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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Update on COVID-19 Cases and Deaths in Manhattan Beach** - Tragically, the City of Manhattan Beach lost two residents last week to COVID-19. To the families that are mourning their loved ones who passed away from COVID-19, the City wishes you healing and peace. Reviewing the weekly update, in one month, the number of COVID-19 cases in the City of Manhattan Beach has significantly risen. During week of December 7-13, there were 45 new cases in the City of Manhattan Beach; during the week of January 4-10, there were 110 new cases - more than double the amount. These stark numbers serve as a reminder that our community must remain diligent in taking care of and protecting each other. Please 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](#);
 - [Quarantine](#) for ten days if you have traveled or been in close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19; and
 - [Vaccinate](#) when the opportunity comes available.
- **Last Friday's Subcommittee Discussion** - The Ad Hoc COVID-19 Long-Term Business Solutions Subcommittee met on Friday, January 8, 2021, to discuss various business impacts related to coronavirus impacts. Most notably, the committee took no substantive action associated with the public parklets program but committed to the following: 1) Regularly monitoring daily coronavirus cases and deaths in Manhattan Beach, and 2) Formulating a plan to re-open the public parklets once community transmission decreases and is safer.
- **FOUND/LA Small Business Recovery Grant Fund** - The FOUND/LA Small Business Recovery Fund application opened on Monday, January 11. 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. The application closes on January 17. Visit foundla.org for more information.
- **California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant** - The application for the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program closes Wednesday, January 13. The Grant Program provides micro-grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to eligible small businesses and nonprofits affected by COVID-19. Visit carelifegrant.com for more information.
- **BizHelp Small Businesses Webinars Begin January 12** - 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 help sustain businesses during these challenging times. The program is free and open to all companies in the County. It covers tips for successfully securing financial resources, operating post-COVID-19, understanding accounting and bookkeeping basics, and improving business owners' credit. Registration is required. Visit bizhelp.lacda.org for details.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	22,522,749 (+199,793)	375,124 (+1,957)
California ²	2,747,288 (+36,487)	30,513 (+548)
Los Angeles County ³	944,319 (+11,994)	12,674 (+288)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	938 (+3)	6 (0)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
January 4 - January 10	101	2	101,538	1,477
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
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
1/12	Widespread	127.3	77.0	20.5%	26.3%
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%
12/8	Widespread	41.8	26.9	8.7%	13.9%
12/1	Widespread	40.3	20.2	7.0%	N/A

¹ Source: January 11, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: January 11, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: January 12, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: January 12, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: January 12, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

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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	
46,009	7,926	22%	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** - [The State of California through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Health and Human Services Agency announced the deployment of additional medical personnel to healthcare facilities statewide](#). In total, nearly 1,900 medical personnel have been deployed to assist in the COVID-19 response efforts. The deployments are part of an ongoing effort by the State to relieve stress on the medical care system during the current surge in cases and hospitalizations. The State of California also opened several alternate care sites to decompress local hospital systems. These alternative care sites provide care for patients who do not need care in an intensive care unit and ease the strain on the health care delivery system. This will allow hospitals to focus their resources on those with the most acute needs.
- **Paycheck Protection Program Re-Opens** - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, re-opened the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan portal today. SBA is [dedicated to underserved small businesses](#) and to addressing potential access to capital barriers by initially granting PPP access exclusively to community financial institutions (CFIs) that typically serve these concerns. When the PPP loan portal re-opened today, it initially accepted [First Draw PPP](#) loan applications. A First Draw PPP loan is for those borrowers who have yet to receive a PPP loan before the program closed in August 2020. On January 13, participating CFIs may begin submitting application information to SBA

⁶ Source: January 12, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#). Southern California Region ICU Availability

⁷ Source: January 12, 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](#).

for [Second Draw PPP](#) loans. A Second Draw PPP loan is for specific borrowers that previously received a PPP loan, generally have 300 employees or less, and has suffered a 25% reduction in gross receipts. Visit [sba.gov](#) for details.

