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## **COVID-19 Situation Report**

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### **CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES**

- **Beach Cities Health District Applies to Serve as Vaccination Site and Volunteers Solicited** – At today’s City Council meeting, Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) provided a report to the City Council indicating that an application has been submitted to Los Angeles County to utilize the AdventurePlex site (1701 Marine Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA) to conduct COVID-19 vaccinations. BCHD hopes that following approval by the County, the COVID-19 vaccination site can be activated in approximately two weeks. In anticipation of the vaccination site opening, BCHD is accepting volunteer referrals by calling the BCHD hotline at 310-374-3426.
- **Vaccinations for 65 and Older Population** – Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda Solis signed an executive order on Monday, January 18, making COVID-19 vaccine appointments available to residents aged 65 and older. Previously, older adults aged 65 and older were in Phase 1B and could only get vaccinated following healthcare workers. With the Executive Order, the residents aged 65 and older and healthcare workers will be simultaneously vaccinated.
- **Vaccination Sites** – [L.A. County has expanded COVID-19 vaccine distribution with the launch of five large-scale vaccination sites](#) to vaccinate those in phase 1A and residents 65 and older. The five sites are 1) Pomona Fairplex, 2) The Forum, 3) Cal State University Northridge, 4) L.A. County Office of Education, and 5) Six Flags Magic Mountain. The sites will be able to vaccinate 4,000 people per day. The large-scale vaccination sites are in addition to more than 75 vaccination locations that have been established to facilitate the administration of doses to individuals within Phase 1A, tiers 2 and 3.
- **How to Sign up for Vaccines** – L.A. County residents can utilize one of two options. 1) Visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com) or 2) Contact the Vaccination Call Center at (833) 540-0473 to schedule an appointment. Please be patient if there are no available appointments when you first visit the county’s website. Appointments are continually being added and more vaccination sites are scheduled to open in the coming weeks. Visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com) for up-to-date vaccine information, to schedule an appointment, to find out when you can receive a vaccine, and for newsletter sign up. The vaccine supply is still extremely limited, and Public Health urges County residents to be patient as they work with Federal and State partners to expand capacity and supply in the weeks ahead.
- **County Issues Statement Regarding Vaccination Website Issues** – The statement by the County read, “VaccinateLACounty.com’s reservation system is linked to the State of California system, which crashed for several hours Tuesday afternoon. Thousands of individuals were nevertheless able to schedule vaccination appointments and at this time there are no more appointment slots available at County sites. While we are continuing to work with our state partners to improve the functionality of the website, we ask for the public’s patience as we build capacity and supply. In addition, we are increasing capacity in our call center, beginning at 8

a.m. Wednesday, in order to assist those without computer access. Residents can call 833-540-0473 between 8:00 am and 8:30 pm 7 days a week. We apologize for the inconvenience to our residents during the system's first hours of operation, and encourage the public to continue to check VaccinateLACounty.com frequently for updates on vaccination appointment availability for eligible residents. We are likely to add additional appointments later this week.

Appointments can also be made for vaccinations at the Dodger Stadium vaccination site; please check [this website](#) to register for a vaccination appointment at Dodgers Stadium.

- **City Webpage on Vaccines** – The City has created a webpage regarding COVID-19 vaccines to serve a local source of information for the community. The page provides information on making an appointment and vaccine distribution phases/tiers. The page can be found at <https://www.citymb.info/services/learn-about/coronavirus/vaccines>. As additional information comes about, the page will be updated accordingly to ensure consistency with the County and BCHD.
- **Update on COVID-19 Deaths in Manhattan Beach** – Tragically, the City of Manhattan Beach lost another resident to COVID-19 raising the City's death count to nine community members. To the families that are mourning their loved ones who passed away from COVID-19, the City wishes you healing and peace. 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.
- **Library Sidewalk Service Temporarily Unavailable** – [The Manhattan Beach Sidewalk Service and Sidewalk Service at Los Angeles County Libraries will not be available beginning Tuesday, January 19 from 2:00 PM through Wednesday, January 20](#). Sidewalk Service will resume Thursday January 21. Library staff are available to answer questions by phone Monday, Wednesday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Tuesday 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Sidewalk Service holds pickup (when not closed) is available Monday, Wednesday – Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Tuesday 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Visit [lacounty.library.org](http://lacounty.library.org) for more information.
- **California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant** – The California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development administers a grant for small businesses and nonprofits 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. Round One of the Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program closed; CalOSBA began notifying grant awardees on January 15 and will complete notifications by January 22. 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. [View the CalOSBA recorded webinar for grant application tips](#) and visit [CAReliefGrant.com](http://CAReliefGrant.com) for grant requirements and eligibility.

## LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States <sup>1</sup>	23,839,868 (+185,949)	396,442 (+1,947)
California <sup>2</sup>	2,996,968 (+23,794)	33,739 (+146)
Los Angeles County <sup>3</sup>	1,031,874 (+7,902)	14,122 (+186)
Manhattan Beach <sup>4</sup>	1,013 (+4)	9 (+1)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
January 11 – January 17	63	2	94,485	1,598
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 <sup>5</sup>					
REPORTING DATE	COUNTY RISK LEVEL	CASES PER 100K	ADJUSTED CASE RATE	POSITIVITY RATE	HEALTH EQUITY METRIC
Current	Widespread	150.7	75.3	17.1%	22.4%
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
11/28	Widespread	38.7	19.4	6.8%	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Source: January 17, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

<sup>2</sup> Source: January 18, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

<sup>3</sup> Source: January 19, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

<sup>4</sup> Source: January 19, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

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

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS			ICU AVAILABILITY IN REGION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA <sup>6</sup>
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU	
51,372	7,322	24%	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 <sup>7</sup> 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

- Paycheck Protection Program Fully Re-Open** – In consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) [fully re-opened the Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) loan portal to all participating PPP lenders to submit First and Second Draw 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. 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/ppp](https://sba.gov/ppp) for details.
- New CA Safe Schools For All Hub Gives COVID-19 Plan Updates** – California's Safe Schools for All Plan establishes a clear path to minimize in-school transmissions and enable a phased return to in-person instruction and ongoing safe in-person instruction. The State launched the [Safe Schools For All Hub](#), which consolidates vital resources and information related to COVID-19 and schools. This new website for school administrators, staff, and parents outlines the funding, testing, and safety measures the State offers to support safe in-person instruction for California's kids. The State will be adding new resources to the Hub on a routine basis. Visit [schools.covid19.ca.gov](https://schools.covid19.ca.gov) for details.
- Managing In-Home Environmental Asthma Triggers During the Pandemic** – Join the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the AsthmaCommunityNetwork.Org Communities in Action for a webinar, Solutions for Supporting Healthy Children: Managing In-Home Environmental Asthma Triggers During the Pandemic. Experts worldwide will discuss strategies for and lessons learned about delivering in-home asthma care and environmental interventions during the pandemic, including telehealth virtual home visits. The webinar takes place Tuesday, January 26 at 11:00 AM. Send questions to connect with the featured speakers in the

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

<sup>7</sup> Source: January 19, 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](#).

AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org [Discussion Forum](#), a thirty-minute question and answer session following the webinar. [Advanced registration required.](#)

