



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

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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 November 10, 2020, [Los Angeles County remains in Tier One \(Purple\)](#), with "widespread" risk and the [most restrictions](#). According to the State's website, L.A. County reflects 11.5 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 7.6. The County's overall test positivity rate decreased from 4.0% to 3.8%, which meets Tier 3; the [health equity metric](#) decreased from 6.8% to 6.5%, which meets Tier 2. However, when the case rates and positivity rates fall into different tiers, the stricter tier prevails.
- **Manhattan Beach Honors Veterans Virtually November 11** - The City thanks our Veterans for their service and will hold a virtual celebration in their honor. On Wednesday, November 11, at 11:00 AM, the City will commemorate veterans during the 23rd Annual Veterans Day Ceremony through a pre-recorded ceremony. The broadcast can be viewed on local community cable, Channel 8 (Spectrum), Channel 35 (Frontier), streamed via the City's [MBtv webcast](#), and available on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). For more information, visit [citymb.info](#).
- **Celebrate Veteran's Day at a Distance and Stay Local** - As Veteran's Day nears, be sure your plans follow the [private gathering guidelines](#) which permit families 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](#). Remember "[Local Love for Manhattan Beach](#)," shop, dine, and stay local to help keep our local businesses open!

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	10,036,463 (+122,910)	237,731 (+704)
California ²	977,218 (+5,367)	18,001 (+24)
Los Angeles County ³	325,876 (+2,318)	7,200 (+25)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	449 (+9)	5 (+0)

¹ Source: November 9, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: November 9, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: November 10, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: November 10, 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
November 2 – November 8	15	0	13,017	98
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

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	11.5	7.6	3.8%	6.5%
11/4	Widespread	12.5	7.5	4.0%	6.8%
10/27	Widespread	11.0	8.0	3.7%	6.2%
10/20	Widespread	10.1	7.6	3.4%	5.9%

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Addressing Mental Health of K-12 Students During COVID-19** – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Division, will host a webinar on supporting students' mental health in kindergarten through 12th grade during COVID-19. The webinar takes place Wednesday, November 18, at 9:00 AM. Karina Aguilar, an Assistant Regional Administrator from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), will discuss the impact of COVID-19 and quarantine on children and teenage mental health. Learn about the symptoms and warning signs of depression and anxiety and how to help families and communities better manage these challenging times. [Advanced registration is required.](#)
- Get Digital CA!** – California is giving small businesses the tools they need to thrive by helping them expand their online presence. The Governor's Office of the Small Business Advocate's Digital Bootcamp series is free and kicks off this week. The e-commerce initiative promotes accelerators and intensive training to build the skills necessary to compete in an online marketplace and drive Californians to support small businesses through online festivals. The Bootcamp consists of a four-part series to expand your business's online presence by launching and growing your online e-commerce store. Business owners will develop skills to drive traffic, grow brand exposure, and reach larger audiences online while developing a strong understanding of the key elements needed to build and expand a robust e-commerce business portal. Learn more about Get Digital CA! at business.ca.gov/getdigitalca. Expand your online presence and register for Digital Bootcamp at eventbrite.com.
- TSA Thanksgiving Travel Tips** – The U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) released [Five Simple Steps to Take Now if You Plan to Fly for Thanksgiving](#). Because TSA is well-aware that many people have not traveled in several months, there are tips to know now to be

⁵ Source: November 10, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> All data and tier assignments are updated weekly every Tuesday.

prepared later. TSA has implemented changes to the security screening process to reduce cross-contamination potential in the security checkpoint known as the "Stay Healthy. Stay Secure." campaign. It focuses on modifications to procedures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Visit [tsa.gov](https://www.tsa.gov) for details.

