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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **City Unveils Loan Program to Assist Local Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19** - In response to businesses facing decreased revenues and possible closures following coronavirus restrictions, the City of Manhattan Beach has created a \$250,000 fund to assist local small businesses by offering loans up to \$10,000. The City Council established the fund to help local small businesses in the City of Manhattan Beach. The loan program will begin accepting applications on Wednesday, January 27, on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are exhausted. The amount of assistance will range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Visit citymb.info/covidloans for details.
- **County to Align with State Restrictions Following Governor Action** - On Monday, January 25, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom lifted the Regional Stay-At-Home order for the State of California based on the State's four-week projection indicating that ICU capacities in all regions meeting the 15% minimum bed availability requirement. This has returned all California counties, including Los Angeles County, to the color-coded tiered system in the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Following the State's action, Los Angeles County reinstated the Health Officer Order issued on November 25 and plans to issue an additional Health Officer Order on Friday to allow outdoor dining to resume on January 29 fully align with all the sector openings permitted in the purple tier. However, effective immediately, the following services/activities may resume with the proper safety protocols in place per the Health Officer Order.
 - Private gatherings outdoors up to three households and up to a total of 15 people
 - Museums, zoos, aquariums outdoor operations at 50% occupancy
 - Cardrooms outdoor operations at 50% occupancy
 - Miniature golf, go karts, batting cages outdoor operations at 50% occupancy
 - Outdoor recreational activities are open
 - Hotels & motels for tourism and individual travel allowed
 - Fitness facilities open for outdoor operations
 - Personal care services open indoors at 25% capacity
 - Indoor mall, shopping center, lower-risk retail open at 25% indoor capacity; food courts and common areas closed.
- **Beach Cities Health District Seeks Volunteers** - Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) is looking for medical and non-medical volunteers to assist with COVID-19 objectives. Positions include vaccinations, testings, and positive result phone calls; time commitment varies. Visit bchd.org/volunteer for details.
- **AARP Tax-Aide Returns to Assist Manhattan Beach Older Adults in 2021** - The IRS has delayed the tax filing season to begin February 12, 2021. The [AARP Foundation Tax-Aide](#) will be providing free tax preparation service for the upcoming tax season, including in Manhattan Beach. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be changes in the way Tax-Aide will offer

service, abiding by all safety standards. Starting February 3, the AARP Tax-Aide phone line (424) 256-5194 will open to assist callers in initiating the process. Callers will receive a packet of information emailed to them. If the caller does not have an email, other arrangements will be made. Tax-Aide phone hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. The first day for scanning tax-related documents in Manhattan Beach will be February 17. Do not show up to have your documents scanned without first contacting AARP Tax-Aide. AARP Tax-Aide will begin doing Tax Returns remotely, starting February 15. Tax-Aide developed a program that provides the capability to prepare returns in a safe, minimal contact manner.

- **Register for MyTurn.CA.gov** – Register to find out when it's your turn to get vaccinated at [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov). [My Turn](https://myturn.ca.gov) is currently a pilot in the Los Angeles and San Diego counties and will be statewide in February. The technology is from California companies Salesforce and Skedulo and implemented by Accenture. The new system lets Californians learn when they are eligible to be vaccinated and provide the functionality to make an appointment when the resident is eligible. Healthcare providers will use My Turn to automatically share data on vaccines received and administered with the State, reducing reporting lag times.
- **Where L.A. County Stands on the States Tier System** – [On Monday, January 25, the State lifted the Regional Stay at Home Order](#) and moved all counties back into the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) – the criteria used to loosen and tighten regulations on activities. This action comes as projected ICU availability rose above 15%. The State updated tier assignments today. [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 96.5 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 48.2. The County's overall test positivity rate is 13.9%. The [health equity metric](#) is 18.3%.
- **Recent Press Releases** –
 - [City Unveils Loan Program to Assist Local Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19](#) (1/25/2021)

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	25,152,433 (+133,913)	419,827 (+1,891)
California ²	3,153,186 (+17,028)	37,527 (+409)
Los Angeles County ³	1,085,044 (+5,927)	15,592 (+291)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,060 (+6)	11 (0)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
January 18 – January 24	53	3	58,449	1,402
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

¹ Source: January 25, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: January 25, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: January 26, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: January 26, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

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
1/26	Widespread	96.5	48.2	13.9%	18.3%
1/19	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

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
55,176	6,307	25%

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 ⁶	
JANUARY 17 TO JANUARY 23, 2021	
AVAILABLE STAFFED NON-ICU HOSPITAL BEDS	AVAILABLE STAFFED ICU HOSPITAL BEDS
88 OF 2,055 (4.3%)	9 OF 428 (2.1%)

⁵ Source: January 26, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

⁶ Source: January 26, 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](#).

