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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Ring in the New Year Safely at a Distance** – Due to the surge in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, the safest way to celebrate the New Year Holiday is to celebrate at home with people who live with you. As the holiday nears, you may be tempted to make plans to gather with other family members, friends, and neighbors. Please celebrate safely with only those in your household. All public and private gatherings with people from more than one household are not permitted per the [L.A. County Health Officer Order](#). Gatherings with family and friends who do not live with you can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19. The California Department of Aging offers the [Feeling Good & Staying Connected Activity Guide](#) with tips, tricks, and tools to meaningfully connect with family and friends.
- **Where L.A. County Stands on the States Tier System** – The State updated tier assignments today under its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). According to the State's website, L.A. County reflects 132.7 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), an increase from 106.0, with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 66.4. The County's overall test positivity rate increased from 14.3% to 16.5%. The [health equity metric](#) also increased from 20.3% to 23.4%.
- **Updated Safer At Home Health Order** - L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) issued a [Revised Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Officer Order for Control of COVID-19: Tier One Substantial Surge Updated Response](#). The Revised Order became effective on December 27, 2020 and remain in effect for as long as the State Public Health Officer's Regional Stay At Home remains in effect in the Southern California Region. The State's Order is based on ICU capacity and will remain in place for at least three weeks. Today, Southern California's ICU capacity is 0.0%.
- **Drive Safe and Sober** – Everyone is safest at home. Due to COVID-19, the State of California asks residents to avoid gatherings for the holidays to mitigate the virus's spread. However, if you are out, the City reminds the public about the importance of being safe and sober when driving. The Manhattan Beach Police Department is dedicated to keeping the public safe and urges people to stay at home or use a designated sober driver if you plan to drink. Make the right choice by not driving impaired so everyone can have a safe holiday. Impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescribed medications, over-the-counter drugs, and marijuana can also impair driving, especially in combination with alcohol. Stay safe and drive sober!
- **Travel into L.A. County Requires a 10 Day Quarantine** – Because of the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19 while traveling outside of L.A. County, for everyone that traveled or are planning to travel back into L.A. County, [DPH requires that you quarantine for ten days](#). The best way to safely quarantine is not to leave your home or allow any visitors into your home and find others who can help you buy groceries and other necessities. The virus can take up to 14 days to incubate, and for many people, the virus causes no illness or symptoms. If you go back to work,

go shopping or go to any gatherings at any point over the next ten days, you could easily pass on the virus to others.

- CIF COVID-19 Tier Map for High School Sports** - California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) recently released an education-based athletics COVID-19 Tier Map providing high school sports guidelines based on Tier Assignment throughout the State. While Manhattan Beach is in Tier One (Purple), the sports allowed in this tier include cross country, golf, skiing/snowboarding, swimming & diving, tennis, and track & field, depending upon the season. In the Southern Section, the CIF Season One Sports, which runs January through April, will include traditional competitive cheer, cross country, field hockey, football, gymnastics, skiing/snowboarding, girls volleyball, and water polo. The CIF Season Two Sports, which runs March through June, will include badminton, baseball, basketball, competitive sport cheer, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, boys volleyball, and wrestling. View the [Education-Based Athletics COVID-19 Tier Map](#) and details at cifss.org.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	19,232,843 (+176,974)	334,029 (+1,783)
California ²	2,187,221 (+31,245)	24,526 (+242)
Los Angeles County ³	746,089 (+12,979)	9,782 (+227)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	751 (+9)	4 (0)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
December 20 – December 27	55	0	96,163	607
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

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	132.7	66.4	16.5%	23.4%
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

¹ Source: December 28, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: December 28, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: December 29, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: December 29, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: December 29, 2020, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

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REPORTING DATE	COUNTY RISK LEVEL	CASES PER 100K	ADJUSTED CASE RATE	POSITIVITY RATE	HEALTH EQUITY METRIC
11/28	Widespread	38.7	19.4	6.8%	N/A

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS			ICU AVAILABILITY IN REGION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ⁶
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU	
37,415	7,181	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 20 – DECEMBER 26	
AVAILABLE STAFFED NON-ICU HOSPITAL BEDS	AVAILABLE STAFFED ICU HOSPITAL BEDS
55 OF 2,101 (2.6%)	11 OF 636 (1.7%)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Expect Your Economic Impact Payment** – Today, [the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service will begin delivering a second round of Economic Impact Payments](#) as part of implementing the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. This second round of payments will provide critical economic support to those who have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through no fault of their own. The initial direct deposit payments may begin arriving as early as tonight for some and will continue next week. Paper checks will start to be mailed tomorrow. For more information about Economic Impact Payments, visit [IRS.gov/EIP](https://www.irs.gov/eip).
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** - [Governor Newsom announced a partnership with CVS and Walgreens to provide Pfizer vaccines](#) to residents and staff in long-term care facilities at no cost to the State and local government. California opted to participate in the federal COVID-19 [Pharmacy Partnership for Long Term Care Program](#). CVS and Walgreens will administer the Pfizer vaccine to residents and staff in long-term care in over 850 facilities. The vaccines will be given by pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and nurses under a recent waiver by the Board of Pharmacy that requires appropriate supervision under California law and specialized training. Visit [ca.gov](https://www.ca.gov) for more information. Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) to read the [Importance of COVID-19 Vaccination for Residents of Long-term Care Facilities](#).

