation (ages ten and under), Good Enough to Eat, Most Artistic, Most Original, Scariest, and Local Love for Manhattan Beach. For more information, visit the [City's website](#).
- **Safe Voting** - Voting by Mail is the safest [voting option](#) during the pandemic. You can drop your ballot in your mailbox or any of the 400 Official Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Boxes located throughout L.A. County. There is two Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Boxes in Manhattan Beach. One is located at Manhattan Beach Library 1320 Highland Avenue (North Entrance), and the other at Manhattan Beach Art Center 1560 Manhattan Beach Boulevard (South-Side Near the Parking Lot). The California Secretary of State recommends signing up for [Where's My Ballot? Where's My Ballot?](#) is a new way for voters to track and receive notifications on the status of their Vote by Mail ballot. Voters can choose to receive automatic email, text, or voice call messages about their ballot location. Let's keep our community healthy, vote early, and vote safely!
- **Recent Press Release:**
 - [Manhattan Beach Launches Campaign to Support Local Businesses](#) (10/16/2020)

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	8,312,667 (+63,656)	221,438 (+1,076)
California ²	880,724 (+2,940)	17,189 (+162)

¹ Source: October 21, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: October 21, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
Los Angeles County ³	294,065 (+3,600)	6,956 (+18)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	392 (+3)	5 (+0)

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COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
October 12 - October 18	7	0	6,316	101
October 5 - October 11	6	0	7,570	124
September 28 - October 4	10	0	6,764	133
September 21 - September 27	9	0	7,004	161

View daily cases in an infographic via the [Manhattan Beach COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

As of October 20, 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 10.1 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100k), with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment of 7.6. The positivity rate is 3.4%; the health equity metric is 5.9% ([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

- Digital Bootcamp to Expand Your Small Business** - The California Office of the Small Business Advocate ([CalOSBA](#)), part of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development ([GO-Biz](#)), announced a new partnership with the Eva Longoria Foundation, Stockton Strong/Goodstock Productions and State-supported Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) as part of CalOSBA's ongoing "Get Digital CA!" initiative. The "Get Digital CA!" initiative promotes e-commerce adoption by small business owners and drives Californians to support small and local businesses online. The SBDCs will lead digital training boot camps for small companies that are new to e-commerce and digital marketing for those looking to improve their digital presence. Small businesses are encouraged to [register for the digital boot camps](#) to expand your online presence. For more information and to connect to other resources, visit business.ca.gov/getdigitalca
- L.A. County Assessment Appeals Board is Virtual** - To provide Los Angeles County residents a convenient, secure, and efficient way to attend assessment appeals hearings during the COVID pandemic, the Assessment Appeals Board has gone virtual and now [provides services online](#). Residents may now participate in assessment appeals hearings remotely using free and secured online video conferencing. Residents can also electronically submit and upload hearing evidence before the hearing date into an online document management portal. The new virtual

³ Source: October 22, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: October 22, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

hearing process allows the applicant, the Assessor, and Board Members to view the hearing evidence presented live simultaneously. Visit bos.lacounty.gov for more information.

