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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Playgrounds are Now Open! Play Smart in the Parks, Stay Six Feet Apart** – Aligning with [State Outdoor Playground Guidelines](#), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) has allowed playgrounds in the County to open so that all children have safe access to outdoor recreational opportunities. Remember to bring [hand sanitizer](#), wash hands before and after play, stay six feet apart from playmates, and have fun!
- **Happy Hanukkah, Celebrate Safely** – As you enjoy your [holiday celebrations and family gatherings](#), be sure to take steps to protect yourself and the ones you love from getting or spreading COVID-19. The City wishes the community good health, prosperity, and a peaceful and joy-filled holiday season. Hanukkah Sameach.
- **Your Actions Saves Lives** – California is experiencing the fastest increase in cases we have seen yet – more rapid than what we experienced at the outset of the pandemic and this summer. This past week and a half, cases in L.A. County increased from an average of about 4,900 new cases each day the last week in November, to an average of more than 9,000 daily cases. Protect yourself, family, friends, and community by following these [prevention measures](#):
 - Staying home except for essential needs/activities and following public health guidelines when visiting open businesses.
 - Following the limited [Stay at Home Order](#) requires all non-essential work and activities to stop between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM. The Order remains in effect until 5:00 AM December 21.
 - Staying close to home, [avoiding non-essential travel](#), and practicing [self-quarantine](#) for 14 days after arrival if you leave the state.
 - Keeping [gatherings](#) small, short, and outdoors and limiting them to those who live in your household.
 - [Wearing a cloth face covering](#) when out in public.
 - [Washing hands](#) with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds.
 - Avoiding touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Covering a cough or sneeze with your sleeve or disposable tissue. Wash your hands afterward.
 - Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
 - [Staying away from work, school, or other people](#) if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.
 - Answer the call if a contact tracer from the [CA COVID Team](#) or your local health department tries to connect. Contact tracers will connect you to free, confidential testing, and other resources if needed.
 - Follow all [Guidance from the Department of Public Health](#).

- **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.
- **Use Your Smartphone to Help Save Lives** - Now more than ever, it's vital that we all do our part to stop the surge in COVID-19 cases. Starting today, you can opt-in to receive notifications on your smartphone when you contact someone who tested positive for the virus. California Notify does not gather your name, contact information, location, movements, or identity of the people you meet. Visit [CAnotify.ca.gov](#) to learn more.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

| AREA | CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE) | DEATHS (CHANGE) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| United States ¹ | 15,271,571 (+231,396) | 288,7621 (+3,411) |
| California ² | 1,450,235 (+29,677) | 20,463 (+220) |
| Los Angeles County ³ | 487,917 (+12,819) | 8,149 (+74) |
| Manhattan Beach ⁴ | 598 (+6) | 4 (0) |

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 for Control of COVID-19: Tier 1 Substantial Surge Updated Response](#) went into effect. DPH Order aligns with California's Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Regional Stay at Home Order](#) and [Supplement to the 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. Southern California's ICU availability today is 7.7%. Learn more about the CDPH Orders at [covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs](#).

| 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 9, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: December 9, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: December 10, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: December 10, 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 | | | ICU AVAILABILITY IN REGION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ⁶ |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|---|
| EVER | CURRENT | % IN ICU | |
| 30,478 | 3,433 | 23% | 7.7% |

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

- L.A. County's First COVID-19 Death in a Child** - Los Angeles County has tragically confirmed the first COVID-19 death in an L.A. County child under 18 years old. The child was hospitalized for [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children](#) (MIS-C) and had severe underlying health conditions. The child that passed away is also the first MIS-C associated death in L.A. County. To date, Public Health has confirmed 45 children with MIS-C in L.A. County. The 45 children required hospitalization, and 50% were treated in the ICU. Most children exposed to or infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, develop only a mild form of the illness. However, others develop MIS-C, a severe, sometimes fatal, inflammation of organs and tissues, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, and eyes or gastrointestinal organs resulting in lifelong health impacts. While not all children will have every symptom of MIS-C, the symptoms include fever, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, rash, bloodshot eyes, and or feeling extra tired. Parents should contact their child's doctor, nurse, or clinic right away if their child shows

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

⁶ Source: December 10, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> Southern California Region ICU Availability

⁷ Source: December 8, 2020, <https://www.bchd.org/covidnumbers> Hospital Bed Availability comes from the Weekly Hospital COVID Assessment Report from LA County Department of Health Services. Bed Availability is derived from 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 [website](#).

symptoms of MIS-C. Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information on MIS-C and [lacounty.gov](https://www.lacounty.gov) for more details on MIS-C in L.A. County.

