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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Latest City Council Actions in Response to COVID-19** – At the November 17, 2020, meeting, City Council directed the following additional actions in response to COVID-19:
 - Expand face covering enforcement specifically on days of increased congestion in the City;
 - Replenish and add more permanent signage regarding the City's face covering requirement;
 - Hold a meeting with the Long Term Business Solutions Ad Hoc Subcommittee and return to the City Council with options to assist the business community with permit fees and winterizing requirements without compromising safety; and
 - Revise Emergency Order No. 16 to ensure compliance with the County's latest Health Order requiring businesses to close at 10:00 PM.
- **Stronger Safeguards and Restrictions to Curb COVID-19** – The County of Los Angeles issued a [press release](#) laying out new COVID-19 restrictions. The new measures include reductions in outdoor dining capacity, business hour limitations, and other protocols considered effective in limiting the Coronavirus spread. The Department of Public Health will detail the specific restrictions in a revised Public Health Order expected to be issued on Friday, November 20. Once issued, the City will communicate conditions accordingly, using all our information channels. For accurate and up to date information about COVID-19, please visit the [County Department of Public Health website](#), [sign up for the City's eNotifications](#) and Nixle [public safety alerts](#), and follow the City on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Nextdoor](#), and [Instagram](#).
- **Watch the Virtual Pier Lighting Video** – Though the annual Pier Lighting event was not held, the City still lit the Pier in a virtual fashion. View the [Virtual Pier Lighting](#) video to welcome in the holiday season.
- **Celebrate Thanksgiving and the Weeks Ahead Safely** – More than 1 million COVID-19 cases were reported in the United States over the last seven days. Today, L.A. County experienced the highest number of daily new cases throughout the pandemic. As cases continue to increase rapidly, the safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving is to celebrate at home. Gatherings with family and friends who do not live with you can increase the chances of getting or spreading [COVID-19](#) or the [flu](#). It is essential for everyone, residents, and businesses to return to the mindset we had earlier in the pandemic. [Avoid the Three C's](#) 1) Confined Spaces – especially with poor ventilation. The outdoors are better than indoors. 2) Crowds – the more people, the higher the risk. 3) Close Contact – [staying further apart](#) is safer than being close together. [Wash your hands](#) often and [wear a face covering](#) around others. For your safety and the safety of the community, the following actions are also recommended:

- If you have plans to celebrate Thanksgiving with others who are not in your household, please make sure you will celebrate outdoors with only two other households. If you need to be indoors, this can only happen with members of your immediate household. This is particularly important since people will need to take off their face coverings while eating and drinking.
- Stay home as much as possible for the next two to three weeks except for accessing essential services. This is especially important for people who are older and people with serious underlying health conditions. When possible, try to use delivery services for groceries and medicines. If this isn't possible, assign one person from your household to take care of errands and shopping.
- If you live with people that are older or have serious health conditions, wear masks and keep your distance both indoors and outdoors as much as possible. Higher-risk household members should try when possible to eat by themselves and particularly avoid being in close contact with other people who have potential exposures at their jobs or in the community.
- If you are positive or a close contact of someone positive, please follow the Public Health Orders to isolate or quarantine for the full amount of time; 10 days for isolating if you are positive and 14 days if you need to quarantine.
- If you have engaged in risky activities where you may have been exposed because you were in a crowd with people who weren't wearing masks and distancing, please self-quarantine for 14 days.

Businesses can also step up by doing the following:

- Follow all safety protocols closely and ensure adherence with masking, infection control, and distancing requirements.
 - Ensure there are no crowded places or spaces at your site, and limit occupancy to make sure that everyone can always distance at least six feet.
 - Allow as many employees to work from home as much as possible.
 - Call Public Health immediately if there have been three or more COVID-19 cases within 14 days at your worksite (888) 397-3993.
- Recent Press Release
 - [County to Implement Stronger Safeguards and Restrictions to Curb COVID-19 Spread](#) (11/18/2020)

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	11,465,722 (+165,087)	249,670 (+1,836)
California ²	1,059,267 (+11,478)	18,466 (+106)
Los Angeles County ³	353,232 (+5,031)	7,363 (+29)

¹ Source: November 18, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: November 18, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: November 19, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	473 (+4)	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](#).

