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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Where L.A. County Stands on the States Tier System** –The State updated tier assignments today under its Blueprint for a Safer Economy – the criteria used for loosening and tightening regulations on activities. [Los Angeles County remains in Tier One](#) (Purple), with "widespread" risk, the [most restrictions](#), and many non-essential indoor business operations remain closed. L.A. County doubled its new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K) from 41.1 to 84.4; the adjusted case rate for tier assignment is 42.2. The County's overall test positivity rate equals 11.4%; the health equity quartile positivity rate is 17.0% (see [COVID-19 Health Equity Playbook for Communities](#)). The California Department of Public Health 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. Today, Southern California's ICU availability is 1.7%. Learn more about the CDPH Orders at covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs.
- **"Stop the Spread" Using Your Smartphone** – Now more than ever, it's vital that we all do our part to stop the surge in COVID-19 cases. With a few simple device setting changes and keeping Bluetooth on (which you probably already do), you can opt-in to receive notifications when you contact someone who tested positive for the virus. California Notify does not collect your name, contact information, location, movements, or identity of the people you meet. Visit CANotify.ca.gov for step-by-step instructions or more details.
- **State Update on Youth and Adult Recreational Sports** – CDPH published general [Guidance for Indoor and Outdoor Youth and Adult Sports Participants, Coaches and Support Staff](#). This guidance provides direction on outdoor and indoor youth and recreational adult sports activities to support a safe environment for these sports. The guidance applies to all organized youth sports, including school and community-sponsored programs, privately-organized clubs and leagues, and adult recreational sports. The guidance does not apply to collegiate or professional sports. Recreational sports play will be permitted based on the current Tier Assignment in each area. Given the recent surge, and as in other updates, and the City must wait for DPH guidance before recreational sports can begin in the City. Visit cdph.ca.gov for details.
- **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.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	16,317,892 (+204,744)	300,032 (+1,766)
California ²	1,617,370 (+32,326)	21,188 (+142)
Los Angeles County ³	543,769 (+11,194)	8,431 (+86)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	638 (+10)	4 (0)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
December 7 – December 13	45	0	75,635	389
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

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	84.4	42.2	11.4%	17%
12/8	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%

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS			ICU AVAILABILITY IN REGION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ⁶
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU	
31,110	4,403	21%	1.7%

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

¹ Source: December 14, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: December 14, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: December 15, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: December 15, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: December 15, 2020, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

⁶ Source: December 14, 2020, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#) Southern California Region ICU Availability

SOUTH REGION HOSPITALIZATION AVAILABILITY ⁷	
DAILY AVERAGES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 6 – DECEMBER 12	
AVAILABLE STAFFED NON-ICU HOSPITAL BEDS	AVAILABLE STAFFED ICU HOSPITAL BEDS
137 OF 2,222 (6.2%)	35 OF 516 (6.8%)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** - [Governor Newsom signed an Executive Order](#) addressing a variety of issues in response to the pandemic, including extending the availability of housing for migrant agricultural workers, providing a 90-day extension on tax returns and tax payments for small businesses, and updating Cal/OSHA requirements related to quarantine guidelines. [Governor Newsom also launched the "Vaccinate All 58" campaign](#), the State's campaign for a safe, fair, and equitable vaccine for all 58 counties in the State. Visit gov.ca.gov for more information.
- **Safe, Fair, and Equitable Distribution of Vaccine** – California's [Scientific Safety Review Workgroup](#), joined by Washington, Oregon, and Nevada, comprised of nationally acclaimed immunization and public health experts, [confirmed the Pfizer vaccine is safe](#) for public use. The Workgroup endorsed the transparency and objectivity of the FDA and CDC review processes and the rigor, validity, and reliability of their analyses; and recommends that our states avoid any undue delay in providing access to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The Workgroup will continue to evaluate other COVID-19 vaccines following the federal review processes. Meanwhile, two additional teams are working to ensure equitable vaccine distribution. The [Drafting Guidelines Workgroup](#) is developing California-specific guidance for prioritizing and allocating the vaccine when supplies are limited. The Community Advisory Vaccine Committee provides input and feedback on the planning efforts and resolves equitable vaccine implementation and decision-making barriers. California is determining its distribution guidelines openly and equitably as initial vaccine supplies will be limited. Initially, vaccines will be for health care workers and those in long-term care settings following the [CDPH Allocation Guidelines for COVID-19 Vaccine During Phase 1A](#), which [aligns with CDC guidelines](#). This is expected to be followed by essential workers and others at the highest risk of becoming infected or severely ill with COVID-19. Visit gov.ca.gov for more information.
- **Update on Quarantine Guidance** – The CDC and CDPH currently still recommend a quarantine period of 14 days after COVID-19 exposure, based on estimates of the upper bounds of the COVID-19 incubation period. However, a 14-day quarantine can impose burdens that may affect physical and mental health and cause economic hardship that may reduce compliance. Besides, the prospect of quarantine may also dissuade recently diagnosed persons from naming contacts and may discourage connections from responding to contact tracer outreach if they

⁷ Source: December 14, 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](#).

perceive quarantine as onerous. In settings with critical staffing shortages of health care personnel, for example, the inability to provide adequate staffing for safe patient care due to quarantine is another situation impacting health outcomes. Based on these considerations, all asymptomatic close contacts may discontinue quarantine after Day 10 from the date of last exposure with or without testing. Additional restrictions are applicable. Visit [cdph.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov) for complete details.