- **Vulnerable Workers – Know Your Rights Webinar** – The Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs presents the "Know Your Worker Rights!" Webinar to inform workers of their rights, particularly during COVID-19. Join the County's Office of Immigrant Affairs next Wednesday, October 28, at 11:00 AM for a discussion on how immigrants and other vulnerable workers can keep physically and financially safe. If you would like to participate in the Q&A session, [register in advance](#). The webinar can also be viewed live on the Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs Facebook feed at facebook.com/LAC4Immigrants Visit oia.lacounty.gov for more information.
- **Did You Get Your Stimulus Payment?** – If you have not received your stimulus check, you can determine your payment status on the [IRS website](#). Most people over 18 who make less than \$99,000 received a stimulus check of at least \$1,200. Remember, this money is yours. It is not taxable, does not need to be paid back, and does not impact your benefits or immigration status. There is no late filing penalty if you do not owe taxes. It is simple to claim your stimulus payment if you haven't already received it. File your income taxes or use the [Non-Filer Tool](#) at IRS.gov. The deadline to claim your stimulus check without filing taxes is November 21. People who miss this deadline can also file a 2020 tax return next year to receive the payment in 2021. For answers to your stimulus payment questions, call the United Way's dedicated Economic Impact Payment Helpline at (844) 322-3639 or use the new guide from the [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#). For more information, visit [IRS.gov](#).
- **COVID-19 Update from NIH Director** – Dr. Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), talks to CNN's Wolf Blitzer about the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and its importance of wearing a face covering. During the interview, Dr. Collins provides an update on COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and details the levels of review for a vaccine to meet safety and efficacy standards. For more information, visit nih.gov.
- **Updates for Parents, Students, and Staff Returning to School** – As K-12 schools re-open for in-person instructions, it is important to have systems in place for the monitoring and evaluation of COVID-19 mitigation strategies. Visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website for an update on [Considerations for Monitoring and Evaluation of Mitigation Strategies Implemented in K-12 Schools](#) and [Strategies for Protecting K-12 School Staff from COVID-19](#). Students and staff returning to college should review the [Considerations for Monitoring and Evaluation of Mitigation Strategies Implemented in Institutions of Higher Education](#) page. Visit cdc.gov for more updates and 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 21 Update](#). Key findings include:
 - The number of new patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization each day across Los Angeles County appears to be increasing slightly;
 - The estimated transmission number ("R") is 1.04, with an uncertainty of 0.97 to 1.11. Last week the estimate was 1.05 with an uncertainty of 0.96 to 1.12. If R is above one, the number of cases will increase over time;
 - Based on the current estimate for R, it is likely that the number of cases will go up. 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 1040 and 1 in 440) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. Last week this estimate was also 1 in 650; 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.
- **COVID-19 and Employees with Developmental Disabilities** - The Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center (SARTAC) and Green Mountain Self-Advocates have released a new booklet, [COVID-19 Plain Language Guidance for Employees with Developmental Disabilities](#). The booklet describes many Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) rules to protect workers from COVID-19. It includes information and tools to use to decide on going out in public during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [acl.gov](#) for more details.
 - **Back to Safe Communities of Learning Decision Tool for Parents**- The ACL has provided a [Back-to-Safe Communities of Learning \(SCOL\) Decision Guide in English and Spanish](#) developed by Stanford University on their website. The tool was designed with and for parents of children with special healthcare needs to serve as a conversation starter and to guide the discussion between a parent and a trusted advisor, such as a child health provider. For more information, visit [acl.gov](#).
 - **Pandemic Recovery Fund Application Opens October 26** – As businesses and nonprofits in L.A. County continue to face challenges in response to COVID-19, [partners across government and philanthropy have come together](#) to deploy millions in grants for small businesses, nonprofits, and micro-entrepreneurs in the L.A. Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund. Awards are distributed through an online, randomized, equitable application system. Round Six of the L.A. Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund Grant will open on Monday, October 26, and close Friday, October 30. Visit [lacovidfund.org](#) to apply and for more information.
 - **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 18 new deaths, three new case of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 3,600 new cases of COVID-19 in L.A. County in [today's daily report](#). To date, DPH has identified 294,065 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 6,956 deaths. The number of new cases reported in L.A. County today includes an estimated 2,000 backlog cases due to data reporting issues over the last few days. DPH continues to improve their reporting systems; however, anticipates additional backlog results in the next few days. Testing results are available for more than 2,937,000 individuals, with 9% of all people testing positive. There are currently 777 confirmed cases presently hospitalized, and 29% 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
Transportation (Beach Cities Transit)	Modified Services (See citymb.info/COVIDstatus)	N/A
Greenbelt (Veterans Parkway)	Open	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
	(with social distancing required)	
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
County Library	Closed (Sidewalk Service)	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning	Recently Opened