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	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

- Limited Stay At Home Order Takes Effect 10:00 PM Saturday** – Upon assessment of the recent, unprecedented rate of rise in increase in COVID-19 cases across California, Governor Newsom and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced a [limited Stay at Home Order](#). The Order generally requires that non-essential work, movement, and gatherings stop between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM in counties in the purple tier (includes Los Angeles County). The order will take effect at 10:00 PM Saturday, November 21, and remain in effect until 5:00 AM, December 21, 2020, and maybe extended or revised as needed. This is the same as the March Stay at Home Order, but applied only between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM and only in purple tier counties seeing the highest rates of positive cases and hospitalizations. Visit [gov.ca.gov](#) for more information.
- Mobile Contact Tracing App** - L.A. County and its partner, [Healthvana](#), have taken a bold step to control community spread. Individuals with a positive test can now immediately and anonymously notify anyone with whom they have recently come in close contact, using mobile phones. By reducing COVID-19 exposure notifications from days to hours, officials hope to minimize further community spread by encouraging close contacts to quickly quarantine and obtain a free test. This is only one aspect of the County's extensive effort on contact tracing, which is led by the Department of Public Health. Visit [lacounty.gov](#) for more information.
- Updated Guidance on the Use of Face Coverings** - The CDPH published updated [Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#). The use of face coverings by everyone can limit the release of

⁴ Source: November 19, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: November 16, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

infected droplets when talking, coughing, sneezing, singing, exercising, shouting, or other forms of increased respiration. They can also reinforce physical distancing signaling the need to remain apart. Also, [increasing evidence demonstrates a cloth face covering or mask offers some protection to the wearer](#). The guidance mandates that face coverings be worn statewide at all times when outside of the home unless one or more of the exceptions applies. It does not substitute for existing guidance about physical distancing and hand hygiene. Visit cdph.ca.gov to view the exceptions and more details.

- **California's Face Shield Guidance** – CDPH published [Guidance for Face Shields](#). Face shields may be considered for members of the public who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical condition or other exemption. However, they may not work as well as face coverings in their ability to prevent the spread of covid-19 to others. A cloth "drape" should be attached to the face shield's bottom edge and tucked into the shirt to minimize gaps between the face and face shield. The drape can be made using cloth material and taped to the bottom of the face shield; face shields with drapes are also available through some vendors. Visit cdph.ca.gov for more information.
- **California's COVID-19 Vaccination Planning** – The State's planning process for the eventual distribution and administration of COVID-19 is guided by the overarching principles of ensuring the COVID-19 vaccine meets safety requirements; ensuring that the vaccine is distributed and administered equitably, at first to those with the highest risk of becoming infected and spreading COVID-19; and transparency, by bringing in community stakeholders from the outset. A summary of [California's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) was submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in October. The State formed Task Force focuses on safety and equity. Visit cdph.ca.gov for an update.
- **Navigating the Pandemic** – John Hopkins University is hosting COVID-19 Symposium at Hopkins: Navigating the pandemic when effective vaccines are in the policy toolbox on Friday, November 20. The interdisciplinary symposium hosted by the Hopkins Business of Health Initiative welcomes researchers from across Hopkins and around the country and anyone seeking to learn more about evidence-based COVID19 decision making. The keynote speaker is Dr. Anthony Fauci. Following Dr. Fauci are two different panel discussions, 1) Barriers and strategies to achieving optimal COVID-19 vaccination rates, and 2) The pandemic in 2021: setting policy priorities and filling evidence gaps. Visit jhu.edu to register and for more information.
- **COVID-19 and Return to College** – The November 17 COVID-19 Science Update is focused on COVID-19 and return to college. The increase in COVID-19 cases among younger persons' points to a need to implement effective mitigation strategies to protect college students returning to campus and the neighboring communities. [Six out of 10 colleges and universities re-opened in the fall with in-person classes](#), either full-time or combined with online courses. Safely bringing students and faculty back to campus will require testing and mitigation measures to prevent SARS-CoV-2 transmission. Optimal testing strategies for in-person classes and variables associated with the likelihood of holding in-person classes at colleges and universities are discussed in this Science Update. Visit cdc.gov for more information.
- **HHS Discusses COVID-19 Patient Care and Operations** – The mission of the U.S. Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) saves lives and protects Americans' health security threats. ASPR leads the nation's medical and public health preparedness for, response to, and recovery from disasters and public health emergencies. ASPR hosts weekly COVID-19 Clinical Grand Rounds and invites healthcare

