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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Help Stop the Surge** – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed twenty-one (21) new COVID-19 cases in the City of Manhattan Beach today. The rate of new cases is translating into a disastrous increase in the number of people with severe COVID-19 symptoms in hospitals. Tragically, L.A. County is seeing more than 200 deaths a day. People who were otherwise leading healthy, productive lives are now passing away because of a chance encounter with the COVID-19 virus. The pandemic ends when we make the right decisions to protect each other. Our Community, Our Health, Our Responsibility. Let's continue to:
 - [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;
 - [Limit mixing with people you don't live with](#); and
 - [Quarantine](#) for ten days if you have traveled or been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.
- **Save The Restaurants Fund Distributes \$600K to 28 Restaurants** – The campaign to “Save the Restaurants” by Skechers is in full swing! Thus far, over \$600,000 has been distributed to 28 restaurants in Downtown MB and the North End via the Save Our Restaurants COVID-19 Restaurant Relief Fund. It's not too late to contribute. Help save your favorite restaurants in Manhattan Beach. [Please consider a donation to the Skechers Restaurant COVID Relief Fund.](#) Thank you Skechers for your immense kindness and generosity!
- **You Could Have COVID-19 and Not Know It** – One in five L.A. County residents currently tested is infected with COVID-19. Community transmission rates are high, and any activity outside your home is high-risk. Coronavirus symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure and may include some of the possible symptoms listed below. Some people with COVID-19 never get symptoms. However, [know the COVID-19 symptoms](#) so you can mitigate the spread. These include: Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea and new loss of taste or smell.
- **FOUND/LA Small Business Recovery Grant Fund** – The FOUND/LA Small Business Recovery Fund, in partnership with Pacific Community Ventures and TMC Community Capital, has formed a small business grant for Los Angeles County supporting local entrepreneurs that create spaces that make neighborhoods feel like home. Grant awards range between \$5,000 and \$25,000, depending on business size. Grant criteria include businesses serving the community they're located in, with under 20 employees, previously profitable, but negatively impacted by COVID-19. On selection day, grant recipients will be randomly selected from the eligible applicants' pool

until funds are expended. Application opens January 11 and closes on January 17. Visit foundla.org for more information.

- **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 affected 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.
- **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	21,259,997 (+229,901)	359,849 (+3,844)
California ²	2,518,611 (+36,385)	28,045 (+583)
Los Angeles County ³	871,404 (+19,719)	11,545 (+218)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	875 (+21)	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%
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%

¹ Source: January 6, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: January 6, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: January 7, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: January 7, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: January 7, 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
12/8	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	
42,739	8,098	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	
JANUARY 4, 2021	
AVAILABLE STAFFED NON-ICU HOSPITAL BEDS	AVAILABLE STAFFED ICU HOSPITAL BEDS
48 OF 2,080 (2.3%)	4 OF 387 (1.0%)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** - [Governor Newsom announced the Golden State Stimulus](#). A budget proposal to help low-income Californians directly provide \$600 rapid cash support to low-income Californians who, coupled with the federal stimulus, could receive at least \$1,200 of financial relief. The Governor is also calling for immediate action to protect Californians from eviction by extending critical eviction protections enacted by AB 3088 and ensuring that California's \$2.6 billion share of federal rental assistance is distributed according to greatest need and with accountability. Visit gov.ca.gov for more information.
- **New Health Order Postpones Some Elective Surgeries** - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a [Health Order](#) ensuring the distribution of health care resources across the State to ensure patients get life-saving care as ICU capacity is strained. To prioritize services and resources, when a county is under the [Regional Stay at Home Order](#), and ICU availability for that county is ten percent (10%) or less, all elective procedures shall be categorized by Tier using the [Elective Surgery Acuity Scale \(ESAS\)](#). Based on the scale, some surgeries may be postponed. The Order will remain in effect for at least three weeks and will continue until rescinded. Visit cdph.ca.gov to view the Health Order.

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

⁷ Source: January 5, 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](#).

