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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **City Now Accepting Applications for Loans to Assist Local Small Businesses** - 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 businesses in Manhattan Beach. Applications will be accepted 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.
- **Your Action Saves Lives** - While the restrictions have changed, Manhattan Beach must remain diligent. Tragically, over 16,000 people have passed away from COVID-19 in Los Angeles County, and eleven residents from our City. 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.
- **Vaccination Update and Second Doses** - COVID-19 vaccine supply remains very limited. At this time, only Los Angeles County healthcare workers in Phase 1A and County residents age 65 and older are eligible to get their vaccination. Every resident is guaranteed a second dose. And most individuals will be able to receive their second dose at the same site where they received their first dose. Many individuals vaccinated at a County site received the date and location of their second dose appointment on their vaccination card, which will be 21 days after their first dose if they received a Pfizer vaccine and 28 days after their first dose of the Moderna vaccine. Residents will need to confirm the time that works for them via a registration link emailed to them. When new appointments become available, residents with internet access and a computer are urged to visit VaccinateLACounty.com to sign up. On the website, you can also learn about the vaccination phases, determine when you can get vaccinated, and sign-up for the COVID-19 vaccine newsletter. Residents without Internet access or disabilities may contact the Vaccination Call Center at (833) 540-0473 to schedule an appointment. Call Center hours are 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM, seven days a week.
- **Upcoming Health Officer Order** - The restrictions for outdoor dining at restaurants, breweries, wineries, and bars are expected to be lifted in modified orders scheduled to be issued by the Department of Public Health on Friday, January 29. Visit covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy to find the status of activities in the County, risk level and guidance for each business/service.
- **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	25,456,670 (+155,504)	427,626 (+4,107)
California ²	3,186,610 (+16,696)	38,961 (+737)
Los Angeles County ³	1,097,941 (+6,592)	16,107 (+213)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,068 *(-1)	11 (0)

*L.A. County Public Health received updated or further information on patient records after initial reports, which may alter case counts.

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
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%

¹ Source: January 27, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: January 27, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: January 28, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: January 28, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm> *L.A. County Public Health received updated or further information on patient records after initial reports, which altered case counts.

⁵ Source: January 26, 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		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
57,924	6,026	26%

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%)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** - [Governor Newsom signed an executive order to bolster the State's efforts to vaccinate as many Californians as possible and as quickly as possible](#). The order:
 - Confirms that existing law protects health care professionals and providers from legal liability when they participate in the State's vaccine administration program;
 - Makes clear that this protection extends to others working under their supervision or instruction, consistent with applicable State directives and guidance; and
 - Directs the Department of Consumer Affairs' disciplinary bodies to prioritize disciplinary proceedings and investigations against licensees who are alleged to have diverted vaccine supplies for financial gain.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Progress** - Once a week, the federal government announces anticipated vaccine allocation figures for each State. The number of allocated doses provided by the federal government is a projection and subject to change. It can take a week or longer between when the federal government allocates doses to when they arrive at public health offices or providers and are ready for administration. The [California COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#) provides information on the States progress. Visit covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#California-vaccines-dashboard for details.

⁶ Source: January 27, 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](#).

- Update on Safe Schools for All** – Governor Newsom announced the [Safe Schools for All Plan](#), the framework to support the safe operations of K-12 schools that are currently open for in-person instruction, and advance a phased-in approach to expanding the number of schools safely serving students in-person. A vital piece of this framework was creating a cross-agency [Safe Schools for All Team](#) composed of dedicated staff from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Cal/OSHA, and educational agencies. The Safe Schools for All Team addressed the schools re-opening in the letter [Safe Schools for All Plan and Near-Term Key Issues Regarding School Re-openings](#), highlighting re-opening details and distancing. Visit the [Safe Schools for All Hub](#) at schools.covid19.ca.gov to view the letter and other added updates and resources. Updates include funding, testing, and safety measures the State offers to support safe in-person instruction. Resources include two new portals. The first is for school administrators, leaders, and staff to directly connect with the State Safe Schools for All Team seeking specific guidance and support to safely plan for a phased return to in-person instruction and minimize in-school transmissions. The tool is titled [Portal for School Leaders to Request Technical Assistance from the State Safe Schools For All Team](#). The second is for concerned school staff and parents to provide feedback/report a COVID concern at a California school titled [Portal for School Staff and Parents to Report Concerns for Potential State Intervention and Enforcement](#).
- 30 Days of Self Care with COVID Coach** – During times of stress, it's especially important to set time aside for self-care. The COVID Coach mobile app walks you through 30 different self-care practices that can help you learn about self-help and coping, managing your well-being, setting and tracking personal goals, and getting support when you need it. The COVID Coach app was created by the Mobile Apps Team at the National Center for PTSD. While some content and resources are specifically for Veterans, the majority of the COVID Coach app information can be used by anyone. [View the Introduction to the COVID Coach app Video](#) and visit va.gov for details.
- News to Know from the IRS**– The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that the nation's tax season starts on Friday, February 12, 2021, when the tax agency will begin accepting and processing 2020 tax year returns. [The IRS outlines steps to speed refunds during the pandemic](#). Visit irs.gov for online tax preparation products available at no charge giving taxpayers an early start to preparing returns and [claiming credits like the Earned Income Tax credit and the Recovery Rebate Credit](#). News for business owners includes:

