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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (MLK Day) is a national holiday to remember the injustices that Dr. King fought and encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. The holiday is a time to remember his fight for the freedom, equality, and dignity of all races and peoples through nonviolence. In recognition of the holiday, City offices are closed and as required by the Municipal Code construction is not allowed. Digital services can still be made on our City website such as applying for permits, check application status, schedule inspections and more using Citizen Self Service (CSS) Online Portal. Additionally, assistance in city services may be obtained via the online [FAQ database](#) or the online [Service Request system](#).
- **Library's Virtual Parent-Ade Series Supports Distance Learning** – The L.A. County Library announced the return of its virtual program series, Parent-Ade: When Life Gives You Distance Learning. The virtual series begins Wednesday, January 20, at 4:00 PM. During each Webex, the presenters interact with parents and caregivers and address questions and concerns in real-time, providing helpful tips. Topics include how to use library resources to support distance learning, managing and tracking your child's schoolwork, helping your child stay focused and on task, and how to support your student and help them support themselves during the pandemic. For more information about Parent-Ade and links to register, visit LACountyLibrary.org/Parent-Ade.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Virtual Town Hall** – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will host a COVID-19 Vaccine Virtual Town Hall on Tuesday, January 19, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Join the town hall to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, how it was developed, where it will be distributed in our communities, and when it will be made available to the general public. The town hall will be streamed live on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube @lapublichealth. For more information and to submit a question, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/askcovidtownhall>.
- **Updated CIF COVID-19 Tier Map for High School Sports** - California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) recently updated the 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. View the [Education-Based Athletics COVID-19 Tier Map](#) and details at cifss.org.
- **FOUND/LA Small Business Recovery Grant Fund** – The FOUND/LA Small Business Recovery Fund application closes on January 17. 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 January 21, grant recipients will be randomly selected and notified from the eligible applicants' pool until funds are expended. Visit foundla.org for details.

- California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant** – Round One of the Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program has closed. Applications for Round Two will open on February 2 and close on February 8. Applicants who submitted all necessary documents in the first round and met eligibility requirements, but do not receive a grant, do not need to reapply; applications will rollover. The California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development is administering the grant for small businesses that have been impacted by the health and safety restrictions imposed by COVID-19. The Grant Program provides micro-grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to eligible small businesses and nonprofits. CalOSBA will notify Round One applicants from January 15 through January 22 of grant awards. Funds will be disbursed over a 45-day verification period beginning January 22. Visit CAReliefGrant.com for grant requirements and eligibility.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	22,965,957 (+225,815)	383,351 (+4,096)
California ²	2,816,969 (+35,930)	31,654 (+552)
Los Angeles County ³	975,299 (+17,323)	13,234 (+287)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	966 (+9)	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%

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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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

The State updated tier assignments on January 12, 2021, 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%.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS			ICU AVAILABILITY IN REGION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ⁶
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU	
48,403	7,906	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 JANUARY 3 TO JANUARY 9, 2021	
AVAILABLE STAFFED NON-ICU HOSPITAL BEDS	AVAILABLE STAFFED ICU HOSPITAL BEDS
60 OF 2,185 (2.7%)	8 OF 479 (1.7%)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Increase in Penalties for Workplace Safety and Health Violations** – Effective January 15, the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration's (OSHA) civil penalty amounts for workplace safety and health violations will increase on cost-of-living adjustments for 2021. Read the [Federal Register notice](#) and visit the [OSHA Penalties](#) webpage for more information. To avoid penalties, OSHA offers a variety of options for employers looking for compliance assistance. The [On-Site Consultation Program](#) provides professional, high-quality, individualized service to small businesses at no cost. Employers can find out about potential

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](#).

hazards at their workplace, improve programs that are already in place, and even qualify for a one-year exemption from routine OSHA inspections. The consultation is confidential and will not be reported routinely to the OSHA inspection staff. No citations or penalties will be issued, and your only obligation is to correct serious job safety and health hazards. Visit [osha.gov](https://www.osha.gov) for details

