



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- Celebrate the Holidays Safely – As coronavirus cases surge throughout the County, the City has modified traditional holiday celebrations to ensure the community’s health and safety remain a priority.
 - Pier Lighting and Holiday Fireworks - Following the gathering restrictions from the current [County Health Officer Order](#), the annual Pier Lighting and Manhattan Beach Holiday Fireworks events will not be held for 2020.
 - 26th Annual Holiday Open House - The [Annual Holiday Open House](#) will look different this year, as there will be no street closures, reindeer, caroling, or entertainment. However, to encourage residents to shop and dine locally, on November 14 and 15 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, downtown businesses will feature activities to kick off the holiday season. Festivities include a scavenger hunt with prizes, holiday music throughout Downtown, and drive-by greetings from Santa from noon until 2:00 PM. Also, residents will have the opportunity to select the best decorated holiday windows and dining decks virtually. [Los Angeles Public Health Order Protocols](#) will be maintained throughout the weekend. For more information, visit downtownmanhattanbeach.com.
- Recent Press Release
 - [Manhattan Beach Holiday Celebrations Modified to Ensure Community Safety](#) (11/10/2020)

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	10,314,254 (+143,408)	241,069 (+1,479)
California ²	991,609 (+6,927)	18,108 (+38)
Los Angeles County ³	330,450 (+2,533)	7,221 (+7)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	452 (+1)	5 (+0)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS

¹ Source: November 11, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: November 11, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: November 12, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: November 12, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

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](#).

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.

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

- **Update on Face Covers and Counterfeit NIOSH – Masks** may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Masks are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when people in public settings widely use them. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its page on [Considerations for Wearing Masks](#). The CDC does not currently recommend the use of face shields as a substitute for masks. A face shield is primarily used for eye protection for the person wearing it. When using a gaiter as a face cover, be sure it is made with two layers, or fold the gaiter to make it two layers. The CDC warns the public about [counterfeit respirators and products that are falsely marketed and sold as being NIOSH-approved and may not be capable of providing appropriate respiratory protection to workers](#). Visit [cdc.gov](#) for more information on how to [Select Face Covers](#), the Dos and Don'ts, and [Storing and Washing Face Covers](#).
- **California's Small Business Loan Guarantee Program via IBank** – California has a loan guarantee program through IBank to assist small businesses that experience capital access barriers. The Small Business Loan Guarantee program encourages lenders to provide funds to small businesses to help them grow and prosper. This year, the Center made available \$50 million in state funding, providing potential capital for individuals who do not qualify for federal funds. Who is eligible? Nonprofits and small businesses located in California with 1-750 employees have been negatively impacted or experienced disruption by COVID-19. Visit [ibank.ca.gov](#) for details.

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

- **Grow Your Business: Branding and Marketing 101** – The Los Angeles County Consumer & Business Affairs Office hosts L.A. Law Library, free classes. Learn all the things you "didn't know you needed to know" about building your business. Leading attorneys and financial professionals present a series of workshops giving entrepreneurs and business owners practical and comprehensive training needed to set up a business for long-term growth and success in challenging times such as COVID-19. The next class, titled Branding and Marketing 101, takes place Tuesday, November 17, from noon until 2:00 PM. [Advanced registration is required](#). Visit dcba.lacounty.gov for more information.
- **Treatment for Early COVID-19 Detection** – Research states that treating people early in the course of infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, speeds recovery, reduces the likelihood of developing severe outcomes, and reduces demand on the healthcare system. The National Institutes of Health news release titled [Treatments for people with early COVID-19 infection is an urgent research focus](#) requests people who were recently diagnosed with COVID-19 but are not hospitalized visit RiseAboveCOVID.org to sign up for a clinical trial. Continued research is needed to refine current treatment candidates and develop new drugs and treatments. For more information, visit nih.gov.
- **FEMA Seeks Public Comments** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released the "[Building Private-Public Partnerships Guide](#)" (P3 Guide) draft for public comment. The guide provides recommendations and best practices for jurisdictions to establish and maintain a private-public partnership to help coordinate mitigation, response, and recovery planning and preparedness in response to events such as fires, floods, and pandemics. FEMA is seeking input from the community, which will be considered in developing the published guide. Public input can be provided through the Comment Sheet or participating in a webinar on December 1 or December 2. For details, visit fema.gov.
- **Understanding the COVID-19 Pandemic** – Johns Hopkins University hosts a free, publicly available course titled [Understanding the COVID-19 Pandemic: Insights from Johns Hopkins University Experts](#). The course is set up as a series of short modules to explore the COVID-19 pandemic. Registration is not required. The course begins with discussing the virus that causes COVID-19 and works its way to the pandemic's broader implications for society. The course features original content created after the imposition of social distancing measures. Visit coronavirus.jhu.edu to learn the basics and understand the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Paycheck Protection Program: Loan Forgiveness** - Learn the four steps to apply for a payment protection program (PPP) loan forgiveness! Any small business that meets the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) standards are eligible to apply. Borrowers may be eligible for loan forgiveness if the funds were used for eligible payroll costs, payments on business mortgage interest payments, rent, or utilities during either the eight or 24-week period after disbursement. Visit sba.gov for more 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 November 11 Update](#). Key findings include:
 - The number of new patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization each day across Los Angeles County appears to be gradually increasing;
 - The estimated transmission number ("R") is 1.03, with an uncertainty of 0.97 to 1.09. Last week the estimate was 1.02 with an uncertainty of 0.95 to 1.07. 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 slowly. 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 580 Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others and that about 1 in 6 have had COVID-19;
 - The model suggests that about 0.17% (uncertainty of 0.11% to 0.26%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others;
 - This suggests about 1 in 580 (between 1 in 950 and 1 in 390) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. Last week this estimate was 1 in 670; 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 seven new deaths, one new case of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 2,533 new cases of COVID-19 in L.A. County in [Today's Daily Report](#). DPH continues to see significant increases in key indicators, including daily new cases and test positivity rates. To date, DPH has identified 330,450 positive cases of COVID-19 across all L.A. County areas and a total of 7,221 deaths. Since last week, L.A. County has experienced over 2,000 new cases nearly every day. On November 3, the average number of daily cases was 1,464, and one month before, on October 3, that number of daily cases reported was 988. Testing results are available for nearly 3,320,000 individuals, with 9% of all people testing positive. The County's test positivity rate, or the percentage of tests that come back positive, has increased from an average of about 3.6% on October 3 to about 5.9% today. Increasing daily case numbers and increasing test positivity percents are deeply troubling and more evidence of accelerating community transmission. DPH reminds everyone that testing does not prevent people from transmitting and acquiring the virus and is not a substitute for distancing from other people outside your household, wearing face coverings over your nose and mouth, hand washing, and avoiding crowds. There are 953 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 28% of these people are in the ICU. On October 3, the average daily number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 was 682 patients, the lowest since the beginning of the pandemic. When we look back at the summer surge in new cases, we are reminded to prepare for an expected increase in hospitalizations and deaths. On May 28, the County began to experience an increase in cases, which started the steep increase. Twenty-one days later, on June 18, hospitalizations began to increase. Twelve days after that, deaths began to increase. Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths reached their peak within two weeks of each other, from mid to late July. After businesses reclosed in late June through mid-July, cases steadily declined and hit their lowest level on September 10. It took an additional three weeks to see hospitalizations and deaths hit their lowest post-surge levels. 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 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