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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Where L.A. County Stands on the States Tier System** - As of October 27, 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 11.0 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100k), with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 8.0. The positivity rate is 3.7%; the health equity metric is 6.2% ([Healthy Places Index quartile positivity rate](#)). Los Angeles County has met the State's positivity rate metric threshold for Tier Three and the State's health equity metric threshold for Tier Two. However, because the L.A. County tier assignment rate is greater than 7, the County remains in Tier One. When the positivity rate and case and health equity rates fall into different tiers, the stricter tier prevails.
- **Vote Safely** – Voting by Mail is the safest [voting option](#) during the pandemic. However, if you prefer to Vote In-Person, several Vote Centers opened as early as October 24. To find an In-Person Vote Center near you, visit locator.lavote.net. Otherwise, two Manhattan Beach In-Person Vote Centers will open Friday, October 30 and remain open through November 3 located at:
 1. Joslyn Community Center Auditorium: 1601 N. Valley Drive (Ocean Banquet Hall); and
 2. Manhattan Heights Community Center: 1600 Manhattan Beach Boulevard (Mt. Whitney Banquet Hall)
- **County Revises Health Order and Issues Health Advisory** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) recently revised its [Public Health Order](#) to allow for limited re-openings of specific personal care establishments, recreation, indoor malls/shopping centers and schools. Additionally, DPH issued a [Health Advisory](#) for private gatherings and public celebrations advising Los Angeles County residents that the potential risk of COVID-19 transmission at gatherings/celebrations is high based on the increasing rate of COVID-19 community transmission in Los Angeles County. Since early October, the County's average number of daily cases has increased from around 940 per day to almost 1,200 per day. In Manhattan Beach, the City saw a weekly increase in COVID-19 cases from 7 during the week of October 12 to 23 cases during the week of October 19 to 25. As cases are increasing in our community, so is the risk of COVID-19. Be safe, follow the [Health Advisory](#), and review these other documents as well: [Gatherings](#), [Halloween](#), [Physical distancing](#) and [Cloth face coverings](#).

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	8,680,611 (+63,589)	225,084 (+483)
California ²	904,198 (+3,188)	17,400 (+43)
Los Angeles County ³	302,077 (+1,586)	7,027 (+29)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	412 (+2)	5 (+0)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
October 19 - October 25	23	0	11,309	117
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

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

L.A. COUNTY DATA AND TIER ASSIGNMENT OVER TIME ⁵					
REPORTING DATE	COUNTY RISK LEVEL	CASES PER 100K	ADJUSTED CASE RATE	POSITIVITY RATE	HEALTH EQUITY METRIC
Current	Widespread	11.0	8.0	3.7%	6.2%
10/20	Widespread	10.1	7.6	3.4%	5.9%
10/13	Widespread	9.0	7.6	3.7%	6.0%
10/6	Widespread	9.4	7.4	2.8%	n/a

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **The Future of Business** - The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) will host a webinar titled Helping Businesses Succeed and Workers Stay Safe, on Wednesday, October 28, at 12:30 PM. DOL will provide businesses with up-to-date information on federal workplace requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Wage and Hour Division (WHD) will share their agencies' recent enforcement and robust assistance work around new rules and regulations to help businesses succeed and workers stay safe during these unprecedented and challenging times. [Advance registration is required.](#)
- **Free PPE for L.A. County Small Businesses** - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been made available to California small businesses through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) in collaboration with the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA). Through public and private partnerships, access to PPE is available in Los Angeles County through PPE Unite. PPE Unite is committed to the small business, partnering with them towards

¹ Source: October 26, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: October 26, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: October 27, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: October 27, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: October 27, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

All data and tier assignments are updated weekly every Tuesday.

safely reopening and building our local economy. The free 30-day supply of personal protective equipment for small businesses may include face masks, hand sanitizers, and face shields (while supplies last). Sign up for free PPE at ppeunite.org.