- **Vaccination Update** – The [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) announced changes recently to the vaccination plan making more vaccine supplies available to all states](#). Along with the increase in vaccine supply, the federal government encouraged states to expand the pool to individuals 65 and older. However, Los Angeles County will not begin vaccinating people aged 65 and older until the vaccinations for healthcare workers are complete. The L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) will host a COVID-19 Vaccine Virtual Town Hall on Tuesday, January 19, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Attend to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, development, distribution in the County, and when it will be available to the general public. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/askcovidtownhall> to submit a question for the Town Hall and links to the live stream. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the County's COVID-19 Vaccine Email Newsletter for regular vaccine updates. Visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinatelacounty.com) for newsletter sign up and up to date information on vaccination information in the County.
- **Update on Testing** – As cases and hospitalizations rise, many residents believe they need to get tested for COVID-19. However, [County health officials stress that not everyone needs to test](#). It is essential to reserve testing for those who have a medical or public health need. Check with your health care provider if you think you need to get tested, just as you would with any other health care concern. There have been recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warnings regarding false-negative molecular tests. [Genetic variants of SARS-CoV-2 may lead to false-negative results with molecular tests for detection](#). The FDA has identified three molecular tests whose performance could be impacted by SARS-CoV-2 genetic variants: Accula SARS-Cov-2 Test, TaqPath COVID-19 Combo Kit, and Linea COVID-19 Assay Kit. Read FDA letter. See publichealth.lacounty.gov for details.
- **Workplace Outbreaks Surge COVID-19** – [Outbreaks at workplaces across the County, including grocery stores, retail food outlets, warehouses, manufacturing facilities, food manufacturing facilities, and other businesses, contribute to the surge in L.A. County](#). The largest increase is among general worksites, including warehouses, manufacturing facilities, and logistics companies, where outbreaks increased from 9 per week on November 1 to 44 per week on December 6. Schools and daycare setting outbreaks increased from 20 in November to 70 outbreaks by mid-December. These increases reflect a pattern of transmission: from worksite to home and back to worksites. Report concerns about workplace and customer safety protocols to Public Health online at publichealth.lacounty.gov or by calling (888) 700-9995, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (reports can be anonymous).
- **How to Find and Get a Small Business Grant** – Small business grants are an entrepreneur's dream because they offer money that does not have to be repaid. Finding, applying for, and winning small business grants can be daunting. Join L.A. County Public Works in a webinar on grants (private and government). The session will cover tools for researching small business grants, application tips to increase grant awards, and the current state of COVID-19 small business grants. Visit pwbusinessevents.yourgovla.org for details.
- **Coroner Preps for Surge Storage Capacity** – [The L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner \(DMEC\) had installed refrigerated storage units](#) in 2020, which remained

mostly unused. DMEC is expanding the capacity to meet future demands and is organizing a secondary location. Visit covid19.lacounty.gov for details.

- **Beware Small Business Owners** – The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) warns Small Business Owners as a target for a new COVID-19 scam. It starts with an email that claims to come from the "Small Business Administration Office of Disaster Assistance." It says you're eligible for a loan of up to \$250,000 and asks for personal information such as birth date and Social Security number. The FTC has warned about [government imposter scams](#) like this. For details and steps to protect yourself, visit ftc.gov.
- **Ensure Your Health App Protects Your Sensitive Information** – Some health apps promise to help manage health conditions, count calories and manage medications. These apps often ask for sensitive personal information, like your health history, medication list, or whether you have suffered a miscarriage. Some apps use sensitive information to give services, but others may use it to target you with ads or disclose, even sell your data to other companies. Unlike your doctor, these apps may not be covered by health privacy laws like HIPAA. In [a recent settlement, the FTC said that the Flo app makers shared users' personal health information](#) with marketing and analytics companies like Facebook and Google, even though it had promised users to keep this sensitive information private. Visit ftc.gov for details on how to avoid risks associated with health apps.
- **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 13 Update](#). 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 December. This daily number has remained very high but has appeared to level off. We have not yet fully seen the effect of transmission in the period from around Christmas to New Years'.
 - Based on the available information that only reflects transmission leading up to Christmas, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.97 with an uncertainty of 0.93 to 1.00. This is virtually identical to last week when the estimate for one week earlier was 0.97 with an uncertainty of 0.93 to 1.01.
 - Because of the time required for new exposures to result in illness severe enough to require hospitalization, the extent of transmission occurring during the last ten days in December through New Year's remains unclear. This makes it difficult to predict demand for hospital-based services reliably.
 - However, even if transmission during the last ten days in December and early January remained relatively controlled with an R near one, we would expect a continued very high demand for hospital-based services with a minimal supply 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.

Using a health app?

Here are some ways to **protect your privacy** and reduce the chance of identity theft and other fraud.



Compare options on privacy.

When you're considering a health app, ask some key questions.

- Why does the app collect your information?
- How does the app share your information — and with whom?
- Then, choose the app with the level of privacy you prefer.



Take control of your information.

Do app settings let you control the health information the app collects and shares?

And is your app up to date?



Know the risks.

Are the app's services worth risking your personal information getting into the wrong hands?



Report your concerns.

Do you think a health app shared personal information without your permission?

Tell the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov



Report identity theft.

Do you think your identity was stolen as a result of using a health app?

Report it at IdentityTheft.gov

- The model suggests that if transmission did not increase over the holidays, about 0.89% (uncertainty of 0.61% to 1.20%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
- This would suggest about 1 in 115 (between 1 in 165 and 1 in 80) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 125.
- Approximately 1 in 3 persons in Los Angeles County has been infected with COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – Los Angeles County has tragically experienced nearly 2,000 COVID-19 deaths in just a week and marked another grim milestone of recording more than 13,000 total COVID-19 deaths. DPH confirmed 287 new deaths, nine new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 17,323 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 975,299 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 13,234 deaths. Three deaths were pregnant women positive with COVID-19. As of January 11, there have been a total of eight deaths among the 5,009 pregnant women who tested positive for coronavirus. There are 7,906 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 21% of these people are in the ICU. The County has gone from under 800 people hospitalized with COVID-19 two months ago to slightly under 8,000 patients. The number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 must significantly decrease to relieve our overwhelmed hospitals and healthcare workers. According to the State, the Southern California Region continues to have 0% ICU capacity remaining. Testing results are available for approximately 5,120,000 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

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
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 (Virtual 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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning (See COVID-19 Dashboard)	Recently Opened