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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Where LA County Stands on the States Tier System** - As of November 16, 2020, [Los Angeles County remains in Tier One](#) (Purple), with "widespread" risk and the [most restrictions](#). According to the State's website, LA County reflects 20.6, an increase from 11.5 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 13.7. The County's overall test positivity rate increased from 3.8% to 5.3%, which meets Tier 2; the [health equity metric](#) remains 6.5%, which also meets Tier 2. When the case rates and positivity rates fall into different tiers, the stricter tier prevails.
- **Change to the Tier Assignment Imposed by the State of California** - In light of the recent, unprecedented surge in the rate of increase of cases, as of November 16, tier assignments may occur any day of the week and may occur more than once a week when the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) determines that the most recent reliable data indicate that immediate action is needed to address COVID-19 transmission in a county. Counties may be moved back more than one tier if CDPH determines that the data supports the more intensive intervention. Key considerations will include the rate of increase in new cases and test positivity, public health capacity, and other epidemiological factors. The most recent reliable data will be used to complete the assessment. In light of the extreme circumstances requiring immediate action, counties will be required to implement any sector changes the day following the tier announcement.
- **MBUSD COVID-19 Dashboard** - The Manhattan Beach Unified School District has created a [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) that displays the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases among district students and staff on campus in-person instruction. This data will be updated regularly and as cases are confirmed. In a positive COVID-19 case, school communities are notified directly by their principals or school staff. For more information, visit mbusd.org.
- **Manhattan Beach Flu Shot Clinic November 18** - The City of Manhattan Beach is hosting a free flu shot clinic provided by the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#) and the Older Adults Program on Wednesday, November 18, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The public ages six months and older are welcome to stop by the Joslyn Community Center at 1601 North Valley Drive (Ocean Banquet Hall) to get a free flu shot. No appointments are necessary. The City will strictly enforce COVID-19 guidelines and safety measures. Visit citymb.info for guidelines and details.
- **Celebrate Thanksgiving Safely** - Traditionally, Thanksgiving is when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. This year will have to be different. The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving is with people in your household. Travel increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Given the recent surge in cases, many states have issued [travel advisories and guidance, including California](#). CDPH recommends persons arriving in California from other states or countries, including returning California residents, practice self-

quarantine for 14 days after arrival. These persons should limit their interactions to their immediate household. This recommendation does not apply to individuals who cross state or country borders for [essential travel](#). If people must travel, it is important to know the risks involved. Staying home and avoiding travel is the best way to protect yourself and others. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides [Tips to Make your Thanksgiving Safer](#), a [Celebrate Thanksgiving Quick Reference](#), and [Considerations for Other Thanksgiving Activities](#). The LA County Department of Public Health also provides [Guidance for Celebrating Holidays](#). Regardless of how you choose to celebrate Thanksgiving, it is essential to keep the following in mind:

1. Correctly [wear a cloth face covering](#) to prevent disease spread outside your home and around others that are not part of your household.
2. Avoid [confined spaces](#) - Actively stay away from indoor and outdoor spaces that don't allow for easy distancing of at least 6 feet between you and others.
3. Avoid [close contact](#) - Stay at least 6 feet away (3 or more adult steps) from all other people who are not part of your own household, especially while talking, eating, drinking, and singing.
4. [Remain outdoors](#) as much as possible when socializing with people not in your household.
5. [Wash or sanitize your hands often](#).
6. [Clean frequently](#) touched items regularly.
7. [If you are sick](#), or you have been in contact with someone who is sick with COVID-19 or has symptoms of COVID-19 [stay home](#), away from others, and [get tested](#).

