



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Local Vaccine Site Update** – The City continues to work with the County and the Beach Cities Health District to create a local vaccine distribution site. However, the County Department of Public Health (DPH) has advised cities that DPH will be pausing activities related to Medical Point of Dispensary (MPOD) planning or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) development with city partners in order to clarify network requirements with the state. DPH is currently awaiting guidance from the State regarding the standardizing and streamlining of vaccine prioritization, dose allocation, and vaccine administration through a centralized third-party administrator, Blue Shield of CA. Blue Shield will be tasked with creating a network of approved healthcare providers to manage vaccinations across the state. Based on the announced State changes, DPH expects these developments to modify local vaccination planning. Regardless of the setback, the City of Manhattan Beach and partners will continue to stay engaged on the issue and be ready to serve as a local vaccine distribution site.
- **Vaccination Update from the County** - VaccinateLACounty.com connects residents eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations to appointment registration links and more. Visit VaccinateLACounty.com to [Find Out When You Can Receive a Vaccine](#). Vaccines remain very limited. Last week, the State announced transitioning to a more centralized distribution system managed by a third-party administrator, Blue Shield of California. DPH is working with the State to ensure efficient and equitable distribution of the vaccine. As appointments become available, residents with Internet access are urged to use the website to sign up. Residents with disabilities or without Internet access may contact the Vaccination Call Center to schedule an appointment at (833) 540-0473 daily 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM.
- **Face Covering Enforcement** – Since July, the City has enforced the City's face covering requirement as required by [Emergency Order No. 20](#). In response to community concerns, the City has renewed efforts to enforce and remind the community of the City's face covering requirements by targeting enforcement in areas of congestion such as the Strand and Greenbelt at times of increased congestion.
- **City Continues to Accept Applications for Loans to Assist Local Small Businesses** – Thus far, the City has received 15 applications amounting to \$115,00 in requests for financial assistance. Additionally, the City expects to begin distributing checks to approved loan applicants next week. **Background** - In response to businesses facing decreased revenues and possible closures following coronavirus restrictions, the City of Manhattan Beach 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 are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are exhausted. The amount of assistance ranges from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Visit citymb.info/covidloans for details.

- **Reflections on Black History Month** – As we kick off African American Heritage Month, we must remember and acknowledge our own history at Bruce’s Beach. The Council has assembled the Bruce’s Beach Task Force to properly acknowledge and address this history. You can read more about what happened at Bruce’s Beach, the task force, and the work that they are doing here: www.citymb.info/BrucesBeachTaskForce
- **Your Action Saves Lives** – Although Los Angeles County has lifted some restrictions, the risk of spreading the virus is still high. If the cases and hospitalizations spike again, restrictions could be reimposed. The public is encouraged to continue to stay at home as much as possible and always wear a face covering when outside their household and around others.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	26,160,210 (+125,735)	441,831 (+1,876)
California ²	3,270,770 (+12,064)	41,330 (+422)
Los Angeles County ³	1,124,558 (+3,763)	17,057 (+205)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,102 (+6)	11 (0)

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	MANHATTAN BEACH		LOS ANGELES	
	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES	NEW DEATHS
January 25 – January 31	44	0	43,781	1,520
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
2/2	Widespread	61.2	38.7	11.3%	15.0%

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

² Source: February 1, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: February 2, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: February 2, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: February 2, 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
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

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. While [Los Angeles County remains in Tier One](#) (Purple), with "widespread" risk and the [most restrictions](#), there has been an improvement. According to the State's website, L.A. County reflects 61.2 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), decreasing from 96.5, with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 38.7. The County's overall test positivity rate decreased from 13.9% to 11.3%. The [health equity metric](#) also reduced from 18.3% to 15.0%. Visit covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy to find the status of activities in the County, risk level, and guidance for each business/service.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
60,718	5,259	27%

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 24 TO JANUARY 30, 2021	
AVAILABLE STAFFED NON-ICU HOSPITAL BEDS	AVAILABLE STAFFED ICU HOSPITAL BEDS
92 OF 2,079 (4.4%)	16 OF 418 (3.8%)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

