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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Outdoor Public Seating Areas Closed** – As the number of new COVID-19 cases continues to rise in Manhattan Beach and across the County of Los Angeles, the City closed outdoor seating spaces on public property on Sunday, January 3 at 10:00 PM. While the public seating spaces are closed, please continue to support our local businesses offering pick-up, curbside, takeout, and delivery services. View the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce online list of [restaurants open for takeout](https://manhattanbeachchamber.com) at manhattanbeachchamber.com for details. When out, be sure to wear a [face covering](#) at all times, keep your [distance](#) from others, [wash your hands often](#), and [stay home if you are sick](#). See the [press release](#) for more information on the closure of the outdoor public seating areas.
- **Manhattan Beach Fire Department Vaccinations** – The Manhattan Beach firefighters and paramedics, have received the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine's first dose. The Fire Department has been fortunate to have had minimal COVID-19 impact and has retained staffing levels providing quality service to the community they always have, albeit, call loads have increased. Thankfully with the vaccinations, the Fire Department will be in the best position to protect, serve, and respond to emergencies and keep our community safe.
- **Manhattan Beach Emergency Transport** – The COVID-19 pandemic has increased emergency medical calls for service, expanding wait times in emergency rooms/areas, and ICU's at capacity. Fire Chief Knabe reassures the community that plans are in place to address these issues at the City, County, and State levels. Manhattan Beach can rest assured that the City is doing everything possible, both in preparation and response, to minimize the pandemic's impact. Several news media has reported that fire departments and ambulances will limit patient transportation or response. This is not currently applicable in Manhattan Beach. The Manhattan Beach community will still receive the excellent care and service they have always received. The only change in transportation is in certain situations where death is determined in the field. Request for emergency medical services will be responded to with available resources; patients will be treated and transported appropriately. The City will continue to coordinate with other agencies and has plans to provide the best response possible to the pandemic.
- **California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant** – Applications are 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 due date for the first round of applications has been extended to January 13. Details for the second round will be announced near term. Visit careliefgrant.com for more information.
- **Where L.A. County Stands on the States Tier System** – According to the State's website, L.A. County reflects 107.9 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 65.8. The County's overall test positivity rate is 17.8%. The [health equity metric](#) is 25.0%. The Southern California Region ICU availability remains at 0.0%; the ICU

projection does not meet the criteria to exit the [Regional Stay at Home Order](#). The Order will remain in effect as long as ICU capacity is below the threshold of 15%.

- **What Can You Do To Help the County Reach a Lower Tier – Our Community, Our Health, Our Responsibility.** Everyone can continue to help L.A. County reach a lower tier in the State's Tier System:
 - [Stay home](#) except for essential services;
 - [Wear a face cover](#) in public;
 - [Wash your hands](#) regularly;
 - Keep at least six feet of [physical distance](#) when in public; and
 - [Limit mixing with people you don't live with](#).
- **Vaccine Distribution** – The distribution of COVID-19 vaccines is currently being managed by Los Angeles County and healthcare providers, however, the City is currently in communication with the County to ensure vaccine distribution can be executed toward the general public in the future. At this point, the vaccine will be offered to different groups of people at different times (or phases). For more information on these phases, the Department of Public Health has established a webpage that outlines the established phases, thus far.
- **Recent Press Release**
 - [Outdoor Public Seating Areas Closed As COVID-19 Cases Skyrocket](#) (1/2/21)

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	20,732,404 (+173,915)	352,464 (+1,800)
California ²	2,452,334 (+31,440)	27,003 (+368)
Los Angeles County ³	840,611 (+13,512)	11,071 (+224)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	841 (+6)	4 (0)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
December 28 – January 3	89	0	98,806	1,291
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
1/5	Widespread	107.9	65.8	17.8%	25.0%

¹ Source: January 4, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: January 4, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: January 5, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: January 5, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: January 5, 2021, [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
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

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS			ICU AVAILABILITY IN REGION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ⁶
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU	
42,141	7,898	21%	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

- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** - Governor Newsom increased funding for small businesses bringing total support to California's Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program to more than \$1 billion. The Governor's California Jobs Initiative, a \$777.5 million proposal, focuses on job creation and retention, regional development, small businesses, and climate innovation will assist in the State's economic recovery from the pandemic. Visit gov.ca.gov for more information on the Newsom Administration's work to support California's businesses and workers.
- **Things to Know About the Vaccination Program** - Now that there are authorized and recommended vaccines to prevent COVID-19 in the United States, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published [8 Things to Know about the new COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#) and COVID-19 vaccines. Visit cdc.gov for details. For information about vaccination distribution in Los Angeles County, visit the [COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Program](#) at ph.lacounty.gov.
- **Vaccinate All 58 Upcoming Advisory Committee Meeting** - The [Vaccinate All 58](#) Community Vaccine Advisory Committee provides input and feedback to the planning efforts and resolves

⁶ Source: January 5, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#) Southern California Region ICU Availability

⁷ Source: January 4, 2021, <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](#).

barriers to equitable vaccine implementation and decision-making in the State. The next meeting occurs Wednesday, January 6, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM; the discussion will include Phase 1B and 1C rollout and vaccine administration operationalization. View the [Meeting Agenda](#) and [meeting access information](#) at cdph.ca.gov.

- **Updated Public Health Guidelines** – Several guidelines have been updated by the L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH). The [Protocol for Social Distancing](#) now includes definitions and multiple updates to incorporate universal physical distancing, face covering use, and other infection control protocols for businesses. The [Protocols for Office Worksites](#) include an updated requirement related to break rooms for employees and consists of an email option for employers reporting clusters of 3 or more cases of COVID-19 to DPH. The [Protocols for Shopping Center Operators](#) includes an update to clarify which indoor and outdoor seating is permitted at shopping centers. In the [Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan in Early Care and Education \(ECE\) Sites](#), the [Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools](#), and the [Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management in Institutes of Higher Education](#), the updates include DPH reporting requirements, the required quarantine period for individuals who have been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 has been shortened, and hyperlinks for isolation and quarantine. DPH also updated the definition for a close contact to be an individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Be sure to review the updated protocols at publichealth.lacounty.gov to ensure compliance and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- **Mandatory Travel Directive and Restrictions** – The County Health Officer issued a [Mandatory Directive on Travel](#) to furtherance the [State's Travel Advisory](#). The Directive provides that both Californians stay home or in their Region and avoid non-essential travel and persons who arrive into any California region, self-quarantine for ten days after arrival. For the Directive, "quarantine" means staying at home or another place of temporary shelter and away from contact with others, including those in one's household (unless they are also under quarantine), for ten days. Quarantine may end after Day 10 if the traveler(s) never had any symptoms, and they must continue to monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days after arrival. Visit the [COVID-19 Travel Restrictions Frequently Asked Questions](#) page and publichealth.lacounty.gov for information, resources, and guidance on quarantine.
- **Join the Fight to Combat COVID** – The public can help researchers find ways to prevent and treat COVID-19. Scientists and doctors need help to develop safe and effective vaccines and medicines to prevent and treat COVID-19. New vaccines and treatments are still being tested. If you've never had COVID-19, you can join a clinical trial for these vaccines or for other ways to prevent the disease. If you have COVID-19 now, you can join a clinical trial to help find better treatments. If you have had COVID-19 in the past, you can donate plasma or blood to help others recover. Visit CombatCOVID.hhs.gov for 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, nonprofits, 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.](#)

- **Addressing Mental Health of Young Adults during COVID-19** – The pandemic has resulted in changes in plans and missed significant life events resulting in young adults facing isolation, anxiety, and depression. FEMA, National Preparedness Division, will host a webinar supporting young adults' mental health (ages 18-24) during the pandemic on Tuesday, January 12, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. A guest speaker from ComuniLife will discuss the impacts of quarantine on the mental health of young adults. Learn symptoms, warning signs, and how to help young adults manage these challenging times. [Advanced registration is required.](#)
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 224 new deaths, six new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 13,512 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). L.A. County had experienced more than 1,000 new COVID-19 deaths in less than a week when on December 30, DPH reported 10,056 deaths. There are 7,898 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 21% of these people are in the ICU. This is a new high and an increase of more than 200 patients reported yesterday. Healthcare workers and hospitals continue to be taxed and overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients. The pandemic's devastating impact is disrupting emergency medical care due to the sheer volume of COVID-19 patients and staffing limitations. These challenges will get worse if we do not slow the COVID-19 spread. Testing results are available for approximately 4,826,000 individuals, with 16% 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

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
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
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