



## CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

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# COVID-19 Situation Report

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## CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Support Your Favorite Restaurants/Businesses in Manhattan Beach** – During the Limited Stay At Home Order, residents are encouraged to [Spend Local](#) and support our local restaurants and businesses in Manhattan Beach. The Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce has an online list of [restaurants open for takeout](#). Visit [manhattanbeachchamber.com](http://manhattanbeachchamber.com) for more information.
- **Where L.A. County Stands on the States Tier System** - As of November 28, 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 38.7 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), increasing from 31.9 just four days prior. Los Angeles County's adjusted case rate for tier assignment is 19.4. The County's overall test positivity rate increased from 6.6% to 6.8%. Effective November 21, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) imposed a [Limited Stay at Home Order](#) to counties in the Purple tier. The Order requires that all non-essential work and activities stop between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM. The Order remains in effect until 5:00 AM on December 21, 2020, and may be extended or revised as needed.
- **L.A. County Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Order** – In alignment with the CDPH [Limited Stay at Home Order](#), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (PDH) issued a [Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Officer Order](#) effective Monday, November 30. In turn, the City issued a [press release](#) closing the playgrounds at parks. In the [revised Order](#), residents are advised to stay home as much as possible and always to wear a face covering when they are outside their household and around others. All public and private gatherings with individuals not in your household are prohibited, except for church services and protests, which are constitutionally protected rights. Residents are permitted to work at or procure the following at indoor retail and businesses with required [face coverings](#), [distancing](#), and infection control protocols:
  - Essential retail businesses at 35% max occupancy with required face coverings, distancing, and infection control protocols;
  - Non-essential retail businesses at 20% maximum occupancy (includes indoor malls) with required face coverings, distancing, and infection control protocols;
  - Personal Care services at 20% maximum occupancy with required face coverings, distancing, and infection control protocols;
  - Restaurants, bars, breweries, and wineries are closed for in-person dining/drinking as customers are unmasked most of their visit; these sites are open for pick-up and delivery with required face coverings, distancing, and infection control protocols; and
  - Breweries and wineries are open for retail at 20% maximum occupancy with required face coverings, distancing, and infection control protocols.

Under the [DPH Health Order](#), the following non-essential businesses/activities are closed:

- Non-essential office-based businesses (minimum basic operations permitted);

- o Playgrounds (except for playgrounds at childcare and schools);
- o Cardrooms;
- o Bars, clubs, lounges; and
- o Theatres, spectator performances/sporting events/events, bowling alleys, and arcades.
- Recent Press Release
  - o [County Issues a Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Order & City Required to Close Playgrounds at Parks](#) (11/30/2020)

## LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States <sup>1</sup>	13,447,627 (+152,022)	267,302 (+1,251)
California <sup>2</sup>	1,225,189 (+12,221)	19,211 (+70)
Los Angeles County <sup>3</sup>	408,396 (+7,593)	7,700 (+46)
Manhattan Beach <sup>4</sup>	540 (+11)	5 (+0)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
November 23 – November 29	33	0	31,323	201
November 16 – November 22	28	0	25,583	174
November 9 – November 15	20	0	17,353	97
November 2 – November 8	15	0	13,017	98

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

L.A. COUNTY DATA AND TIER ASSIGNMENT OVER TIME <sup>5</sup>					
REPORTING DATE	COUNTY RISK LEVEL	CASES PER 100K	ADJUSTED CASE RATE	POSITIVITY RATE	HEALTH EQUITY METRIC
Current	Widespread	38.7	19.4	6.8%	N/A
11/24	Widespread	31.9	16.0	6.6%	N/A
11/16	Widespread	20.6	13.7	5.3%	6.5%
11/10	Widespread	11.5	7.6	3.8%	6.5%

## FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- COVID-19 Testing and Support - If you traveled or gathered with people outside your household over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, you were at higher risk of having contracted COVID-19 and could inadvertently be spreading it. That is why it's vital that you get tested, monitor for [signs and symptoms](#), and decrease unnecessary activities this week to avoid spreading the virus. Residents are encouraged to contact your Primary Care Provider or

<sup>1</sup> Source: November 30, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

<sup>2</sup> Source: November 30, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

<sup>3</sup> Source: December 1, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

<sup>4</sup> Source: December 1, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

<sup>5</sup> Source: November 28, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

Healthcare Center about receiving a test at their facility. Alternatively, the local L.A. County operated testing site is at the [Beach Cities Health District](#) campus at 514 North Prospect Avenue in Redondo Beach (appointments required). If you are interested in being tested for COVID-19, visit [lacounty.gov/testing](http://lacounty.gov/testing) for more information or call 2-1-1.