- **Free PPE for L.A. County Small Businesses** - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been made available to California small businesses through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) in collaboration with the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA). Through public and private partnerships, access to PPE is available in Los Angeles County through PPE Unite. PPE Unite is committed to the small business, partnering with them towards safely reopening and building our local economy. The free 30-day supply of personal protective equipment for small businesses may include face masks, hand sanitizers, and face shields (while supplies last). Sign up for free PPE at ppeunite.org.
- **Free Refrigeration for L.A. County Stores** - Improve the health of your neighborhood, save money on your energy bill, and get free improved equipment. The Healthy Stores Refrigeration Program (HSRP) through the L.A. County Department of Consumer & Business Affairs Office helps small businesses in Los Angeles County replace existing, inefficient refrigerators with new efficient models to fill with California-grown healthy food. HSRP helps companies find the right new fridge, walk you through the recycling process if replacing an old unit, install the refrigerator, and identify healthy food options, all at no cost. Program representatives will also provide free education and training on successfully sourcing, marketing, and selling healthy foods. Visit dcba.lacounty.gov for details.
- **New Resource for L.A. County's Small Businesses** - The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) launched a new online resource to help small and large businesses navigate prepare for a post-COVID-19 economy. The BizHelp Program offers support and resources through a series of online webinars starting January 12, 2021, to sustain businesses during these challenging and unprecedented economic times, maximize financial resources, and plan for a successful future. The Program is free, open to all companies in the County, and covers tips for successfully securing financial resources, operating post-COVID-19, understanding basics in accounting and bookkeeping, and improving credit for business owners. Registration is required. Visit bizhelp.lacda.org for details.
- **U.S. COVID-19 Cases Caused by Variants** - [The Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) is working to detect and characterize emerging viral variants](#) and expand its ability to look for COVID-19 and new variants. The CDC published a map and data table of the U.S. COVID-19 cases caused by variants. [The new variant is referred to as SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 \(i.e., the first variant of concern from 2020, December\), or B.1.1.7](#). On January 7, there are fifty-two (52) B.1.1.7 lineage cases in the United States. Of the five states listed with the variant, California leads with 26, followed by Florida with 22, then Colorado with two, and Georgia and New York, each with one case caused by the variant. The data table is updated twice a week. Visit cdc.gov to view the data table and map of the variants in the U.S.
- **Look for Economic Impact Payments in the Mail** - [The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\) are sending approximately 8 million second Economic Impact Payments \(EIPs\) by prepaid debit card](#). Millions of payments have already been distributed by direct deposit or mailed paper checks. The IRS and Treasury urge eligible EIP recipients who did not receive a direct deposit to observe their mail carefully during this period. The prepaid debit card is issued by the Treasury's financial agent, MetaBank®, N.A. Visit EIPcard.com for information on the debit card. To check the status of your payment, visit IRS.gov/getmypayment. For more information about Economic Impact Payments, visit IRS.gov/eip.
- **Travel in 2021** - [The Transportation Security Administration \(TSA\) saw an increase in passenger volume during the end-of-year holiday travel period](#). Despite the reduced number of

passengers screened, as a result of the pandemic in 2020, [TSA modified security checkpoint procedures around the country](#) to reduce physical contact and help protect workers and passengers. Modifications include self-serve Credential Authentication Technology (CAT) units at travel document checking podiums and Computed Tomography (C.T.) equipment for a detailed image of carry-on bag contents. TSA continues to adjust its operations during COVID-19 and remains committed to the nation's transportation systems' security needs and is dedicated to their workforce and travelers' health and safety. Visit [tsa.gov/coronavirus](https://www.tsa.gov/coronavirus) for more information.

- **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.](#)
- **Developing Resilience in Children** - The next [National Institute of Mental Health \(NIMH\) Director's Innovation Speaker Series](#) is titled [Diagnosing Resilience: A Multisystemic Model for Positive Development in Stressed Environments](#). It takes place on January 14 at noon. The speaker, Dr. Ungar, will explore the nature of young people's resilience patterns in contexts where children and adolescents are affected by social marginalization, migration, violence, and mental disorder. Resilience results from both individual abilities to overcome adversity and the capacity of social and physical ecologies, including mental health care providers, to help young people navigate and negotiate their way to the resources they need to build and sustain well-being. [Advance registration required.](#)
- **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 February 1. While DMV offices remain open to serve the public, the DMV encourages all customers to use its [online services](#), expanded virtual services, and other service channels to complete transactions, including eligible driver's license and vehicle registration renewals. Visit dmv.ca.gov for more details.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 218 new deaths, 21 new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 19,719 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 871,404 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 11,545 deaths. There are 8,098 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 20% of these people are in the ICU. Since January 3, the number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 has increased by more than 550 people. Testing results are available for approximately 4,890,000 individuals, with 17% of all people testing positive. Today's daily test positivity rate is 20.4%. 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
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