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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Our Community, Our Loss** – While the L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) sees a downward trend in numbers, we need to remain diligent. Tragically, DPH confirmed two additional residents from Manhattan Beach passed away yesterday of COVID-19. In total, Manhattan Beach grieves for thirteen residents. The City shares our deepest condolences to everyone who is mourning the loss of a family member, a loved one, or a friend. Our thoughts are with you. Yesterday, DPH also confirmed a third case of the COVID-19 variant initially discovered in the United Kingdom. The presence of this variant in Los Angeles County means virus transmission can happen more quickly, and residents and businesses must be more diligent at implementing and following all standard public health safety measures, including face coverings, distancing, and handwashing.
- **City Council Extends Deadline for Business License Taxes** – At the February 2, 2021 meeting, City Council took an additional measure to address COVID-19 impacts that consisted of extending the annual Business License Tax Submittals' deadline from April 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021.
- **Celebrate Super Bowl Weekend Safely** – Let's kick-off Super Bowl weekend by kicking-out COVID-19! Celebrate safely by avoiding gatherings, not mixing households, wearing a face covering, and staying 6 feet apart from others. Plan to enjoy the Super Bowl without putting your friends, family, and neighbors at risk. Viewing the game on restaurants' and breweries' televisions and big screens are not allowed this year. Watch the big game at home with only people you live with and video chat with family and friends during the game. Super Bowl parties have the power to derail our recovery. Given the likelihood that more infectious variants are circulating in our community, let's not take chances with our health and the health of others by creating opportunities for the virus to spread. Visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website to view [Safer Ways to Enjoy the Super Bowl](#) suggestions. Be safe and save lives.
- **Downtown Street Closure to Assist Restaurants** – Beginning February 12, the City will implement a targeted temporary street closure on Manhattan Avenue to allow additional social distancing at restaurants offering outdoor dining in the public right-of-way. Manhattan Avenue between Manhattan Beach Boulevard and 12th Street will be closed to vehicles, with Center Place remaining open for east-west traffic only. The street closure will remain in effect until further notice, subject to an assessment by the City. The City encourages residents and motorists to take Highland Avenue for north-south travel and reminds the community that Center Place should be used for local traffic only. Visit citymb.info for more details.
- **Restaurant Dining Protocols** – DPH modified the [Health Officer Order](#) and the [Protocol for Restaurants, Breweries & Wineries](#) to closely align with the sector re-openings permitted in the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). Outdoor dining at restaurants, wineries, and breweries are allowed to reopen with additional safety measures to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. The new Order states that 1) customers must wear face coverings until food or drinks arrive and after finishing a meal; 2) customers must wear a face covering when the server approaches the table; 3) face coverings must be worn when customers leave the table; 4) customers may not walk around or stand while eating or drinking; and 5) customers must wash or sanitize their hands.

- **Manhattan Beach Police Department Begins Vaccinations** –Manhattan Beach police officers have begun to receive COVID-19 vaccines. Thankfully with the vaccinations, the Police Department will be in the best position to continue to protect, serve, and respond to emergencies and keep our community safe.
- **Contribute to the City's Budget Survey** - The City is preparing recommendations to the City Council for the annual budget and wants to know what matters most to you. Tell us what YOUR budget priorities are and the most critical areas the City should invest in for the upcoming year by participating in a brief survey. The survey allows the community and stakeholders to learn how the City expends funds, examine where revenue stems from, prioritize infrastructure projects, provide input on addressing COVID-19 impacts, and budget how to "spend a dollar" worth of the City's general fund. Community members have until Friday, February 12, at 3:00 PM to participate in the survey. Take the [quick survey](#) now.
- **Recent Press Release**
 - [City to Implement Temporary Street Closure in Downtown Manhattan Beach to Assist Restaurants with Social Distancing Efforts](#) 2/3/2021

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	26,398,337 (+121,212)	449,020 (+3,756)
California ²	3,294,447 (+13,176)	42,466 (+655)
Los Angeles County ³	1,134,338 (+5,028)	17,539 (+239)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,110 (+6)	13 (0)

The change reflects daily increases, not increases from the prior situation report.

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

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%
1/26	Widespread	96.5	48.2	13.9%	18.3%
1/19	Widespread	150.7	75.3	17.1%	22.4%

¹ Source: February 3, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: February 3, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: February 4, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: February 4, 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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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%

The State updated tier assignments on February 2, 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
61,273	4,990	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

- **California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Closes Monday** – Round Two of the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant closes Monday, February 8. Interested applicants may attend a webinar that occurs daily at 11:00 AM; [registration is required](#). 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. [View the CalOSBA recorded webinar for grant application tips](#) and visit CAReliefGrant.com for grant requirements and eligibility.
- **Vaccination Update** – [President Biden and Governor Newsom announced two large-scale Community Vaccination Sites pilot programs in Oakland and East Los Angeles targeting](#)

⁶ Source: February 3, 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](#).

[communities hardest hit by COVID-19](#). These two sites will serve as pilot projects for federal efforts to open vaccination sites nationwide and be co-run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of California through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). The Community Vaccination Sites aligns with the State's mission to address community needs and ensure an effective process to vaccinate as many Californians as possible. The Community Vaccination Site will also help improve L.A. County's health equity metric. Registration for vaccine appointments at these two sites will be available through the State's [MyTurn](#) scheduling system in the coming days; the expected open date is February 6.