- **Actions in Response to COVID-19 - [Governor Newsom Announced Immediate Assistance for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 Including Temporary Tax Relief and \\$500 Million in Grants.](#)**  
As the federal government fails to provide additional financial stimulus support to main street businesses, Governor Newsom announced he would build on the State's ongoing support throughout the pandemic, with the following immediate aid and relief:
  - **Tax Relief for Businesses Impacted by COVID-19** – The tax relief provides an automatic three-month extension for taxpayers filing less than \$1 million in sales tax on the return and extending the availability of existing interest and penalty-free payment agreements to companies (with up to \$5 million in taxable sales). The relief also broadens opportunities for more businesses to enter into interest-free payment arrangements.
  - **\$500 Million for New COVID-19 Relief Grant for Small Businesses** – The California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) at the [Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development](#) works with businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19 and the health and safety restrictions. Funds will be awarded to selected intermediaries with established networks of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to distribute relief through grants of up to \$25,000 to underserved micro and small businesses throughout the State by early 2021. Non-profits would also be eligible for these grants. CalOSBA is establishing the program and will make it available soon.
  - **Increased California Rebuilding Fund by \$12.5 Million** – The [California Rebuilding Fund](#) is a public-private partnership that drives capital from private, philanthropic and public sector resources, including a \$25 million anchor commitment and \$50 million guarantee allocation from the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) to CDFIs. With the additional \$12.5 million in funding from the State, California's CDFIs will better be able to help under-banked small businesses recover and reposition themselves to survive the realities of the COVID-19 marketplace. It will also make more low-interest loans to small companies with less access to loans from traditional banking institutions.
  - **Small Business Hiring Tax Credit** – An essential element of stimulus support includes the Small Business Hiring Tax Credit. [Through January 15, 2021, the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration \(CDTFA\) will accept applications for qualified small business employers.](#) This credit only applies to California small businesses that employed 100 or fewer employees as of December 31, 2019, and suffered a 50 percent decrease or more in income tax gross receipts (generally, all income fewer returns and allowances) when comparing second quarter 2020 to second quarter 2019. Visit [cdtfa.ca.gov](http://cdtfa.ca.gov) for more information.
- **CDC Update on Underlying Medical Conditions** – The Center for Disease Control and Prevention learns more about COVID-19 every day. There are currently limited data and information about the impact of many underlying medical conditions and whether they increase the risk of severe illness from COVID-19. While children have been less affected by COVID-19, some children develop severe illness. Current evidence on which underlying medical conditions in children are associated with increased risk is limited. However, the known underlying medical conditions include obesity, medical complexity, severe genetic disorders, severe neurologic

disorders, inherited metabolic disorders, sickle cell disease, congenital (since birth) heart disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, asthma and other chronic lung diseases, and immunosuppression due to malignancy or immune-weakening medications. The CDC updated the list of underlying medical conditions for adults of any age. Certain underlying medical conditions increase the risk of severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19. Severe illness from COVID-19 may result in hospitalization, admission to the ICU, intubation or mechanical ventilation, or death. To view the list of underlying medical conditions at any age, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

- **Consequences of Job Separations** – The U.S. Census Bureau and the Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Partnership in collaboration with the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER) and the Labor Market Institute (LMI), presents, "Job-to-Job Flows and the Consequences of Job Separations." Moving to a new employer represents an essential way in which workers advance their careers. However, previous research also shows that workers who separate from a distressed employer--an employer that experiences a rapid decline in employment--suffer large and persistent earnings losses. Earnings losses associated with changing employers are not related to the firm's health (distressed versus non-distressed). Still, they are strongly related to the duration of the non-employment spell following a job separation. The webinar takes place Wednesday, December 2, at 10:30 AM. Visit [census.gov](https://www.census.gov) for more information.
- **Dr. Collins Speaks on COVID-19** – Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), was a featured speaker for the Association of Health Care Journalists' 2020 [Summit on Infectious Disease](#) last month. In the interview, Dr. Collins covers a range of COVID-19-related issues, including vaccine development, manufacturing and distribution, vaccine hesitancy, and efforts to include underserved and vulnerable populations in clinical trials. Visit [nih.gov](https://www.nih.gov) to [view the video](#).
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – The L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirms the highest number of new COVID-19 cases and people hospitalized with COVID-19 that L.A. County has ever experienced throughout the pandemic. DPH confirmed 46 recent deaths, 11 new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 7,593 new cases of COVID-19 in L.A. County in [Today's Daily Report](#). The number of new COVID-19 cases significantly surpassed the previous high of 6,124 new points seen last week and signals that the virus is infecting more people at a faster rate than ever seen in L.A. County before. The daily test positivity rate today is almost 12%, up from 7% one week ago. There are 2,316 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 24% of these people are in the ICU. This exceeds the peak of 2,232 people hospitalized with COVID-19 during the July surge. The daily number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 has increased nearly every day since November 1, when the daily number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 was 799. Testing results are available for more than 3,760,000 individuals, with 10% of all people testing positive. To date, DPH identified 408,396 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 7,700 deaths. To view DPH's COVID-19 Daily Data, visit [lacounty.gov](https://www.lacounty.gov). To view statewide case statistics and demographics, including positive cases, deaths, and testing results, visit [covid-19.ca.gov](https://www.covid-19.ca.gov).

## CURRENT STATUS OF CITY FACILITIES, ACTIVITIES, AND PROGRAMS

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
Emergency Operations Center	Level 1 <sup>6</sup>	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 <a href="#">Virtual Parks and Recreation Programs</a>	June 12 (with modifications)
Trash/Recycling Services	Normal	N/A
Sewer Services	Normal	N/A
Street Sweeping	Normal	June 15
Businesses	Varies (See <a href="http://citymb.info/RecoverMB">citymb.info/RecoverMB</a> )	N/A
City Hall	Closed (Limited Service Operations)	N/A
Construction Activity	Normal (Inspections Ongoing) (with Exposure Control Plans and <a href="#">Social Distancing Measures</a> See <a href="#">Press Release 4/3/20</a> )	N/A
Building Permits	Limited (Processing current permits but limited new permits)	N/A
Transportation (Beach Cities Transit)	Modified Services (See <a href="http://citymb.info/COVIDstatus">citymb.info/COVIDstatus</a> )	N/A

<sup>6</sup> 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
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 ( <a href="#">See Ordinance</a> )	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 ( <a href="#">See Parks and Facilities</a> )	N/A
Farmers Market	Open Every Tuesday	N/A
County Library	Closed ( <a href="#">Sidewalk Service</a> )	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning (See <a href="#">COVID-19 Dashboard</a> )	Recently Opened