⁶ Source: February 2, 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 Testing** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) reminds everyone to talk to their healthcare provider and get a test for COVID-19 if you have symptoms of COVID-19. If you have signs or test positive for COVID-19, isolate yourself immediately from your family and others. For residents 65 years old and older with health problems such as a chronic disease or a weak immune system, it is essential to let your doctor know that you have these new symptoms. If you need help finding a doctor, call the Los Angeles County Information line 2-1-1, which is available 24/7. If you have severe symptoms, including difficulty breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, inability to wake or stay awake and bluish lips or face, go to an emergency room or call 9-1-1. Visit publichealth.lacounty.gov for information on testing.
- **School Safety – Involving Students in Creating Safer Schools** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Division will host ten one hour webinars in ten weeks featuring ten steps you can take to prepare in 2021. Topics covered will include FEMA's Student Tools for Emergency Planning program and other ways to empower youth to be preparedness leaders in their schools. School Administrators, teachers, staff; individuals and families; youth-serving organizations, volunteer and faith-based organizations; are encouraged to attend. The first webinar occurs Wednesday, February 3, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. [Advanced registration is required.](#)
- **SBA Grants One Year 8(a) Program Extensions** – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) published an interim final rule allowing 8(a) Program participants to elect a one-year program extension in the SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program due to the challenges of COVID-19. The 8(a) program helps firms develop and grow their businesses through one-to-one counseling, training workshops, management, and technical guidance. It also provides access to government contracting opportunities, allowing small businesses to become solid competitors in the federal marketplace. Visit sba.gov for details.
- **Shuttered Venues Operators Grant** – The SBA provides emergency assistance for eligible venues affected by the COVID pandemic. The Shuttered Venue Operators (SVO) Grant program was established by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act in December 2020. The program includes \$15 billion in grants to shuttered venues, to be administered by the SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance. Eligible applicants may qualify for SVO Grants equal to 45% of their gross earned revenue, with the maximum amount available for a single grant award of \$10 million. \$2 billion is reserved for eligible applications with up to 50 full-time employees. See the [SVO Frequently Asked Questions for information](#). Visit sba.gov for grant details.
- **Small Business Stabilization Loan** – Re-openings and recovery are on the way, and so are loans for businesses impacted by the COVID pandemic. The intent of the Small Business Stabilization Loan Program sponsored by the Los Angeles County Development Authority is to prevent job loss and business closures. The Program will provide flexible and affordable capital to small businesses Countywide. The Program will provide eligible businesses with a competitive interest rate for loans ranging from \$50,000 to \$3 million. Companies interested in applying for the Program must have been in operation for at least two years and are seeking working capital, equipment purchases, real estate acquisition, refinancing, etc. To apply for the Small Business Stabilization Loan, applicants must attend an online [Applying for An Affordable & Flexible LACDA Loan webinar](#). Visit BizStabilization.LACDA.org for details.
- **Food Innovation Opportunities** - As the global food system transforms, the San Francisco Bay Area leads as an innovation hub for top agrifoodtech and biotech companies, investors,

universities, chefs, and farmers to shape the future of food. The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development invites the public to attend GlobalSF Future of Food with opening remarks from Kaina Pereira, Go-Biz's Senior Advisor, Business Development and International Trade. Join in on a panel discussion on both the investment and the business perspectives of food innovation in the San Francisco Bay Area. The webinar takes place Thursday, February 4, at 10:00 AM. [Registration is required.](#)

- L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 205 new deaths, six new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 3,763 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,124,558 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 17,057 deaths. The County had experienced more than 7,000 new COVID-19 deaths in a little over a month, when on December 30, DPH reported 10,000 COVID-19 deaths. By comparison, deaths between February and October totaled 7,000. Testing results are available for approximately 5,530,000 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 has 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) 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 See Virtual Parks and Recreation Programs	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
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
Meetings and Gatherings	Prohibited (See Ordinance)	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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