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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Where to Find Local Hospital Data** – [Beach Cities Health District provides COVID-19 information on our local beach cities and hospital bed availability in the South Region](#). Hospital Bed Availability comes from the Weekly Hospital COVID Assessment Report from the [Los Angeles County Department of Health Services](#). Bed Availability is derived from the number of currently available staffed beds, understanding that hospital capacity is not static and can shift in response to surge capacity. The South Region includes 13 hospitals: Catalina Island Medical Center; Centinela Hospital Medical Center; College Medical Center; Dignity Health, St. Mary Medical Center; Kaiser Foundation Hospital, South Bay; Los Angeles County, Harbor, UCLA Medical Center; Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital; Memorial Hospital of Gardena; MemorialCare Long Beach Medical Center; Providence Little Company of Mary, Torrance; Providence Little Company of Mary, San Pedro; St. Francis Medical Center; and Torrance Memorial Medical Center. For more information, visit the reports section of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services EMS Agency at dhs.lacounty.gov. View Hospitalization Data and Case Information by City in the Beach Cities via [Beach Cities Health District COVID-19 by the Numbers](#).
- **Skechers Save Our Restaurant Campaign** - Skechers and the Skechers family launched the [Skechers Restaurant COVID Relief Fund](#), a matching grant program (up to \$500,000) to support struggling Manhattan Beach restaurants. Skechers President Michael Greenberg asks for donations to the Relief Fund to help restaurants keep staff employed and pay the rent and operations for the most severely impacted restaurants in Downtown Manhattan Beach and the North End. The fund was a result of recent Public Health Orders that have affected Manhattan Beach restaurants. With the suspension of indoor dining, several restaurants have shut down, and many fear for their survival. Visit [Skechers Restaurant COVID Relief Fund](#) to contribute and find more information.
- **Support Your Favorite Restaurants/Businesses in Manhattan Beach** – The community is 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](#). The community is encouraged to support our local restaurants for pick-up, direct delivery, or purchase gift cards for holiday gifts. Visit manhattanbeachchamber.com for more information.
- **Downtown MB Feeds the Heroes** – The Manhattan Beach community is encouraged to help downtown restaurants and show appreciation for Providence Little Company of Mary and Torrance Memorial staff through the [Downtown MB Feeds the Heroes](#) program. It costs about \$4,200/day to feed 270 employees. If you're able, consider a weekly donation to keep Health Care workers nourished. To guide in your offering, breakfast/lunch entrées and delivery costs are \$10-\$15/person, and dinner is \$15-\$20/person. This allows restaurants to earn money still to

pay their employees and create healthy and delicious meals. Any donation is gratefully accepted. Sponsor opportunities are available, as well. Contact the [Downtown Business Professional Association](#) for more information or visit the [Downtown Manhattan Beach](#) website.

- **Where L.A. County Stands on the States Tier System** - The State updated tier assignments on December 8, 2020. [Los Angeles County remains in Tier One](#) (Purple), with "widespread" risk, the [most restrictions](#), and many non-essential indoor business operations are closed. L.A. County reflects 41.8 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K); the adjusted case rate for tier assignment is 26.9. The County's overall test positivity rate equals 8.7%; the health equity quartile positivity rate is 13.9%. Effective December 6, 2020, an updated L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) [Revised Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Officer Order](#) went into effect. DPH Order aligns with California's Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Regional Stay at Home Order](#). CDPH regularly evaluates the adult ICU bed capacity for each Region, and data can be found at [covid19.ca.gov](#). As indicated in the Order, when capacity is less than 15%, the Order's terms will apply. L.A. County ICU availability is 11.8%. Learn more about the CDPH Orders at [covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs](#).
- **Recent Press Release**
 - [Limited ICU Capacity Results in Revised Public Health Orders from State and County](#) (12/7/2020)
 - [City Opens Outdoor Public Seating Areas](#) (12/3/2020)

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	14,823,129 (+186,215)	282,785 (+1,532)
California ²	1,389,707 (+23,272)	20,047 (+112)
Los Angeles County ³	466,321 (+8,547)	8,000 (+64)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	588 (+4)	4 (0)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
November 30 – December 6	59	0	54,008	270
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](#).

¹ Source: December 7, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: December 7, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: December 8, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: December 8, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

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	41.8	26.9	8.7%	13.9%
12/1	Widespread	40.3	20.2	7.0%	N/A
11/28	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%

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS			
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU	ICU AVAILABILITY ⁶
29,835	3,113	24%	11.6%

View Hospitalization Data and Case Information by City in the Beach Cities via [Beach Cities Health District COVID-19 by the Numbers](#).

SOUTH REGION HOSPITALIZATION AVAILABILITY ⁷	
DAILY AVERAGES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 5	
AVAILABLE STAFFED NON-ICU HOSPITAL BEDS	AVAILABLE STAFFED ICU HOSPITAL BEDS
154 OF 2,754 (5.6%)	38 OF 446 (8.5%)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- COVID-19 Home Test Collection Pilot – [L.A. County launched a new COVID-19 home test collection program](#), allowing select County residents to do free testing from the comfort of their own homes. The program runs through January 15, 2021, aims to address the current surge in demand for testing and reduce the spread of COVID-19 during the holiday season when people may risk exposure. Individuals can have testing kits mailed to their home if they:
 - Have COVID-19 symptoms; or
 - Were recently in close contact with someone who has COVID-19; or
 - Were recently in close contact with someone suspected of having COVID-19; or
 - Are a senior or person with disabilities who feel they were exposed to COVID-19 but cannot go to a testing site.

