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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **New Year Greetings** - As we ring in the New Year and look back on 2020, the events we reflect upon are like nothing we have ever experienced in our lives. 2020 brought many hardships. Families suffered, businesses challenged, some destroyed, and many lives changed, perhaps forever. Since the beginning of the pandemic, all of us in the City have been working diligently to meet our community's needs. Everyone looks forward to 2021 with hope. While widespread availability of the vaccine is still months away, we must do our part to protect each other between now and then. Wearing our face coverings, practicing physical distancing, and following public health guidelines could mean the difference between life and death for many. It has been a challenging year, more than we could have ever imagined. But even when we get the virus under control, the economic fallout will be with us for at least a few years. But together, we can lift one another and return ourselves to a place of security and happiness. We have worked so hard to get here. Let's see this through with compassion for each other. Our Community, Our Health, Our Responsibility! Here's to Hope for Our Future and a Happy 2021 Manhattan Beach!
- **A Negative Test Is Not Permission to Gather** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) and Department of Health Services (DHS) reminds everyone that the strategy of testing to gather is flawed. A person is negative only at test time - not the next day or the day after. Even with a negative test result, you should practice physical distancing, wear a face covering, and frequently wash your hands. A negative COVID-19 test does not guarantee that you do not have the virus. With widespread community transmission, there is a daily risk of being infected with COVID-19. For information on testing, visit covid19.lacounty.gov/testing. Note, all County supported testing sites will be closed on New Year's Day.
- **First Case of U.K. Variant in Southern California** – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) was notified of a patient with the variant COVID-19 virus strain originally detected in the United Kingdom. [This is the first identification of the United Kingdom variant strain in California](#). The affected individual has no known travel history. Early data suggest that the United Kingdom variant strain may be more contagious but does not appear to be more severe. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the COVID-19 vaccines should provide immunity to this strain. Additional cases will likely be identified in California. However, you can protect yourself, your family, and your community with these prevention measures:
 - If you are experiencing [symptoms of COVID-19](#) (fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle, or body aches), call your health care provider.
 - If you believe you have been exposed, get tested. [Free, confidential testing](#) is available statewide.
 - Stay home except for essential activities and follow [DPH Guidelines](#).
 - Limit interactions with people who live in your household.
 - [Wear a cloth face covering](#) when out in public.
 - Avoid non-essential travel and stay close to home; [self-quarantine](#) for 14 days after arrival if you leave the State.
 - Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

- Avoid close contact with sick people and stay home from work, school, or other people if you feel ill.
- Add your phone to the fight by signing up for COVID-19 exposure notifications from [C.A. Notify](#)
- Answer the call if a [contact tracer](#) from the CA COVID Team or local health department tries to connect.
- **COVID-19 Case Count Report to Resume on January 4** – The City will not send the Case Count Report on Friday, January 1, given the New Year Holiday. The Case Count Report will resume on Monday, January 4. To receive daily updates on COVID-19 cases and deaths in the City of Manhattan Beach and County of Los Angeles, follow the City on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	19,663,976 (+230,337)	341,199 (+3,764)
California ²	2,245,379 (+27,237)	25,386 (+428)
Los Angeles County ³	770,602 (+15,129)	10,345 (+290)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	787 (+21)	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
12/29	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
11/28	Widespread	38.7	19.4	6.8%	N/A

¹ Source: December 30, 2020, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: December 30, 2020, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: December 31, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: December 31, 2020, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: December 31, 2020, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS			ICU AVAILABILITY IN REGION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ⁶
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU	
39,896	7,546	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