- **What to Expect at Your Vaccination Appointment** – Because COVID-19 is a new disease with new vaccines, you may have questions about what happens before, during, and after your appointment to get vaccinated. The CDC provides tips to help you know what to expect when you get vaccinated, what information your provider will give you, and resources you can use to monitor your health after you are vaccinated. Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) to view [What to Expect at Your Appointment to Get Vaccinated for COVID-19](#), [Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#), and [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#).
- **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 16, at 11:00 AM for, A Closer Look: Mental Health and Resilience within the Disability Community during COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have an impact on peoples' lives and mental health. People are experiencing heightened anxiety, social and physical disconnection from others, and ongoing concerns. Some unique challenges and surprising outcomes have emerged within the disability community. While many people with disabilities have faced considerable social and mental health challenges, others have reported experiencing increased inclusion and more connectedness than before. This webinar will explore various factors for understanding the mental health and resilience of people with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic from their perspective. The discussion will also center on how service providers can access resources to support their services and learn how to recognize the signs of mental health difficulties within the disability community. Participants will receive tips, resources, and guidance to improve mental health and build resilience to navigate this challenging time collectively. [Advanced registration required](#).
- **Regional ICU Capacity Calculation** – How is daily regional available ICU capacity calculated? The State began publishing ICU availability calculations by Regions on December 4 after the [Regional Stay Home Order](#) was announced on December 3, 2020. Hospitals are required to submit information on the total number of available staffed ICU beds daily. This includes both existing staffed ICU beds and staffed ICU surge beds. To calculate regional ICU capacity, the total number of adult ICU beds is calculated by removing neonatal ICU beds (NICU) and pediatric intensive care unit beds (PICU) and standardizing current adult ICU capacity. Consistent with the Regional Stay Home Order's goal, this calculation ensures that sufficient ICU bed capacity is available for COVID and non-COVID related conditions. The State posts [ICU capacity by Region](#) daily and maintains a dashboard on hospital and [ICU capacity by County](#). For more information on ICU capacity calculation, visit [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#).
- **Responding to Vaccine Hesitancy and Misinformation Webinar** – The National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center (NETEC) hosts COVID-19 webinars bringing together subject matter experts immersed in the many challenges and topics around coronavirus. The next webinar occurs Wednesday, December 16, at 10:00 AM and is titled Responding to Vaccine Hesitancy and Misinformation. The webinar will discuss the hesitancy

surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine, including the public fears related to risk communication's inconsistencies. Participants will learn what resources are reliable to reduce hesitation and build confidence in the vaccine. Visit netec.org for more details and to [register](#).

- **California Rebuilding Fund for Small Businesses/Borrowers** – The California Rebuilding Fund is a public-private partnership that is aggregating funding from private, philanthropic, and public sector sources. The Fund includes a \$25 million anchor commitment from IBank to address California's small businesses' capital and advisory needs as they reopen and recover from the COVID-19 health and economic crisis. California small businesses employ almost 50% of the State's workforce and are vital to restoring economic activity, retaining quality jobs, and driving development in communities most affected by COVID-19. Many small business operations will be able to retool, rebuild, and reopen if they can access affordable credit available at ibank.ca.gov.
- **Federal Unemployment Benefits Set to Expire** – Federal unemployment payments that have been available for workers who do not qualify for regular state unemployment benefits and for those who run out of all of their state benefits will expire after December 26, 2020. The State Employment Development Department (EDD) launched an outreach effort to ensure Californians are aware of the upcoming end to the federal CARES Act funding and associated benefits. Absent congressional action, benefit payments are set to expire for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) recipients starting December 27, 2020, [impacting an estimated 750,000 Californians](#). Regular unemployment insurance claims will continue to be paid as long as the claim is within the associated benefit year. The State has helpful resources such as CalFresh food benefits at getcalfresh.org and job search assistance at CalJOBS to assist residents. Visit edd.ca.gov for more details and support.
- **FTC Warns Public to Beware of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams** – The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) warns the public that while waiting for more information on your timeline, where and how to get your COVID-19 vaccine, scammers are scheming. If you get a call, text, or email claiming early access to the vaccine, STOP. That's a scam. Do not pay for a promise of vaccine access or share personal information. Instead, report it to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov or file a complaint with the [California Office of Attorney General](https://CaliforniaOfficeofAttorneyGeneral). For more information, visit consumer.ftc.gov and [subscribe to consumer alerts from the FTC](#).
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 86 new deaths, ten new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 11,194 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). This is the highest number of daily deaths reported since the summer surge. There are 4,403 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 21% of these people are in the ICU. Hospitalizations have increased 4-fold since November 16. The number of people hospitalized was 1,049 on November 16 and over 4,400 today. According to the State, the Southern California Region has 1.7% ICU capacity remaining. Testing results are available for approximately 4,175,051 individuals, with 12% of all people testing positive.

Three Ways to Avoid COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

While vaccination details are getting worked out, here's what you can be sure of:

- You can't pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine. **That's a scam.**
- You can't pay to get early access to the vaccine. **That's a scam.**
- Nobody legit will call about the vaccine and ask for your Social Security, bank account, or credit card number. **That's a scam.**

Ignore any vaccine offers that say different, or ask for personal or financial information.

Learn more at

ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams

consumerresources.org/beware-coronavirus-scams



During this time of an extraordinarily high number of cases and hospitalizations and increasing numbers of deaths, it is more important than ever that businesses carefully follow DPH requirements and be fully compliant with the [Health Officer Order](#)'s safeguards and modifications protocols. Public Health's compliance teams continue to visit businesses across the County every day, review public health protocols with business owners, identify deficiencies, and issue citations for companies out of compliance. From November 29 through December 6, 2020 citations were issued to businesses, including restaurants, gyms, and indoor malls, for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders. Since the end of August, a total of 433 citations have been issued. A list of non-compliant businesses that received citations can be found on publichealth.lacounty.gov.

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. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently added [County View](#) to their national COVID Data Tracker, providing case statistics by County throughout the United States, see covid.cdc.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

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
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