⁶ Source: December 29, 2020, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#) Southern California Region ICU Availability

⁷ Source: December 29, 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](#).

- State Crisis Care Continuum** – With the current surge in the pandemic, many hospitals are stretched to capacity. To address the swell, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released an [All Facilities Letter \(AFL\)](#) on implementing the Crisis Care Continuum Guidelines issued in June 2020. The guidelines support facilities that adapt their operations and space, including staff and other resources, to handle the surge as best as possible. All facilities must be prepared for crisis care, during which times medical professionals may have to make hard choices about allocating treatments. For more information, view the [AFL](#), the [Crisis Care Continuum Guidelines](#), and the [Crisis Care Guidelines Pre-Implementation Checklist](#) located on cdph.ca.gov.
- Phase 3 Trial of Novavax Vaccine Open to Volunteers** – The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced the Phase 3 trial of another investigational COVID-19 vaccine has begun enrolling 30,000 adult volunteers. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the NIH, and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are funding the trial. Novavax of Gaithersburg, Maryland, is leading the trial as the regulatory sponsor. Adults interested in participating in the trial can volunteer at coronaviruspreventionnetwork.org or ClinicalTrials.gov (search NCT04611802). Visit nih.gov for more details.
- Resolve to be Ready in 2021: Ten Steps to Preparedness** – Businesses and organizations unable to sustain operations during an emergency incident exponentially impact individuals and the community who rely on them. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Division will host a webinar for [Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs \(OPEN\)](#) on Wednesday, January 6, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Discover how small businesses, non-profits, and faith-based organizations can resolve to be 2021 ready! OPEN offers a ten-step action plan for virtual community economic and social resilience. Learn how to use OPEN in your organization to identify risks, locate resources, and consider immediate preparedness actions. Understand the steps to lead your staff or organization's community in its business preparedness action. Join this webinar and create your 2021 preparedness plan! [Advanced registration is required.](#)
- No Evidence of Virus Variant Causing Increased Severity** – An [L.A. County Public Health Alert key message states](#) that the variant strain reported in the United Kingdom shows no evidence that this variant is associated with increased disease severity or that the COVID-19 vaccines will offer less protection against this variant. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) monitors the situation closely and will communicate new information as it becomes available. For more information, see [New Variant of Virus that Causes COVID-19 Detected and Implications of the Emerging SARS-CoV-2 Variant VOC 202012/01](#) at cdc.gov.
- Help to Determine My COVID-19 Risks** – The [NIH December Health Highlights](#) spotlights the [My COVID-19 Risks](#) app to help the public estimate COVID-19 risks by Activity Type (dining, exercise, gatherings, health, leisure, shopping, travel, salon/barber, and office), Zip Code, Personal Characteristics (over a dozen health conditions), and more. A quick selection of activity, zip code, and personal characteristics will determine your risk for severe illness if you contract COVID-19. Even if you are not at risk of becoming severely ill, the [My COVID-19 Risks](#) app offers other considerations and questions to think about your risk tolerance for COVID-19. Visit nih.gov/health-information for more information.
- FDA COVID-19 Update: Vaccine Fact Sheets** – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) takes ongoing action to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The FDA has posted [Moderna](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheets](#) and the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheets](#) for recipients and caregivers. Additional information includes frequently asked questions and common side effects of each of the vaccines. Visit [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov) for more details.

- L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 227 new deaths, nine new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 12,979 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). The high number of new deaths reflects a significant number from the backlog associated with the Spectrum outage and holiday reporting delays. DPH anticipates additional deaths due to the backlog of death reports over the next two to three days. Today, is the highest number of hospitalizations reported in a day, with 7,181 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. This is an increase of 267 people reported yesterday. Of the 7,181 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, 20% of these patients are in the ICU. The number of daily hospitalizations is nearly a 1,000% increase from two months ago, when on October 29, L.A. County experienced 750 COVID-19 hospitalizations. For comparison, today's number is more than three times the peak of the July surge, when L.A. County experienced 2,232 people hospitalized with COVID-19. Testing results are available for approximately 4,650,000 individuals, with 15% 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. As part of its commitment to reduce health inequities and ensure the best outcomes for all Californians, the State launched a [Health Equity Dashboard](#) that tracks California's health equity measure and data by race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity. 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	June 12

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
	See Virtual Parks and Recreation Programs	(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
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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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