- **California's Safe Schools for All Plan** - [Governor Newsom released the State's Safe Schools for All Plan](#) based on [Evidence Summary: TK-6 Schools and COVID-19 Transmission](#). The safe in-person instruction plan will begin in early spring and includes a \$2 billion early action proposal to support school safety measures. Simultaneously, distance learning will remain an option for parents and students who choose it and those whose health status does not allow them to return to school. The Governor's plan is built on four pillars: Funding to Support Safe Reopening; Safety & Mitigation Measures for Classrooms; Hands-on Oversight & Assistance for Schools; and Transparency & Accountability for Families & School Staff. View the [Summary: California's Safe Schools for All Plan](#) and [Rationale](#) at gov.ca.gov for details.
- **California's Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program** - [The first round of applications are now open for the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program](#). The grant is administered by the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) at the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for small businesses that have been impacted by COVID and the health and safety restrictions. The Grant Program provides micro-grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to eligible small businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19. The first round of applications ends on January 8. Details for the second round will be announced near term. Visit careliefgrant.com to apply and for more information.
- **DMV Suspends Behind-the-Wheel Driving Tests** - The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will continue its temporary suspension of behind-the-wheel driving tests until at least January 11. The DMV previously suspended the tests through January 4. These steps are necessary for customers' and employees' health and safety during the ongoing statewide surge in COVID-19 cases. The temporary suspension includes commercial and noncommercial tests but does not apply to motorcycle drive tests, which can be conducted at a safe distance. While DMV offices remain open to serve the public, the DMV encourages all customers to use its [online services](#). Visit dmv.ca.gov for more details.

⁶ Source: December 31, 2020, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#) Southern California Region ICU Availability

⁷ Source: December 27, 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](#).

- **A Call for Small Business Exporters** – Through a grant-funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), California companies have an opportunity to participate in California Global Connect – Europe Energy Opportunities. The California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) has teamed up with Kallman Worldwide and the U.S. Commercial Service offers California businesses a series of virtual trade missions designed to link California suppliers directly with international buyers, potential partners, and buying authorities. This program is free of charge to qualified California small businesses, per SBA's small business guidelines. Qualified medium and large-sized companies may take part in the program for a fee. The application deadline is January 8, 2020. Visit business.ca.gov for more information.
- **Employers, Prepare for AB 685 in the New Year** – Starting January 1, 2021, California Assembly Bill 685 takes effect. AB 685 enhances Cal/OSHA's enforcement of COVID-19 infection prevention requirements by allowing for [Orders Prohibiting Use](#) (OPU) and citations for serious violations related to COVID-19 to be issued more quickly. An OPU allows Cal/OSHA to protect workers from an imminent hazard by prohibiting entry into a place of employment or prohibiting the use of something in a place of work that constitutes an imminent hazard. The law also requires employers to notify all employees who were at a worksite of all potential exposures to COVID-19 and notify the local public health agency of outbreaks (three or more employees). Learn more at dir.ca.gov.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 290 new deaths, 21 new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 15,129 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). The number of new deaths reported today surpasses yesterday's all-time high. A significant number of fatalities reported today are from the backlog associated with the Spectrum outage and holiday reporting delays. In 2020, DPH identified 770,602 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 10,345 deaths. Eighty-six percent of the people who died from COVID-19 this year had underlying health conditions. Younger residents continue to drive increases in community transmission in the County. At the beginning of the current surge, on November 1, there were 463 cases a day among residents between the ages of 30 and 49 years old. By December 22, there were 4,419 cases a day among residents in this age group, an increase of about 950%. The next group driving increases are young adults between the ages of 18 and 29 years old. When the surge began, there were 303 cases a day among adults between the ages of 18 and 29 years old. On December 22, there were 3,072 cases a day, a nearly 1,000% increase. Testing results are available for approximately 4,700,000 individuals, with 15% of all people testing positive. The daily test positivity rate is 22.5%. This high positivity rate remains alarming and indicates that the coronavirus is very prevalent and persistent in all corners of the County. In today's report, DPH highlights the devastating impact of COVID-19 on our County, more than 10,000 people have passed away this year because of COVID-19, and all were loved by and loved others. #Every10Minutes someone dies of COVID-19 in L.A. County. Until we slow the spread, the next person to tragically pass away could be someone you know. Let's honor those we lost and remind everyone to sacrifice, so we save lives: Please stay home. Please physically distance. Please wear a face covering when outside. Slow the spread. Save a life. 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 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

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
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 (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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
County Library	Closed (Sidewalk Service)	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning (See COVID-19 Dashboard)	Recently Opened