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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Election Results** – Los Angeles County Election Results, including the results for the City of Manhattan Beach City Treasurer and three City Councilmember seats will be posted on [LA County's Election Results](#) page after 8:00 PM on November 3. The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk will update the [LA County's Election Results](#) page through 6:00 AM on November 4, as needed. The public is welcome to [view the official video stream](#) of the Vote By Mail Operations taking place at the County Registrar-Recorder Office. The Manhattan Beach City Clerk will update the [City's Elections webpage](#) once the Absentee and Provisional Ballots are counted which may take several days depending on the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.
- **Public Health Reminder** - Because there is increased transmission of COVID-19 in L.A. County, Public Health reminds everyone to [follow Public Health safety guidance](#) and to do your part every day to prevent COVID-19 spread. There is a high level of risk associated with gatherings of any kind, especially when people are not keeping a physical distance of at least six feet and wearing face coverings. This includes in-person election viewing and dinner parties, as these types of gatherings can easily spread COVID-19. If you plan to watch election results, it is safest to do so at home with other people from your household or participate virtually with friends. If you are planning to get together with others, please follow the [private gathering guidelines](#) which permit households to gather outdoors with up to two other households for up to two hours, as long as everyone is wearing a [face covering](#) and [distancing from each other](#). Indoor gatherings, events, or parties of any size with non-household members are unsafe and are not permitted.
- **Where L.A. County Stands on the States Tier System** - [Due to Election Day, the regularly scheduled Blueprint tier assignment update for this week has been moved](#) from today, Tuesday, November 3, to Wednesday, November 4. The data used for this week's tier assignments are from the usual 7-day time period. For more information, visit cdph.ca.gov.
- **Manhattan Beach to Honor Veterans Day Virtually** – On Wednesday, November 11, at 11:00 AM, the City will honor and commemorate Veterans during its 23rd Annual Veterans Day Ceremony. Tune in for the pre-recorded ceremony that will be broadcast through Manhattan Beach Local Community Cable, Channel 8 (Spectrum), Channel 35 (Frontier), streamed via the City's [MBtv webcast](#), and available to view on Facebook and YouTube. For more information, visit citymb.info.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	9,268,818 (+86,190)	230,893 (+510)
California ²	934,672 (+4,044)	17,686 (+14)
Los Angeles County ³	311,745 (+1,224)	7,097 (+23)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	429 (+2)	5 (+0)

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.

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
October 26 - November 1	17	0	9,430	81
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

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
10/27	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

- **Taxpayer Relief Initiative Due to Pandemic** – The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced several changes designed to help struggling taxpayers impacted by COVID-19 more easily settle

¹ Source: November 2, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

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

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

⁴ Source: November 3, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: November 3, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

All data and tier assignments are updated weekly every Tuesday (except today, Election Day).

their tax debts with the agency. Taxpayers who owe always had options to seek help through payment plans and other tools from the IRS, but the new IRS Taxpayer Relief Initiative is expanding on existing tools with options such as [Temporarily Delaying Collection](#), [Offer in Compromise](#), and [Relief from Penalties](#). The revised COVID-related collection procedures will be helpful to taxpayers, especially those who have a record of filing their returns and paying their taxes on time. For more information, visit [irs.gov](#).

- **Infection Controls and Incentives to Reduce Mortality** - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced it will distribute approximately \$333 million in performance payments to over 10,000 nursing homes. The performance-based payment structure is rewarding nursing homes for keeping new COVID-19 infection and mortality rates among residents lower than the communities they serve (as analyzed against CDC data). Safeguarding nursing home residents from the perils of this devastating pandemic remains a top priority for HHS. Visit [hhs.gov](#) for more details.
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** - [Governor Newsom announced the opening of an innovative new laboratory in California that will increase the state's COVID-19 testing capacity](#) and reduce test turnaround time. The \$25 million lab, built in conjunction with major diagnostics company PerkinElmer, will begin processing tests starting in November and work toward the full capacity of 150,000 tests by March 2021. The facility has already created 300 new California jobs in Southern California and will employ 700 people when at full capacity. Under [its contract](#), PerkinElmer is contractually required to turn around test results in 24 to 48 hours which is pivotal in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in California. Visit [ca.gov](#) for more information.
- **Minority Health Determines the Health of the Nation** - Health equity is when everyone has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible. Long-standing systemic health and social inequities have put many racial and ethnic minority groups at increased risk of getting sick and dying from COVID-19. To stop the spread of COVID-19 and move toward greater health equity, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) works to ensure resources are available to maintain and manage physical and mental health, including easy access to information, affordable testing, and medical and mental health care. Visit the CDC's updated [Health Equity](#) page to read about [Health Equity Considerations and Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups](#), [What We Can Do to Promote Health Equity](#) and the [Goals](#) of the CDC's Office of Minority Health & Health Equity (OMHHE). Visit [cdc.gov](#) for more information.
- **Treatments for COVID-19** - The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to or spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. If you think you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider. The CDC has updated its website with [Treatments Your Healthcare Provider Might Recommend for Severe Illness](#). The COVID-19 treatment updates include the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) links to the [emergency use authorizations issued](#) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) [Treatment Guidelines](#). Treatment complications and [information on clinical trials](#) is also included. Visit [cdc.gov](#) for more details.
- **COVID-19 Master Question List** - The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) published an update to the [Master Question List \(MQL\) for COVID-19](#). The MLQ is intended to quickly present available information to decision-makers in the operational response to COVID-19 and allow structured and scientifically guided discussions

across the federal government, prevent duplication of efforts, and highlight and coordinate research. Visit [dhs.gov](https://www.dhs.gov) to view the report.

- **Care Transitions to Home Health: Key COVID Considerations** – The HHS’ Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Public Health Emergency through NETEC is hosting a 90-minute webinar titled Care Transitions to Home Health: Key COVID Considerations on Friday, November 6, at 10:00 AM. The webinar will discuss effective collaboration and communication during the intake/screening and referral processes concerning COVID-19 between home health clinicians, patients, and caregivers, and articulate how to adapt to the CDC guidelines at home about challenges experienced when a mother of a newborn child tests positive for COVID-19. NETEC will summarize the various approaches necessary to effectively address encounters surrounding poor health literacy in minority populations affected by the pandemic as derived from clinical case scenarios. Visit netec.org for more information and to register.
- **Research Protects Staff and Visitors in Museums and Libraries** – The Institute of Museum and Library Services recently published the results of a research project titled RE-opening Archives, Libraries, and Museums (REALM). The research is in partnership with OCLC and Battelle to produce science-based information on how to mitigate COVID-19 exposure to staff and visitors of archives, libraries, and museums. The [REALM Project](#) has released results from the latest round of scientific tests to determine how long the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 can remain on materials to help inform institutions as they re-open to the public. The lab test findings show that the infectious virus survived through eight days on both natural leather and synthetic leather fabrics. Visit imls.gov for more information. For details on how long the virus survived on other materials common to archives, libraries, and museums, visit oclc.org.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 23 new deaths, two new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 1,224 new cases of COVID-19 in L.A. County in [today's daily report](#). To date, DPH has identified 311,745 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 7,097 deaths. Testing results are available for more than 3,164,000 individuals, with 9% of all people testing positive. There are currently 798 confirmed cases presently hospitalized, and 28% 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

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
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 (with social distancing required)	N/A
Beaches	Open with Restrictions (Social distancing and face coverings required when around others)	N/A

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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