⁵ Source: December 8, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

⁶ Source: December 8, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#regional-stay-home-order>
Southern California Region Los Angeles County ICU Bed % Availability

⁷ Source: December 8, 2020, <https://www.bchd.org/covidnumbers>

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The pilot uses Picture COVID-19, an FDA-approved home collection test developed by [Fulgent Genetics, Inc.](#) For information on how to register, residents should go to the county [COVID-19 testing site](#).

- **Student Loan Forbearance Extended** – The [U.S. Secretary of Education announced the extension of the federal student loan administrative forbearance period](#), the pause in interest accrual, and the suspension of collections activity through January 31, 2021. Federal student loan borrowers will not be expected to make payments through January of next year. However, if borrowers continue to do so will benefit from the 0% interest rate and pay down principal. Non-payments will continue to count toward the number of payments required under an income-driven repayment plan, a loan rehabilitation agreement, or the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. The forbearance period was set to end on December 31. Visit [ed.gov](#) for more information.
- **Private Student Loan Relief Options** – The California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI) announced that students with commercially owned Federal Family Education Loans or privately held student loans struggling to make payments because of COVID might be eligible for expanded relief. Visit DFPI [Private Student Loan Relief – Frequently Asked Questions](#) page. Another resource is the [Contact Information for Private Student Loan Servicers Offering Relief](#) page that lists contacts and other information for private student loan servicers who agreed to provide payment and other relief to borrowers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Borrowers should immediately contact their student loan servicer to identify options that are appropriate to their circumstances. Visit [dfpi.ca.gov](#) for more details.
- **Smartphone App May Help Stop the Spread** – [Governor Newsom announced the statewide expansion of CaNotify](#). CaNotify is a private, anonymous and secure tool that allows Apple and Google smartphone users to help slow the spread by opting to receive COVID-19 exposure alerts letting them know when they've come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Starting Thursday, December 10, Californians may start receiving availability alerts from their phones once the app is installed. CaNotify is voluntary, free, and designed to protect your privacy. It does not use device location to detect exposures and does not share identity with other users. Individuals can securely report if they test positive without indicating identity. Visit [CaNotify.ca.gov](#) for more information.
- **Quarantine or Isolation, What's the Difference?** – Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others. [Isolation](#) keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others, even in their home. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its guidance on [When to Quarantine](#). Quarantine helps prevent disease spread before a person knows they are sick or infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions in the [DPH Quarantine Order](#). Reducing the length of quarantine may make it easier for people to quarantine by reducing the time they cannot work. Visit [cdc.gov](#) for information on options to reduce quarantine time.
- **Considerations to Improve Ventilation** – Protective ventilation practices and interventions can reduce airborne concentration, which reduces the overall viral dose to occupants when indoors. The CDC suggests no cost, low cost, and costs up to \$1500 that can improve ventilation in your home or workplace that may help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Visit [cdc.gov](#) for details.
- **Influenza Vaccination During COVID-19** - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Division will host a webinar on the importance of the seasonal

influenza vaccination, especially during COVID-19. The presentation will also review seasonal influenza vaccination coverage levels, including gaps in influenza vaccination coverage among racial and ethnic minority groups, and identify CDC priorities and resources for seasonal influenza vaccination during the pandemic. The webinar takes place Wednesday, December 9, at 9:00 AM. [Advanced registration is required.](#)

- **COVID-19 Webinar Series for People with Disabilities** - Georgia Tech, in partnership with the CDC and the CDC Foundation, hosts a series of webinars for people with disabilities. Join them on Wednesday, December 9, at 11:00 AM for, A Closer Look: Face Masks and People with Disabilities. Some disabilities make it difficult or impossible to wear a face mask. Some individuals with mobility/movement disorders have difficulty putting on, adjusting, and removing a face mask without assistance. This webinar outlines CDC's face mask guidelines and explores solutions to challenges some people with disabilities experience in following the guidance. Participants will receive tips, resources, and advice for wearing face masks to protect themselves from COVID-19. [Advanced registration required.](#)
- **COVID-19 Testing Impact Calculator** - The National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), part of the [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#), offers a [free innovative online tool to help organizations compute the costs of testings, prevent infections, and stay open safely.](#) The COVID-19 Testing Impact Calculator is located at [WhenToTest.org](#). WhenToTest.org is a modeling tool that visually shows how different mitigation strategies can minimize the spread of COVID-19. For example, for a site that allows mask-less activities such as meetings or dining, reducing the calculator's group size from 12 to six cuts the recommended testing strategy's cost by more than half. Thus, the tool can inform leaders about how implementing these practices in addition to testing, can keep their school or business open safely and with less expense. Visit [nih.gov](#) for more information.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** - DPH confirmed 64 new deaths, four new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 8,547 new cases of COVID-19 in L.A. County in [Today's Daily Report](#). Los Angeles County has reached the tragic milestone of 8,000 confirmed COVID-19 deaths and 3,113 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. To date, DPH has identified 446,321 positive cases of COVID-19 across all L.A. County areas. The 5-day average for daily new cases reported with COVID-19 is 8,993, nearly double the 5-day average for daily new cases on the day after Thanksgiving, which was 4,751, which triggered the [Temporary Stay at Home Health Officer Order](#). This is more new cases reported each day for COVID-19 than at any point during the pandemic. Of the 3,113 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, 24% of these people are in the ICU. The County's number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 is increasing at a dangerous pace. Today's number marks the first time in the pandemic more than 3,000 people are hospitalized for COVID-19. Today's number is nearly 1,000 more hospitalizations than a little over a week ago, when on November 30, the daily number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 was 2,185. Testing results are available for nearly 3,955,000 individuals, with 11% 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 ⁸	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

⁸ 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 (See COVID-19 Dashboard)	Recently Opened