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	11,136,253 (+151,855)	246,232 (+762)
California ²	1,037,978 (+8,743)	18,299 (+36)
Los Angeles County ³	344,523 (+2,301)	7,299 (+25)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	465 (+3)	5 (+0)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
November 9 – November 15	20	0	17,353	97
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

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

¹ Source: November 16, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: November 16, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: November 17, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: November 17, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

LA 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	20.6	13.7	5.3%	6.5%
11/10	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%

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Actions in Response to COVID-19** – Governor Newsom announced immediate actions to curb COVID-19 transmission resulting in 94.1 percent of California's population in the [most restrictive tier in the Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) and [strengthening its face covering guidance](#) requiring individuals to wear a mask whenever outside their home, with limited exceptions. Based on the surge in cases and positivity rates, 39 California counties moved back into more restrictive tiers. The rate of growth in confirmed COVID-19 cases is faster than it was in July, which led to a significant peak in cases. Immediate action will help protect individuals at higher risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 and will help keep the State's health care delivery system from becoming overwhelmed. In addition, the State has developed additional testing capacity to allow cases to be quickly identified, recently opening a [new laboratory in Valencia](#) that is already processing thousands of tests a day. Visit gov.ca.gov for more information.
- Younger Residents Drive Surge in Cases** - As COVID-19 cases surge and hospitalizations continue to rise across California, the [L.A. County Department of Public Health \(DPH\) urges everyone to take immediate action to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to stay home as much as possible for the next two to three weeks except for accessing essential services.](#) Younger residents are among those driving the surge in increasing cases. In the last month, the case rate for residents age 18 to 29 years old has more than doubled, from 11.5 cases per 100,000 people to 25 cases per 100,000 people. The second highest group, residents ages 30 through 49 years old, has nearly doubled from 9.4 cases to 18 cases per 100,000 people. With over 1000 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 28% of these people are in the ICU, this is the highest number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 since the beginning of September. When compared to other age groups, residents 80 years old and older are bearing the largest burden of serious illness. This is most unfortunate and serves as a stark reminder that young people are spreading the virus with disastrous results for our elderly. It is important for everyone in L.A. County, businesses and residents, to return to the mindset we had earlier in the pandemic to slow the spread. Visit publichealth.lacounty.gov for more information to follow all safety protocols.
- State Protects the Vulnerable During COVID-19** – Governor Newsom announced one-time funding to allow Project Roomkey operations to continue protecting vulnerable individuals from COVID-19. Since April, Project Roomkey has used CARES Act funding and FEMA cost-sharing to successfully shelter more than 22,300 individuals experiencing homelessness and who are at highest risk of COVID-19, such as people over 65, people who have underlying medical

⁵ Source: November 16, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> All data and tier updates/assignments may occur any day of the week.

conditions, and people who have been exposed to the virus but who do not need hospitalization. The funding will come from the Disaster Response Emergency Operations Account (DREOA) and will be provided by the Department of Social Services to counties implementing Project Roomkey and be used in Project Roomkey operations, rehousing and technical assistance. Visit gov.ca.gov for more information.

- **FDA's COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery and Preparedness Plan** – Earlier this year, the Food and Drug Administration launched the COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery and Preparedness Plan (PREPP) to optimize the ongoing COVID-19 response, while also strengthening resilience and improving the FDA's capacity to respond to future public health emergencies with a focus on transparency. In particular, the FDA recognizes that disclosing information from the scientific review of documents supporting the issuance, revision or [revocation](#) of Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA) for drugs and biological products, including vaccines, will contribute to the public's confidence in the agency's rigorous review of scientific data and the appropriate use of authorized products. The FDA creates educational materials for the public to understand the different regulatory and scientific steps around vaccine or drug development, including explaining the [investigational new drug process](#) and the role of [data safety monitoring boards](#). Visit fda.gov for more information.
- **Pandemic Related Consent, Research, and Ethics Webinar** – With the ever-evolving coronavirus pandemic, the National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center (NETEC) is committed to providing facilities with tools to educate healthcare workers and share preparedness best practices. NETEC hosts COVID-19 webinars bringing together subject matter experts immersed in the many challenges and topics around coronavirus. The next webinar takes place Friday November 20, at 10:00 AM and is titled Pandemic Related Consent, Research and Ethics. It will discuss the challenges involved when obtaining informed consent from a hospitalized patient who is in isolation related to COVID-19, articulate the obstacles and strategies involved when conducting research, and describe the ethical considerations related to COVID-19 clinical trials. Visit netec.org for more details and to register.
- **Boost Your Small Business Through an Online Festival** - The California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA), part of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), announced the lineup for CalOSBA's "Get Digital CA!" digital pop-up festivals. The interactive festivals will showcase local and diverse small businesses through social media channels, creating online neighborhood shopping experiences across the State. Facebook will offer training that shows business owners how to use digital platforms to build their businesses and engage with customers. The social media company will also provide its "Boost with Facebook" educational content for CalOSBA to share with companies unable to join the festival. Instagram will offer training that includes tips, tricks, and best practices for small businesses participating. Hence, owners are fully prepared to "go live" and reach their target audience creatively. The Get Digital CA! is an e-commerce initiative to promote accelerators and intensive training so that small businesses build the skills necessary to compete in an online marketplace. The initiative also builds off CalOSBA's work supporting the ["Calling ALL Californians: #ShopSafeShopLocal"](#) campaign launched in July. The 40+ free or discounted partner resources are offered to help small businesses to get digital. For more information and connect to these essential resources, visit the [Get Digital CA!](#) webpage at business.ca.gov.
- **Creating Healthy Indoor Air Quality in Schools** – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Indoor Environments Division is hosting a webinar titled Indoor Air Quality in K-12 Schools:

