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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays** – The City hopes you and your family are healthy and in good spirits. We know these are challenging times for us all, and it can be emotionally draining to maintain the physical distance needed to keep those we love safe from COVID-19. While we are missing out on some of our usual celebrations this season, let's remember that the holiday season is about cherishing our loved ones and being thankful for all the blessings in our lives. We are grateful for our families' health and safety and pray the same for you and yours. From our family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!
- **County Statement on Worshipping Safely During Holiday Season** – In a [statement released today](#) by the County Department of Public Health, it stated, “Attending an indoor service will result in transmission of COVID-19 and additional hospitalizations that the healthcare system cannot handle at this time. The reason is that there is significant amount of community transmission throughout the County. The required modifications help to reduce the risk, but do not eliminate it. People can spread COVID-19 before they get symptoms or even if they never have symptoms, especially in indoor spaces where circumstances (e.g. shouting, loud talking, singing) increase the concentration of suspended small droplets and particles carrying infectious virus....Public Health urges you to continue to more safely worship as you have during the pandemic by attending remotely via streaming service or at outdoor services only.”
- **COVID-19 Case Count Report to Resume on December 28** – The case count report typically sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will not be sent tomorrow, Friday, December 25, given the Christmas holiday. County Public Health has indicated that COVID-19 case and deaths totals will not be provided on the Christmas and New Year holiday, therefore the City will not be providing the Case Count report on those days but will resume sending the report on the following Mondays (December 28 and January 4). To receive daily updates on COVID-19 cases and deaths in the City of Manhattan Beach and County of Los Angeles, the community is advised to follow the City on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	18,391,571 (+221,408)	325,096 (+3,362)
California ²	2,003,146 (+39,070)	23,635 (+351)
Los Angeles County ³	677,299 (+13,678)	9,299 (+148)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	726 (+6)	4 (0)

¹ Source: December 23, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: December 23, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: December 24, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: December 24, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
December 14 – December 20	60	0	98,184	577
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
12/22	Widespread	106.0	53.0	14.3%	20.3%
12/15	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	
35,596	6,499	20%	0.0%

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 DECEMBER 13 – 19	
AVAILABLE STAFFED NON-ICU HOSPITAL BEDS	AVAILABLE STAFFED ICU HOSPITAL BEDS
88 OF 2,234 (3.9%)	27 OF 571 (4.7%)

⁵ Source: December 24, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

⁶ Source: December 24, 2020, <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> Southern California Region ICU Bed % Availability

⁷ Source: December 24, 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](#).

FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Update from Vaccine Advisory Committee** – The Community Vaccine Advisory Committee (CVAC) provides input and feedback in the planning efforts and resolving barriers to equitable vaccine implementation and decision-making. The CVAC hosted a public meeting on December 23 to work through questions regarding [the next allocation phase of "Vaccinate ALL 58."](#) The [meeting documents](#) and [live stream](#) are available to view at cdph.ca.gov.
- **Projections in Healthcare / Predictive Modeling** – Los Angeles County [Department of Health Services](#) (DHS) released the [COVID-19 Projections of Hospital-based Health Care Demand December 23 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.
 - The estimated transmission number ("R") is 1.11 with an uncertainty of 1.06 to 1.17. This is a decrease from last week when the estimate was 1.20 with an uncertainty of 1.13 to 1.26. 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 increase, with likely shortages in the number of hospital beds and especially 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 one in 95 Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others, and that about 1 in 4 have had COVID-19.
 - The DHS team's epidemic model estimates the number of people in Los Angeles County who are still susceptible to infection if exposed, have been exposed and are incubating, but not infectious, have COVID-19 and are infectious to others. However, they may have no symptoms and have had COVID-19 and either recovered or died, so they are no longer infectious.
 - The model suggests that about 1.05% (uncertainty of 0.66% to 1.57%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others. This suggests about 1 in 95 (between 1 in 150 and 1 in 60) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. Last week this estimate was 1 in 80.
 - During the current surge, from November 1, 2020, through January 31, 2021, the epidemic prediction model estimates that 51,000 people in Los Angeles County will require hospitalization for COVID-19, with an uncertainty of 38,500 to 67,250; and 8,700 people in Los Angeles County will die from COVID-19, with an uncertainty of 7,100 to 10,600.
 - 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.

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

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
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 (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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning (See COVID-19 Dashboard)	Recently Opened