- **Keeping Americas' Workers and Employers Safe During COVID-19** – The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) provides information for workers and employers on the evolving coronavirus pandemic. The latest updates to its website include [Lessons Learned: Frequently Cited Standards Related to COVID-19](#) and [Inspections and Common COVID-19 Citations: Helping Employers Better Protect Workers and Comply with OSHA Regulations](#). In conducting COVID-19-related inspections, OSHA frequently cites employers for violating certain standards. Employers can learn more about frequently-cited standards and relevant resources in OSHA's in-depth analysis of [Common COVID-19 Citations](#). OSHA initiates inspections following complaints, referrals, or fatalities in industries such as hospitals and healthcare, nursing homes and long term care settings, and meat/poultry processing facilities. By understanding which workplace hazards have most often resulted in OSHA citations, employers can better ensure that they are adequately protecting workers. Visit [osha.gov](https://www.osha.gov) for information on how employers can be vigilant in meeting OSHA requirements.
- **COVID Versus Mental Health** – The [assistant secretary for mental health and substance use, the top official at the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\), was recently interviewed](#) on a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [podcast](#). The podcast is on the nation's response to the coronavirus, "health versus health," and the country's continuing problems with substance abuse and suicide. Visit [samhsa.gov](https://www.samhsa.gov) MedPage Today for more information.
- **Guidance to Enhance Diversity in Clinical Trials** – During the fight against COVID-19, we have seen health care disparities. For example, certain segments of the population (e.g., older adults, pregnant women, children, and racial and ethnic minorities) are affected differently. This difference in impact illustrates why developers of any medical product such as treatments or vaccines for COVID-19 to endeavor to include diverse populations be encouraged to understand their risks or benefits across all groups. To promote and protect public health, people in clinical trials must represent the populations most likely to use the medical product. The FDA issued ["Enhancing the Diversity of Clinical Trial Populations--Eligibility Criteria, Enrollment Practices, and Trial Designs,"](#) guidance to broaden eligibility criteria in clinical trials through inclusive trial practices, trial designs, and methodological approaches. Visit [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov) for more information.
- **NIH Concluded Hydroxychloroquine Provides No Clinical Benefit COVID-19** - A National Institutes of Health (NIH) clinical trial evaluating the safety and effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine for adults' treatment with COVID-19 has formally concluded that the drug provides no clinical benefit to hospitalized patients. Though found not to cause harm, early findings in June when the trial was stopped indicated that the drug did not improve outcomes in COVID-19 patients. For more information, visit [nih.gov](https://www.nih.gov).
- **Beware Medicare Beneficiaries** - [The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General is alerting the public about fraud schemes](#) related to COVID-19. Scammers are offering COVID-19 tests to Medicare beneficiaries in exchange for personal details, including Medicare information. However, the services are unapproved and illegitimate. In one scheme, medical labs target retirement communities claiming to offer COVID-19 tests but drawing blood and billing federal healthcare programs for unnecessary services. Fraudsters are also using

telemarketing calls, text messages, social media platforms, and door-to-door visits. If you suspect COVID-19 health care fraud, [report it immediately online](#) or call 800-HHS-TIPS (800) 447-8477. Visit [oig.hhs.gov](#) for more information.

- **Federal Resources for Quicker Financial Relief** - The U.S. Department of Treasury published information on [Your Money and Coronavirus: Resources for Financial Relief](#). Americans receive direct relief in the form of Economic Impact Payments deposited directly into their bank or credit union accounts. Visit [treasury.gov](#) for more information.
- **California Celebrates National Apprenticeship Week** - Governor Newsom released a [commemorative letter](#) marking November 9 through 13 "Apprenticeship Week" in California. This week, the Labor and Workforce Development Agency will lead an [online celebration of California apprentices](#) demonstrating the benefits of apprenticeship training programs for both employers and workers. Join the [Virtual Forum titled Paving the High Road to a Resilient Economy](#) on Thursday, November 12, at 11:00 AM. Visit [labor.ca.gov](#) for more information.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** - L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 25 new deaths, nine new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 2,318 new cases of COVID-19 in L.A. County in [Today's daily report](#). To date, DPH has identified 325,876 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 7,200 deaths. There are 888 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 28% of these people are in the ICU. The number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 each day increased to over 800 this past week and now nears 900. A month ago, in Early-October, the daily number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 was between 650 and 725 patients. Throughout the pandemic, an increase in hospitalizations and deaths follow surges in cases. It is important businesses understand, implement, and continue to comply with protocols and directives, failure to do so contributes to increased community transmission and COVID-19 spread among employees and customers. During DPH's recent business compliance checks, inspectors noted that most businesses complied with most of the Public Health protocols. However, some businesses failed to ensure employees and patrons were appropriately distanced, patrons were wearing face coverings and did not post their completed protocols for reopening. From October 25 through November 1, 44 citations were issued to businesses, including restaurants, gyms, hotels, and worship places, for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders. Since the end of August, a total of 260 citations have been issued. Testing results are available for more than 3,282,000 individuals, with 9% of all people testing positive. 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

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
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 (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