Addressing the Concept of Layered Risk Amidst COVID-19. The webinar takes place Thursday, November 19, at 9:00 AM. Experts from EPA's Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Tools for Schools Program and guest speakers from the International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate and the American Industrial Hygiene Association will answer questions on how proper IAQ management can help reduce health risks, including virus transmission, and explore the scientific basis for IAQ guidance. Attend the webinar to discover how layered risk reduction strategies can foster a healthier indoor environment. Visit [epa.gov](https://www.epa.gov) to register and for more information on creating healthy indoor air quality.

- **Can Autoimmune Antibodies Explain Blood Clots in COVID-19** – For people with severe COVID-19, one of the most troubling complications is abnormal blood clotting that puts patients at risk of stroke or heart attack. A new study suggests that COVID-19 does not act alone in causing blood clots. The virus seems to unleash mysterious antibodies that mistakenly attack the body's cells to cause clots. Given this information, researchers have enrolled patients into a clinical trial to test an anti-clotting drug in patients hospitalized with COVID-19 to determine if it can protect against dangerous blood clots. The hope is to lead to new approaches for avoiding this troubling complication in patients with severe COVID-19. For more information, visit directorsblog.nih.gov.
- **Veterans Fight Against COVID-19** – As part of the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, the department announced its nationwide effort to [recruit volunteers for COVID-19 clinical trials](#) at select VA facilities across the country. Vaccines being studied by VA include candidates developed by Moderna, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, and Janssen. VA's trials for COVID-19 treatments include remdesivir, monoclonal antibodies, Tocilizumab, and others. [Sign up for the VA's volunteer list](#) and [get more information about VA's COVID-19 clinical trials and research studies](#). The VA also announced it is working with the CDC and other federal partners to develop a comprehensive COVID-19 vaccine plan to ensure VA safely and equitably distributes vaccines once authorized. The plan will be a phased approach based on scientific and historical evidence, lessons learned from past pandemic vaccine plans, and input from scientific experts both within and outside VA. To know the latest information, visit the [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine](#) page. For more information on COVID-19 and Veteran Affairs, visit va.gov.
- **Promising Interim Results from Clinical Trial of NIH Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine** – The National Institutes of Health announced an independent data and safety monitoring board (DSMB) overseeing the Phase 3 trial of the investigational COVID-19 vaccine known as [mRNA-1273](#) reviewed trial data and shared its interim analysis with the trial oversight group. This interim review of the data suggests that the vaccine is safe and effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 in adults. The DSMB reported that the candidates were safe and well-tolerated and noted a vaccine efficacy rate of 94.5%. Visit nih.gov for more information.
- **LA County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – LA County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 25 new deaths, three new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 2,301 new cases of COVID-19 in LA County in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH has identified 344,523 positive cases of COVID-19 across all LA County areas and a total of 7,299 deaths. There are 1,126 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 27% of these people are in the ICU. The County has not experienced the number of daily COVID-19 hospitalizations over 1,100 since late-August. This is more than a 40% increase from two week ago when daily hospitalizations were 798. Testing results are available for nearly 3,420,000 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
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

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
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
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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
County Library	Closed (Sidewalk Service)	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning (See COVID-19 Dashboard)	Recently Opened