professionals and others to join them for peer-to-peer sessions discussing healthcare issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning Monday, November 30, join EMS providers from across the country to discuss challenges faced in the COVID-19 response and what can be done to enhance patient care and emergency operations. Visit phe.gov to register and for more information.

- **FDA Virtual Meeting on All Things COVID-19 Vaccine**– The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) leaders participated in a virtual meeting with racial and ethnic minority community members on FDA's COVID-19 vaccine work. As the FDA prepares to review vaccine candidates to fight deadly coronavirus, Vaccinate Your Family interviewed guests from the FDA (Commissioner Stephen Hahn, Dr. Peter Marks, Head of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), and RADM Aroajo, Associate Commissioner for Minority Health and Director of the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity). During the webcast, COVID, vaccine approval, efficacy, safety, and oversight were discussed. Visit fda.gov to view the [virtual meeting](#).
- **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 18 Update](#). DHS has not yet seen significant influenza activity in Los Angeles County. Key findings include:
 - The number of new patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization each day across Los Angeles County is increasing;
 - The estimated transmission number ("R") is 1.18 with an uncertainty of 1.10 to 1.27. This is a marked increase from last week when the estimate was 1.03 with an uncertainty of 0.97 to 1.09. When R is above one, the number of cases will increase over time;
 - Based on the current estimate for R, and assuming no change in behavior, it is likely the number of cases will go up rapidly, with likely shortages in the number of hospital beds and ICU beds over the next 2 to 4 weeks. The number of ventilators in Los Angeles County is likely to be adequate over the next four weeks;
 - The model suggests about 1 in 250 Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others and that about 1 in 6 have had COVID-19;
 - The model suggests that about 0.40% (uncertainty of 0.26% to 0.60%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others;
 - This suggests about 1 in 250 (between 1 in 390 and 1 in 170) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. Last week this estimate was 1 in 580; 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 29 new deaths, four new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 5,031 new cases of COVID-19 in L.A. County in [Today's Daily Report](#). This is the highest number of daily new cases L.A. County has experienced throughout the pandemic. Over the last two days, there have been 8,975 new cases reported, a 2-day average of nearly 4,500 daily new cases. The County is experiencing a dangerous acceleration of cases that is increasing at a higher rate than the July surge. From June 20 through July 3, the 7-day average increase in new cases was 47%. From October 28 through November 10, the 7-day average growth in new cases is surging at 68%. To date, DPH has identified 353,232 positive cases of COVID-19 across all L.A. County

areas and a total of 7,363 deaths. COVID-19 affects different systems in the body and can cause health effects that linger for months. There are 1,238 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 28% of these people are in the ICU. The daily number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 had increased nearly every day since November 2, when daily hospitalizations were 777. To date, Public Health identified 353,232 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and many more have indeed been infected; we have experienced a total of 7,363 deaths. COVID-19 often causes pneumonia that can be serious. The type of pneumonia associated with COVID-19 can cause long-standing damage to the tiny air sacs (alveoli) in the lungs. The resulting scar tissue can lead to long-term breathing problems. Heart conditions are also associated with COVID-19 and include inflammation and damage to the heart muscle itself. Imaging tests taken months after recovery from COVID-19 patients have shown lasting damage to the heart muscle, even in people who experienced only mild COVID-19 symptoms. This may increase the risk of heart failure or other heart complications in the future. Testing results are available for nearly 3,473,000 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

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
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
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		

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
(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 (See COVID-19 Dashboard)	Recently Opened