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Updated National Strategy to Beat COVID-19** – President Biden and Vice President Harris have unveiled a seven-point plan to beat COVID-19. The [National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness January 21, 2021](#) document may be downloaded and viewed from WhiteHouse.gov. The seven points in the Biden-Harris Strategy Plan are highlighted below:
 1. Ensure all Americans have access to regular, reliable, and free testing.
 2. Fix personal protective equipment (PPE) problems for good.
 3. Provide clear, consistent, evidence-based guidance for how communities should navigate the pandemic – and the resources for schools, small businesses, and families to make it through.
 4. Plan for the effective, equitable distribution of treatments and vaccines because development isn't enough if they aren't effectively distributed.
 5. Protect older Americans and others at high risk.
 6. Rebuild and expand defenses to predict, prevent, and mitigate pandemic threats, including those coming from China.
 7. Implement mask mandates nationwide by working with governors and mayors and by asking the American people to do what they do best: stepping up in a time of crisis.
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – The State addressed several measures in response to the pandemic:
 - [Governor Newsom announced a series of improvements to the State's vaccination plan](#) to simplify, standardize and address supply needs based on lessons learned to increase vaccination pace. The Governor promoted the use of My Turn, a system for Californians to know when they are eligible to be vaccinated and a place to make an appointment when eligible. The system also tracks vaccination data. Healthcare providers will use My Turn to automatically share vaccine data received and administered with the State, reducing lag times.
 - [Governor Newsom and legislative leaders issued a joint statement on the extension of the eviction moratorium through June 30, 2021](#). The State is moving as quickly as possible to deploy California's share of the latest federal stimulus bill to ensure that up to \$2.6 billion in renter aid is administered equitably.
 - [Governor Newsom signed an executive order](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, extending the validity of medical cannabis identification cards that would otherwise have expired.
- **Practical Guide to Patents and Trade Secrets for Small Businesses** – Kick-off 2021 by learning about the top legal issues for small businesses in the age of COVID-19. Los Angeles County Department of Consumer & Business Affairs (DCBA) brings together top lawyers to present webinars on relevant areas for the small business community impacted by COVID-19. Join DCBA on Thursday, January 28 at 11:00 AM for A Practical Guide to Patents and Trade Secrets for Small Businesses. Protecting your intellectual property is a matter of critical importance for small business owners. This webinar will delve into the elements of two distinct but related forms of intellectual property – Patents and Trade Secrets – as well as practical aspects of seeking and securing protection. [Advance registration required](#). Visit [dcba.lacounty.gov](#) for other services available to small businesses.

- Additional Cases Reported of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)**– [L.A. County Public Health \(DPH\) recently reported](#) eight additional cases of [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children](#) (MIS-C). This brings the total cases of MIS-C in L.A. County to 62 children, including one child death. All 62 children with MIS-C in L.A. County were hospitalized, and 45% of the children were treated in the ICU. Of the children with MIS-C, 31% were under the age of 5 years old, 37% were between the ages of 5 and 11 years old, and 32% were between 12 and 20 years old. Latino/Latinx children account for nearly 74% of the reported cases. Most children exposed to or infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, develop only a mild form of the illness. However, others develop MIS-C, a severe, sometimes fatal, inflammation of organs and tissues, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, and eyes or gastrointestinal organs resulting in lifelong health impacts. While not all children will have every MIS-C symptom, the symptoms include fever, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, rash, bloodshot eyes, and or feeling extra tired. If you believe your child is displaying MIS-C symptoms, contact your primary care or an urgent care provider. Seek emergency care for critical or life-threatening conditions. If you do not have a primary care provider, dial 2-1-1, and L.A. County will help connect you to one. Visit [cdc.gov](#) for more information on MIS-C and [publichealth.lacounty.gov](#) for more details on MIS-C in L.A. County.
- Resolve to Be Ready in 2021 – Ten Ready-Made Tips You Can Use to Prepare for Disaster** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Division will host a webinar for participants to be ready in 10 steps. This webinar will help you learn how you can prepare for any disaster. Become more confident and less anxious in a disaster! In this presentation, FEMA will go over how you can effectively develop an individual emergency preparedness plan to ready yourself and your family. You'll learn what notifications you need, emergency supplies to have, how to create a family communications plan and prepare for the unique needs of your household, and more. The webinar occurs Wednesday, February 3, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. [Advanced registration is required.](#)
- FEMA Youth Preparedness Council** – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting applications for the [Youth Preparedness Council](#) through March 7. Students in grades eight through 11 can apply. [Join today's young leaders](#) who are interested in supporting disaster preparedness and making a difference. To learn more about the Youth Preparedness Council, visit [Ready.gov](#).
- Preventing Exploitation and Human Trafficking Among Youth in a COVID Environment** – The [Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\) Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives](#) recognizes National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month by highlighting youth prevention programs, strategies, and resources to counter exploitation and human trafficking in a COVID environment. Learn about youth vulnerability in a COVID environment, prevention strategies, and cultural sensitivities in supporting youth impacted by trauma. In a panel discussion, learn from three nonprofit youth prevention educational programs. Find out about the Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Trafficking in Persons, and the [DHS Blue Campaign](#) youth prevention resources. The Faithful Action: Preventing Exploitation and Human Trafficking Among Youth in a COVID Environment webinar occur Thursday, January 28, from 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM. [Advanced registration required.](#) Visit [femacqpubl.connectsolution.com](#) for details.
- L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 291 new deaths, six new cases of COVID-19 in Manhattan Beach, and 5,927 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,085,044 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total

of 15,592 deaths. There are 6,307 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 25% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 5,410,000 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 I ⁷	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

⁷ 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
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 Community Center, Live Oak Park Community Center)	Closed	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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