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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Vote Safely in Manhattan Beach** – Manhattan Beach In-Person Vote Centers will be open Friday, October 30 through November 2, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. On Election Day (November 3), extended hours are 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM; if you are in line by 8:00 PM on Election Day, you will still be allowed to vote. Save time at the Vote Center and complete your [Interactive Sample Ballot](#) in advance. The In-Person Vote Centers are 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)
- **Design a Bookmark for the Library** – It's time for the Annual Library Bookmark Contest! Students in grades Kindergarten through twelve are invited to celebrate books, reading, and art by participating in the Annual Bookmark Contest. Participants will compete for a chance to see their bookmark designs featured at our local Manhattan Beach Library and across Los Angeles County. Visit [Manhattan Beach's Library Sidewalk Service](#) to pick up an entry form or [download an entry form](#). One entry per person. The deadline for submission is November 15. Sidewalk Service hours are Monday, Wednesday through Friday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Tuesday 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Visit lacountylibrary.org for more information.
- **Recent Press Release:**
 - [County Public Health Revises Health Order to Allow Limited Re-Openings & City Reminds Residents of Guidance and Restrictions on Gatherings](#) (10/28/2020)

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	8,834,393 (+81,599)	227,045 (+1,060)
California ²	912,904 (+4,191)	17,541 (+66)
Los Angeles County ³	305,070 (+1,745)	7,044(+19)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	420 (+6)	5 (+0)

¹ Source: October 28, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: October 28 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: October 29, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: October 29, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

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](#).

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.

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

- **Talent Forward 2020, There is No Going Back** - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation will host Talent Forward 2020, on Friday, October 30 at 10:00 AM to address the ongoing challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has disrupted the entire education and workforce system. The impact of COVID-19 on childcare, K-12 education, higher education, and workforce training has forced us all to rethink every aspect of the talent pipeline. Talent Forward 2020 will explore how the business community has strengthened our outlook on the future, and how its leadership will foster innovations in the new economy. There is no going back. We are moving Talent Forward. Attendees will learn practical solutions for how we, together, can strengthen the future. [Advance registration is required](#). Visit uschamberfoundation.org for more details.
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – [Governor Newsom issued an executive order addressing a variety of issues in response to the pandemic](#):
 - The Order directs the California Department of Transportation to create a process for issuing temporary encroachment permits enabling commercial activities in the state

⁵ Source: October 27, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>
All data and tier assignments are updated weekly every Tuesday.

highway right-of-way, allowing businesses located along state highways to expand their outdoor dining options onto sidewalks and parking areas, where safety permits;

- It allows people 70 years of age or older to renew their drivers' licenses by mail in order to limit in-person transactions with the Department of Motor Vehicles, which have the potential to put the public and employees at risk of COVID-19 infection; and
- Finally, it extends provisions related to deadlines for the payment of real estate license application and renewal fees and continuing education requirements for licensees.

- **Guiding Principles to Keep in Mind at the Beach and in Pools** - The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created a webpage focused on [Guiding Principles to Keep in Mind at the Beach](#) as communities across the United States are re-opening public beaches (such as swim areas at oceans, lakes, and other natural bodies of water). The CDC also addressed [Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds](#) during COVID-19. There are considerations everyone can take to help protect everyone, both in the water and out, and slow the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Visit [cdc.gov](#) for information to protect yourself and others.
- **Travel Tips from the TSA** - The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) published [Five Tips for Travelers Flying on Halloween](#). TSA wanted to address frequently asked questions to help travelers get in the spirit of traveling without getting caught in a web at the checkpoint. If you're unsure whether an item should go in a carry-on bag or checked bag, download the free [myTSA app](#) to access the "Can I bring?" feature. Type in the item to determine the pack location. Check out [TSA's Top Travel Tips](#) for more information.
- **Nearly All Drivers Can Renew License Online** - The ability for senior drivers to renew online is the latest action to help Californians avoid or delay a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office visit during the COVID-19 pandemic. Almost all California drivers are now eligible to renew their license online or by mail - even if their renewal notice states, an office visit is required. A commercial license, including those for drivers 70 and older, expiring between March and December, is extended through December 2020 to align with federal guidelines. The DMV continues to streamline its processes to limit the time customers spend at an office. Customers applying for a REAL ID are encouraged to fill out an [online application](#) and upload the required documents before they come to the office for expedited service. For more information, visit [dmv.ca.gov](#).
- **Pandemic Recovery Fund Application Closes Friday 10/30** - Round Six of the L.A. Regional COVID-19 Recovery Fund, open to micro-entrepreneurs, small businesses, and non-profits located in Los Angeles County, closes Friday, October 30 at 11:59 Pacific Standard Time. Applications beginning in Round Four, if not selected, rolled over to later rounds. Finalists will be notified of the award ten days from the round close. For more information and to apply, visit [lacovidfund.org](#).
- **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 28 Update](#). Key findings include:
 - The number of new patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization each day across Los Angeles County appears to be unchanged or slightly reduced from last week;
 - The estimated transmission number ("R") is 0.95, with an uncertainty of 0.84 to 1.05. Last week the estimate was 1.04 with an uncertainty of 0.97 to 1.11. If R is below 1, the
 - number of cases will decrease over time;

- Based on the current estimate for R, it is likely that the number of cases will go down. The current number of hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators in Los Angeles County are likely adequate over the next four weeks;
 - The model suggests about 1 in 1000 Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others and that about 1 in 6 have had COVID-19;
 - This suggests about 1 in 1000 (between 1 in 2300 and 1 in 600) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. Last week this estimate was 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.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 19 new deaths, six new case of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 1,745 new cases of COVID-19 in L.A. County in [today's daily report](#). This is the highest number of new cases reported since late-August not associated with backlog cases. To date, DPH has identified 305,070 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 7,044 deaths. Testing results are available for more than 3,080,000 individuals, with 9% of all people testing positive. There are currently 750 confirmed cases presently hospitalized, and 31% 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 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	June 12 (with modifications)

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
	See Virtual Parks and Recreation Programs	
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	Open with Distance Learning	Recently Opened