- **Vaccination Update** – The supply of COVID-19 vaccines will be limited for the first few months. This means that the vaccine will be offered to different groups of people at other times. When enough vaccines are ready, it will be provided to everyone. At present, vaccination is only available to the healthcare workers listed in Phase 1A who can potentially or indirectly expose patients or infectious materials. Information on the different phases may be found by visiting the [COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in Los Angeles County](#) web page. Some stages and groups may overlap. Some groups in L.A. County that are being vaccinated include staff who work in acute care hospitals, patients and staff at Skilled Nursing Facilities, and emergency medical technicians and paramedics. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the County's COVID-19 Vaccine Email Newsletter for regular vaccine updates. Visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](#) for newsletter sign up and up to date information on vaccination information in L.A. County.
- **Learning in a Pandemic** – The U.S. Department of Education (E.D.) will host a one-hour webinar Thursday, January 14 at 2:30 PM to discuss the state of student learning during the pandemic. Institute for Education Sciences Director Mark Schneider will moderate a discussion with national leaders in the research field, Stanford's Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO) and NWEA, as they review national learning loss findings. The forum will review the most updated research on the state of student learning today and share personalized platforms and offer tools that families and teachers can use to support student learning. [Advanced registration required.](#)
- **COVID-19 Guidance for Families Living in the Same Home** - If you or someone in your household is at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, all family members should act as if they are at increased risk. This can be difficult if space is limited for large or extended families living together. While avoiding close contact with others and isolating someone who is sick can feel lonely, these actions are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect yourself and your household. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created the [Guidance for Families Living in the Same Home](#) to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in these households. This document explains how to protect family members when you leave the house, protect family members at increased risk for severe illness, keep children healthy, isolate a sick family member, care for a sick family member, provide food when someone is sick, and quarantine when exposed to someone who is ill. Visit [cdc.gov](#) for more details.
- **Monoclonal Antibody COVID-19 Outpatient Treatment** - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) launched a web-based locator for COVID-19 outpatient treatment sites for monoclonal antibodies. HHS maintains the [outpatient treatment locator](#) to assist healthcare providers, and patients find monoclonal antibody therapeutics treatment. Monoclonal antibody therapeutics are [authorized for emergency use](#) in treating patients with mild or moderate COVID-19 who are at high risk of developing severe symptoms and requiring hospitalization. Clinical trial data suggest that the treatments may keep COVID-19 symptoms from becoming severe enough to require hospitalization. Anecdotal information shows fewer hospitalizations among outpatients treated with monoclonal antibody medicines. Visit [hhs.gov](#) for more details.
- **Veteran Health and Wellness During COVID-19** – The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A.) announced an initiative with Fitbit that provides eligible Veterans, caregivers, and V.A. staff with access to Fitbit programs and services, manage stress, improve sleep and increase physical

activity during the COVID-19 pandemic. V.A. has contracted with Fitbit to provide 10,000 eligible Veterans, caregivers, and V.A. staff a one-year free membership to Fitbit Premium. Participants will also have access to Fitbit Health Coaching, one-on-one coaching, and guidance from a certified health coach or licensed health professional. Visit va.gov for details.