 - The IRS urges employers to take advantage of the newly-extended [employee retention credit](#), designed to make it easier for businesses, despite challenges posed by COVID-19, to choose to keep their employees on the payroll.
 - The Treasury Department and the IRS issued [guidance allowing deductions for the payments of eligible expenses](#) when such costs would result (or be expected to result) in the forgiveness of a loan (covered loan) under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).
 - Read about [IRS Notice 2021-11](#), which addresses how employers who elected to defer individual employees' taxes can withhold and pay the deferred taxes throughout 2021 instead of just the first four months of the year.
- Identify Risks of Identity Theft During the COVID-19 Pandemic** – The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recognizes Identity Theft Awareness Week, February 1 to 5, with a series of events consumers can participate in to reduce their risk of identity theft and recover if identity theft occurs. For example, on Monday, February 1, the Identity Theft Resource Center and FTC experts discuss identity theft during the pandemic. On Thursday, February 4, the AARP Fraud

Watch Network will cover identity theft, current trends, and how to protect yourself. Visit ftc.gov/IDtheftweek for details.

- **NIH Database Tracks Neurological Symptoms of COVID-19** – The National Institutes of Health (NIH), the nation's medical research agency, launched a database to track neurological symptoms associated with COVID-19. The body's response to COVID-19 infection on the brain, spinal cord, nerves, and muscle can be particularly devastating. A new database will collect information from clinicians about COVID-19-related neurological symptoms, complications, and outcomes, as well as COVID-19 effects on pre-existing neurological conditions. The COVID-19 Neuro Databank/Biobank (NeuroCOVID) will be a clinical information and biospecimen resource from people of all ages who have experienced neurological problems associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection. The database may provide insight into how COVID-19 affects the nervous system and how common, or rare, such complications are. Visit nih.gov for details.
- **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 27 Update](#). The underlying statistical prediction model is unchanged from last week. The update includes data on hospitalizations through January 25, 2021. Key findings in the report include:
 - The number of new patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization each day across Los Angeles County, although still very high, has decreased. The illness severity in hospitalized patients remains very high, with high demand for intensive care, mechanical ventilation, and high mortality.
 - Based on hospitalization information that reflects transmission in early January, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.85 with an uncertainty of 0.81 to 0.88. Our prior estimate for one week earlier was 0.94 with an uncertainty of 0.90 to 0.97.
 - Based on the pattern in hospitalizations, we expect a continued high but decreasing demand for hospital-based services with a limited supply of hospital beds and continued shortages in ICU beds over the next four weeks. The number of ventilators in Los Angeles County appears adequate over the next four weeks. We expect average daily mortality to continue to be very high but then fall in the next 1 to 2 weeks.
 - An increase in behaviors that increase transmission could increase the number of hospitalized patients in about three 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 that about 0.39% (uncertainty of 0.24% to 0.61%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
 - This would suggest about 1 in 260 (between 1 in 430 and 1 in 160) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 130.
 - 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** – DPH confirmed 213 new deaths and 6,592 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,097,941 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 16,107 deaths. COVID-19 deaths reflect transmission that occurred weeks earlier. Because of the recent surge in cases and hospitalizations earlier this month, the County will likely continue to experience a high number of deaths a day for some time. As of January 25, there have been a total of nine deaths among the 5,569 pregnant women who tested positive for COVID-19. Among the 3,405 births where there was testing information, 46 infants tested positive for the virus. DPH urges expecting and new moms to take extra care and remain home as much as possible to avoid exposure to COVID-19. If you are sick or positive for COVID-19 and breastfeeding, wear a mask while breastfeeding or bottle-feeding, and be sure to wash your hands before touching the baby or any pump or bottle. If possible, ask someone else to feed the baby breastmilk by the bottle. [Public Health has detailed guidance for expecting and new moms available online](#). There are 6,026 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 26% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 5,446,000 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 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	June 12 (with modifications)

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
	See Virtual Parks and Recreation Programs	
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
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 (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