- **Emerging COVID-19 Variants** – [Multiple COVID-19 variants are circulating globally.](#) In the United Kingdom (U.K.), a new variant called B.1.1.7 emerged with many mutations. This variant spreads more easily and quickly than other variants. Currently, there is no evidence that it causes more severe illness or increased risk of death. In South Africa, another variant called 1.351 emerged independently of the U.K.'s variant. It shares some mutations with the variant detected in the U.K.; it has not been seen in the U.S. In Brazil, a variant called P.1 emerged in four travelers from Brazil, who tested during routine screening at Haneda airport outside Tokyo, Japan. These variants are leading to more cases of COVID-19. [View a map showing the number of confirmed variant cases in the United States.](#) The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) collaborates with other public health agencies and closely monitors the situation. [Per the CDC, air passengers are required to get a viral test within 3 days before a flight into the United States and provide documentation to the airline.](#) The CDC Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for details.
- **Workplace Guidance and Strategies to Respond to COVID-19** – [While outbreaks at workplaces surge across L.A. County,](#) the CDC provides [Workplace Guidance and Strategies](#) to prevent and reduce transmission and maintain healthy business operations and work environments. Implementing the guidance may help avert workplace exposures to COVID-19 in [non-healthcare settings](#); independent advice is available for [healthcare settings](#). CDC also has [guidance for critical infrastructure work settings](#). Supportive policies and practices protect employees from illness. Employees can report concerns about workplace and customer safety protocols to Public Health online at [publichealth.lacounty.gov](https://publichealth.lacounty.gov) or by calling (888) 700-9995, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (reports can be anonymous).
- **New Exposure and Screening Decision Pathways for Educational Institutions** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) published the [Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Symptomatic Persons and Contacts of a Potentially Infected Persons at Educational Institutions.](#) View the document for different pathways such as 1) children or employees at an educational institution and their close contacts at the facility screened for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure before entry into an educational institution and 2) Decision pathway for contacts of a potentially infected child or employee at an educational institution. The Decision Pathways also includes guidance for child and employee with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 at an educational institution. Visit [publichealth.lacounty.gov](https://publichealth.lacounty.gov) for details.
- **Employment Tax Relief for Employers** – The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released [Notice 2021-11](#) addressing how [employers who elected to defer certain employees' taxes can withhold and pay the deferred taxes throughout 2021 instead of just the first four months of the year.](#) COVID-19 pandemic tax relief information can be found on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).
- **EDD Implementing Extended Federal Benefits** – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) is implementing the extended federal unemployment benefits that Congress approved in late December. 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 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. There are a few new provisions to be implemented for the PUA program intended to support business owners, the self-employed, independent contractors, and others who don't qualify for regular UI but were impacted by one of the federally accepted COVID-19 reasons. Visit [edd.ca.gov](#) for details.

- **California Competes Tax Credit** - The California Competes Tax Credit (CCTC) is an income tax credit available to businesses that want to locate in California or stay and grow in California. Companies of any industry, size, or location compete for over \$180 million available in tax credits by applying in one of the three application periods each year. Applicants will be analyzed based on twelve different evaluation factors, including the number of full-time jobs being created, the amount of investment, and strategic importance to the State or region. The first application period closes on January 25. Visit [business.ca.gov](#) for details.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 186 new deaths, one new death in Manhattan Beach, four new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 7,902 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,031,874 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 14,122 deaths. There are 7,322 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 24% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 5,266,000 individuals, with 19% 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 <sup>8</sup>	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

<sup>8</sup> 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 <a href="#">Virtual Parks and Recreation Programs</a>	June 12 (with modifications)
Trash/Recycling Services	Normal	N/A
Sewer Services	Normal	N/A
Street Sweeping	Normal	June 15
Businesses	Varies (See <a href="http://citymb.info/RecoverMB">citymb.info/RecoverMB</a> )	N/A
City Hall	Closed (Limited Service Operations)	N/A
Construction Activity	Normal (Inspections Ongoing) (with Exposure Control Plans and <a href="#">Social Distancing Measures See Press Release 4/3/20</a> )	N/A
Building Permits	Limited (Processing current permits but limited new permits)	N/A
Transportation (Beach Cities Transit)	Modified Services (See <a href="http://citymb.info/COVIDstatus">citymb.info/COVIDstatus</a> )	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 ( <a href="#">See Ordinance</a> )	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 ( <a href="#">See Parks and Facilities</a> )	N/A
Farmers Market	Open Every Tuesday	N/A
County Library	Closed ( <a href="#">Sidewalk Service</a> )	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning ( <a href="#">See COVID-19 Dashboard</a> )	Recently Opened