- **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](#).
- **Federal Benefits Rolling Out in California** – Californians out of work or working reduced hours will be able to continue or file new claims for expanded Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) extension benefits. They will also receive the new extra \$300 Federal Additional Compensation (PAC) payments with their weekly benefits. The expansion of PUA and PEUC will include those who exhausted their claims for benefits before the end of the federal CARES Act but now could become eligible for the new additional 11 weeks of benefits starting with the week of December 27. The EDD encourages claimants to monitor the [Federal Provisions for Unemployment](#) webpage for details on services and updates on developments. Visit edd.ca.gov for more information.
- **Diverse Voices: COVID-19, Intersectionality, and the Health of Women** – The National Institutes of Health (NIH), Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH), is launching a virtual speaker series titled Diverse Voices: COVID-19, Intersectionality, and the Health of Women. The series plans to disseminate key COVID-19 research findings that 1) are relevant to diverse groups of women and 2) incorporate a multidimensional sex-and-gender focus. The speaker series also aims to increase public awareness, understanding, and engagement with COVID-19 research. The inaugural session takes place Wednesday, January 27, at 8:00 AM. Visit orwh.nih.gov for details.
- **Businesses Not Adhering to Safety Protocols** - Businesses that are not adhering to safety protocols to protect workers and customers contribute to increased risk for COVID-19 spread. A list of non-compliant businesses that received citations is listed [online](#). Also [listed are companies \(including workplaces, food, and retail stores\) and educational settings with three or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases](#). To report a safety protocol complaint, call (888) 700-9995, Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or [file an online complaint form](#).
- **Projections in Healthcare / Predictive Modeling** – Los Angeles County [Department of Health Services](#) (DHS) released the [COVID-19 Projections of Hospital-based Health Care Demand January 6 Update](#). There was no update to the predictive model last week because of inconsistent data quality and availability during the holidays. Key findings in the report include:
 - The number of new patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization each day across Los Angeles County increased markedly in the last few weeks and has appeared to level off. This likely reflects relatively less transmission in the period from after Thanksgiving through the first half of December. The effect of transmission from around Christmas to New Years' has not yet been seen.

- Based on the information that only reflects transmission occurring before Christmas, the estimated transmission number ("R") is 0.97 with an uncertainty of 0.93 to 1.01. This is a decrease from two weeks ago when the estimate was 1.11 with an uncertainty of 1.06 to 1.17.
- However, based on external population mobility data, the transmission is likely to have increased during the last ten days in December through New Year's. Thus, it is likely R will rise above 1 in the coming weeks, and cases will increase again over time.
- Because the transmission occurring during the last ten days in December through New Year's is currently unknown, it is difficult to predict demand for hospital-based services.
- If transmission during the last ten days in December and early January was similar to the transmission that occurred around Thanksgiving, we would expect additional demand for hospital-based services with likely shortages in the number of hospital beds and continued shortages in ICU beds over the next four weeks. The number of ventilators in Los Angeles County is likely adequate over the next four weeks.
- 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, though they may have no symptoms; and
 - Have had COVID-19 and either recovered or died, so they are no longer infectious.
- The model suggests if transmission did not increase over the holidays that about 0.81% (uncertainty of 0.50% to 1.15%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others. The modeling team believes the true fraction who are infectious is likely higher.
- If transmission did not increase over the holidays, this would suggest about 1 in 125 (between 1 in 200 and 1 in 90) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. The modeling team believes the true fraction who are infectious is likely higher. Two weeks ago, this estimate was 1 in 95.
- **Where L.A. County Stands on the States Tier System** - The State updated tier assignments today, under its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) - the criteria used to loosen and tighten regulations on activities. [Los Angeles County remains in Tier One](#) (Purple), with "widespread" risk and the [most restrictions](#). According to the State's website, L.A. County reflects 127.3 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 77.0. The County's overall test positivity rate is 20.5%. The [health equity metric](#) is 26.3%. 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%.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 288 new deaths, three new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 11,994 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 944,319 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 12,674 deaths. The County is experiencing horrific loss of life due to COVID-19. Over the last seven days, 1,606 people lost their lives; this is an average of nearly 230 deaths per day. There are 7,926 people with COVID-

19 currently hospitalized, and 22% of these people are in the ICU. While the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 each day has stabilized over the last few days at slightly under 8,000 patients, the demand on our healthcare system and hospitals remain overwhelming. Testing results are available for approximately 5,048,000 individuals, with 18% 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 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

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
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
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)	Closed	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
Community Center, Live Oak Park Community Center)		
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