- **Developments at EDD Reduce Backlog, Assist Callers, and Fight Identity Fraud** – The Employment Development Department (EDD) continues to make progress on driving down the backlog of claimants awaiting resolution on unemployment insurance claims. Technology recently implemented to assist in the process includes an [online newsroom](#), [facts and stats dashboard](#), [work-sharing program](#), and [AskEDD dropdown menu](#). The EDD continues to partner with law enforcement and the Bank of America in fighting identity fraud prevalent in the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program across the country. EDD currently knows of 350,000 debit cards frozen due to fraud. The Department's top priority is to quickly verify any claimants' identity in this group that may have been impacted by scammer attacks. For more information, visit edd.ca.gov.
- **Small Business Contracts, Definitions, Consequences, and Remedies Webinar** – The Los Angeles County Consumer & Business Affairs Office will host a free legal webinar for small business owners on Wednesday, October 28, at 11:00 AM. The webinar brings together top lawyers to present on pertinent COVID-19 legal areas impacting the small business community. Learn about contract basics for small businesses, including the steps necessary to form and enforce a contract, definitions of basic contract terms, consequences of and remedies when a contract term is broken, and other practical considerations when entering into contracts. [Advance registration is required](#).
- **Multi-Cultural: Equity Throughout Disasters** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Office of Equal Rights (OER) invites the public to participate in a conversation on equity in disasters. This Civil Rights summit is the first of three designed for FEMA to engage with individuals, community organizations, local jurisdictions, and others who understand their communities best. Perspectives and feedback from the public are critical to ensuring FEMA effectively prepares and serves all communities before, during, and after disasters. Email questions to FEMA-CivilRightsOffice@fema.dhs.gov by November 2; FEMA will respond to questions during the summit. The virtual summit takes place on November 12, beginning at 7:00 AM. The summit provides an opportunity to learn more about FEMA services and programs and engage directly with FEMA's senior leaders regarding their equity approach during disasters. [Advanced registration is required](#).
- **COVID-19 and What You Need to Know on Personal and Social Activities** - The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created a webpage focused on what you need to know for personal and social activities during COVID-19. Activities include dining at restaurants, cook-outs, visiting a library, or overnight travel. Other considerations, such as amusement parks, hot tubs, restaurants, and bars, are also included. Visit cdc.gov to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.
- **Impact of COVID-19 on Children with Special Healthcare Needs** - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE), in collaboration with ASPR's Pediatric Centers of Excellence are collaborating on a webinar series focused on how the COVID-19 pandemic may affect children. The final webinar titled, Impact of COVID-19 on Children with Special Healthcare Needs, takes place Thursday, October 29, at 10:00 AM. Panelists will discuss the impact of COVID-19 and social determinants on children's

population, behavioral health/ psychological effects, child neglect/abuse, and secondary disaster preparedness planning considerations. Visit phe.gov to register and for more details.

- **Influenza in the Age of COVID-19** – [HHS ASPR Public Health Emergency through NETEC is hosting a 90-minute webinar titled Influenza in the Age of COVID-19 on Friday, October 30, at 10:00 AM.](#) The webinar will summarize the similarities and differences between seasonal Influenza and COVID-19. Influenza vaccination planning efforts, testing and antiviral treatment of Influenza when SARS-CoV-2 and influenza viruses are co-circulating will also be addressed. Visit netec.org for more information and to register.
- **Pandemic Recovery Fund Application Closes October 30** – 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 is open and closes Friday, October 30. Visit lacovidfund.org to apply and for more information.
- **California's Scientific Safety Review Workgroup Ensures Safety of COVID-19 Vaccine for Western States** – Washington, Oregon and Nevada have joined California's COVID-19 Scientific Safety Review Workgroup. The workgroup will independently review the safety and efficacy of any vaccine approved by the FDA for distribution. Last week, Governor Newsom [announced the panel](#) made up of nationally acclaimed scientists with expertise in immunization and public health. The Western States are putting a system in place for the distribution and administration of a vaccine as supply becomes available. For more information, visit gov.ca.gov.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 29 new deaths, two new case of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 1,586 new cases of COVID-19 in L.A. County in [today's daily report](#). To date, DPH has identified 302,077 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 7,027 deaths. COVID-19 spread has increased in L.A. County, and this is a cause for concern. At the beginning of October, the average reported cases were 940 per day. As of last week, DPH is reporting almost 1,200 new cases per day. People of all ages are at risk of being infected with COVID-19. Younger groups are driving L.A. County's case counts. Throughout the pandemic, people between the ages of 18 and 49 have had the highest number of cases, accounting for 58% of all cases. When adding teenagers to the group, individuals between 12 and 50 account for 68% of new cases. [DPH recently reported two additional cases of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children \(MIS-C\).](#) This brings the total cases of MIS-C in L.A. County to 43 children. All 43 children with MIS-C in L.A. County were hospitalized; nearly 50% of the children were treated in the ICU. Of the children with MIS-C, 26% were under the age of 5 years old, 37% were between the ages of 5 and 11 years old, and 37% were between the ages of 12 and 20 years old. No children have died from MIS-C in L.A. County. Testing results are available for more than 3,046,000 individuals, with 9% of all people testing positive. There are currently 747 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.

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
Emergency Operations Center	Level 1 ⁶	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

⁶ 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