- **Safer At Work Los Angeles** – The Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS), along with the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), announced the launch of the Safer at Work LA campaign. Safer at Work LA is a countywide initiative to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 at worksites and businesses by keeping everyone safer while at work, including essential workers who remain at work despite the pandemic. Safer at Work LA builds a shared responsibility approach between businesses, employees, customers, and their communities to keep one another as safe as possible during the challenging months ahead. For more information about Safer at Work LA, visit [Saferatwork.LA](https://www.saferatwork.la).
- **To Travel or Not to Travel- Good Question** – While no one wants to miss out on a planned trip, there are situations when canceling or postponing travel makes sense for you and the people you care about. Delaying a trip when you could spread COVID-19 protects other travelers, people who work in travel settings, and those at your destination. The [Know When to Delay your Travel to Avoid Spreading COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/travel/need-to-travel) CDC page lists common scenarios to see if you or your travel companions should delay travel. Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for details. Before going to the airport, read the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) [Five simple steps that you can take right now if you are traveling to a Winter Wonderland or warm sunny spot this holiday season](https://www.tsa.gov/press-releases/2020/05/20200514-5-simple-steps) press release.
- **Approval of First Consumer COVID-19 Home Kit** – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized LabCorp's Pixel COVID-19 Test Home Collection Kit for use by adults 18 and older without a prescription. The kit is the first COVID-19 direct-to-consumer (non-prescription) test system. It allows an individual to self-collect a nasal swab sample at home and then send that sample for testing to LabCorp. Test results are sent to the user by a phone call from a health care provider. Negative test results are delivered via email or an online portal. Visit [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov) for more information.
- **Pandemics Can Be Stressful** – Fear and anxiety about COVID-19 and what could happen can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. The L.A. County Department of Mental Health (DMH) is a service available to all residents who may need assistance. Call 2-1-1 or visit dms.lacounty.gov for help. Additionally, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers healthy suggestions for [Coping with Stress](https://www.cdc.gov/healthybehavior/2020/coping-with-stress). Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for details.
- **DMV Updates for 70+ and Want-to-Be Drivers** – The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now offers Californians, 70 and older, to renew noncommercial drivers' licenses online. Licenses that expire beginning March 1, 2020, and throughout the COVID-19 emergency are eligible, including REAL ID renewals. Most drivers 69 and younger can also renew online – even if their renewal notice states they must come to an office. The DMV encourages customers to avoid an office visit when taking care of DMV needs. Many services are available 24/7 at dmv.ca.gov/online. View an [informational video on how to renew online](https://www.dmv.ca.gov/online/informational-video-on-how-to-renew-online). The DMV also announced that beginning December 14, behind-the-wheel driving tests are temporarily suspended for at least two weeks. The DMV is taking this step for customers' and employees' health and safety during the current statewide surge in COVID-19 cases. Visit dmv.ca.gov for more information.
- **Projections in Healthcare / Predictive Modeling** – Los Angeles County [Department of Health Services](https://www.lacounty.gov/department-of-health-services) (DHS) released the [COVID-19 Projections of Hospital-based Health Care Demand](https://www.lacounty.gov/department-of-health-services/covid-19-projections-of-hospital-based-health-care-demand)

[December 9 Update](#). DHS has not yet seen significant influenza activity in Los Angeles County. Influenza-associated illnesses typically lead to a demand for hospital beds similar to the current need for patients with COVID-19. DHS reports that estimates will be updated when influenza activity is detected. Key findings in the report include:

- The number of new patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization each day across Los Angeles County has continued to increase over the last week;
 - The estimated transmission number ("R") is 1.14 with an uncertainty of 1.09 to 1.21. This is unchanged from last week when the estimate was 1.14 with an uncertainty of 1.07 to 1.22. When R is above 1, cases will increase over time;
 - Based on the current estimate for R, and assuming no change in transmission behavior, the number of cases will continue to go up, with possible shortages in the number of hospital beds and most likely in the number of ICU beds over the next four weeks. The number of ventilators in Los Angeles County appears adequate over the next four weeks;
 - The model suggests about 1 in 140 Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others and that about 1 in 5 have had COVID-19;
 - The model suggests that about 0.71% (uncertainty of 0.45% to 1.03%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others;
 - This suggests about 1 in 140 (between 1 in 220 and 1 in 100) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. Last week this estimate was 1 in 200; 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** – DPH confirmed 74 new deaths, including the first COVID-19 death of a child in L.A. County, six new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 12,819 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). Today's new cases surpassed the previous high on December 6 when the County experienced 10,528 new COVID-19 cases. There are 3,433 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 23% of these people are in the ICU. In just the past two days, the number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 has increased by more than 300. Testing results are available for more than 4,022,000 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 |

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 |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| 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 (with social distancing required) | N/A |
| Beaches | Open with Restrictions (Social distancing and face coverings required when around others) | N/A |

| SERVICE | STATUS | CHANGE |
|---|--|-----------------|
| 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 |