- **Resources to Protect Tenants and Property Owners** – The COVID-19 pandemic has cost people their jobs and livelihoods and has put an estimated one-third of households in a position where they cannot make rent and are facing the loss of their homes. Stay Housed Los Angeles has helpful resources for landlords and renters to navigate through this challenging period. Also, L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis will host a Renters Rights Workshop on Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00 PM. Learn about rights as a renter through presentations by counselors and local nonprofits partners. View the workshop on [Facebook](#). Visit stayhousedla.org for details.
- **Help Protect Tenants and Property Owners** - Help L.A. County protect Renters and Rental Property Owners by serving on the Rental Housing Oversight Commission. The purpose of the Rental Housing Oversight Commission is to safeguard tenants and mobile home owners from rent increases that are inconsistent with County Code and to assure that landlords and mobile home park owners receive fair return on rents consistent with the County's procedures and guidelines by hearing, making determinations, and resolving appeals of decisions made by the County. Visit dcba.lacounty.gov to apply.
- **Webinar for Older Adults to Help Evaluate COVID-19 Risks** - The COVID-19 pandemic has taken the lives of over 400,000 Americans, the majority of whom are older adults or other high-risk individuals. Join the ADvancing States in a webinar on a free, online, and confidential tool, CV19 CheckUp, that helps evaluate individual risk levels associated with COVID-19 through a personalized and comprehensive questionnaire. ADvancing States is pleased to partner with the CV19 CheckUp development team to help millions of individuals identify and reduce risks. Data anonymously collected through CV19 CheckUp so far is already helping to highlight why it's so critical to focus efforts around helping older adults understand and mitigate risk; older adults may underestimate the risk levels of their behaviors. The webinar takes place Wednesday, February 10, at noon. Space is limited, advance [registration is required](#). Visit AdvanceStates.org for details.
- **Guidance for Businesses/Employers Considering People with Disabilities during COVID-19** - As businesses continue to reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic, there are many questions about how companies can safely operate. The business model for many firms has been modified according to CDC guidance. A key concern is meeting the needs of employees with disabilities that may be at higher risk and customers with disabilities. Join the Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation (CIDI) for a panel discussion with disability leaders, business owners, consultants, and professionals to explore issues and share strategies, solutions, and resources. The webinar takes place Wednesday, February 10, at 11:00 AM. Advance [registration is required](#). Visit cidi.gatech.edu/covid/training for details.
- **SARS-CoV-2: Mutations and Variants and Strains (Oh My!)** - The National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center (NETEC) hosts COVID-19 webinars bringing together subject matter experts immersed in the many challenges and topics around coronavirus. The SARS-CoV-2: Mutations and Variants and Strains (Oh My!) webinar will cover mutations and variants as they relate to SARS-CoV-2, discuss the importance of the current variants and transformations, including future predictions surrounding the epidemiology of spread and modeling, and describe what is known about SARS-CoV-2 variants' susceptibility to vaccines

and therapeutic antibodies. The webinar takes place Friday, February 12, at 10:00 AM.

[Registration is required](#). Visit netec.org for details.

- **FDA Confirms Vaccines Remain Effective Against Variants** – As the public health agency responsible for regulating medical products, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ensures that healthcare providers have the most up-to-date diagnostics, treatments, and vaccines in their toolbox to fight the coronavirus pandemic. The FDA adapts and pivots support modification and product development of lifesaving tools as new variants surface. While the FDA continues to develop an understanding of and address any impact of variants on FDA-regulated products, at this time, available information suggests that the authorized vaccines remain effective in protecting the American public against currently circulating strains of COVID-19. Visit fda.gov for more 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 February 3 Update](#). The update includes data on hospitalizations through February 1, 2021. The underlying statistical prediction model is unchanged from last week. Key findings in the report include:
 - The number of new patients with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization each day across Los Angeles County, although still high, has continued to decrease. The illness severity in hospitalized patients remains very high, with increased demand for intensive care, mechanical ventilation, and increased mortality.
 - Based on hospitalization information reflecting transmission early to mid-January, the estimated transmission number ("R") was 0.83 with an uncertainty of 0.77 to 0.87. Our prior estimate for one week earlier was 0.85 with an uncertainty of 0.81 to 0.88
 - 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 ICU beds over the next four weeks. The number of ventilators in Los Angeles County appears adequate over the next four weeks. The daily mortality seems to have peaked and, although still high, we expect average daily mortality to fall in the upcoming weeks.
 - An increase in behaviors that increase transmission could lead to a new rise in 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
 - They have had COVID-19 and either recovered or died, so they are no longer infectious.
 - The model suggests that about 0.34% (uncertainty of 0.21% to 0.51%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
 - This would suggest about 1 in 300 (between 1 in 470 and 1 in 200) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 260.
 - 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 239 new deaths, six new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 5,028 new cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,134,338 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 17,539 deaths. There are 4,990 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 27% of these people are in the ICU. A month after the winter holidays, the County continues experiencing the deadly toll of the holiday surge, reporting daily deaths over 200 people. Testing results are

available for approximately 5,560,000 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.

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)
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)	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
	(with Exposure Control Plans and Social Distancing Measures See Press Release 4/3/20)	
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
Open/Green Space at Parks	Open (with social distancing required)	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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