



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Our Community, Our Loss** – Sadly, the L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed another resident from Manhattan Beach passed Saturday of COVID-19. This brings the deaths in Manhattan Beach to 14 residents. The City sends our deepest sympathies to every person experiencing the sorrow of losing a loved one to COVID-19.
- **Manhattan Avenue Street Closure** – 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 beginning Friday, February 12. However, please keep in mind, set up for the closure may begin on Thursday, February 11. The City encourages residents and motorists to take Highland Avenue for north-south travel. Center Place will remain open for east-west traffic but should be used for **local traffic only**. Visit citymb.info for details.
- **Celebrate Presidents Weekend Safely, Mind the Travel Advisory** – With the upcoming Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, and Presidents Day, DPH advises against non-essential travel and gatherings with people not from your household. COVID-19 surged after Thanksgiving and Christmas travel in November and December. The more people travel, the more interactions they have with individuals outside their household, the greater the risk of getting and spreading COVID-19. Shared transportation, including travel by air, bus, or rail, can put travelers at stake and all community members if infected travelers spread COVID-19 to others after returning to Los Angeles County. A [travel advisory](#) remains in effect for L.A. County. Anyone arriving in Los Angeles County must self-quarantine for ten days; please stay at your home or lodging for the ten days and avoid contact with others. If you must travel, please plan accordingly. Know how widespread COVID-19 is at your destination. It is critical not to travel if you are sick. Residents should stay home if experiencing symptoms, have not finished their isolation period after testing positive for COVID-19, or have not finished their quarantine period after being exposed, or likely have been exposed to someone positive for COVID-19. For travel advisory and guidance visit publichealth.lacounty.gov.
- **Provide Input on the City's Budget and Funding Priorities** – The annual budget is one of the most important documents the City produces. It provides a financial plan and a framework for priority issues while maintaining core services like maintenance, public safety, and infrastructure. The City is preparing recommendations to the City Council for the annual budget and wants to know your priorities. Learn how the City expends funds, examine where revenue stems from, prioritize infrastructure projects, provide input on addressing COVID-19 impacts, and budget where 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.
- **Library Resources for Job Seekers** – Funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, L.A. County Library announced the continuation of its Work Ready series, a

workforce development program for Library customers looking to build job skills or discover new career opportunities. The weekly virtual Work Ready programs cover topics ranging from writing cover letters and interviewing to identifying high-growth careers and working from home. The webinars, conducted by special guest presenters and L.A. County Library staff, provide valuable tools and information to individuals seeking to expand their skill sets. For more information or to sign up for Work Ready, visit LACountyLibrary.org/Work-Ready.

- **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 for the past two weeks. According to the State's website, L.A. County reflects 42.5 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), decreasing from 61.2, with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 31.7. The County's overall test positivity rate decreased from 11.3% to 9.5%. The [health equity metric](#) also reduced from 15.0% to 13.0%. Visit covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy to find the status of activities in the County, risk level, and Guidance for each business/service.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	26,939,515 (+86,706)	463,659 (+1,622)
California ²	3,354,591 (+8,251)	44,477 (+327)
Los Angeles County ³	1,152,239 (+3,353)	18,360 (+227)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,136 (+9)	14 (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
February 1 – February 7	33	3	29,558	2,274
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](#).

¹ Source: February 8, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: February 8, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: February 9, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: February 9 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

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
2/9	Widespread	42.5	31.7	9.5%	13.0%
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%
1/12	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%

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
65,928	4,079	29%

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

- **Ways YOU Can Build Your COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence** – Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines effectively keep you from getting COVID-19. Experts also think that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do not get COVID-19. Visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to read the [Key Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines](#). Check out the [Vaccine Questions and Answers](#) and learn more [Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#). Even after vaccination, take steps to [protect yourself and others from COVID-19](#).
- **Update on MIS-C** – Today, DPH confirmed nine additional cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). The total number of MIS-C in L.A. County is now 75 children, including one child death. All children with MIS-C in L.A. County were hospitalized; 44% were treated in the ICU. Of the children with MIS-C, 32% were under the age of 5 years old, 39% were between the ages of 5 and 11 years old, and 29% were between 12 and 20 years old. 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,

⁵ Source: February 9, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

⁶ Source: February 8, 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](#).

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. Parents should contact their child's doctor, nurse, or clinic right away if their child shows MIS-C symptoms. Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information on MIS-C.

- **Report on Economic Impact of COVID-19** - The [Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services \(WDACS\)](#) released a 50-page report, title [Pathways for Economic Resiliency: Los Angeles County 2021-2026](#), an in-depth report on the economic impacts of COVID-19 and the most viable recovery pathways for the County's industries, workers, and communities. The report identified 1) L.A. County lost 437,000 jobs in 2020, 2) There will be 354,000 fewer living wage jobs in 2021 compared to the pre-pandemic economy, and 3). For the entire L.A. County workforce to achieve a satisfactory standard of living, 738,672 living wage jobs would need to be created. The report was commissioned by WDACS and was drafted by the nonprofit Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC). Visit laedc.org to view the [Executive Summary](#) and more information.
- **Mapping Coronavirus Variants and Treatments** - In the Director's Blog of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), NIH Director, Dr. Collins states that while it is possible some COVID-19 vaccines may offer less protection against some of the new variants, and recent results have suggested the AstraZeneca vaccine may not provide much protection against the South African variant, there is still enough protection in most other current vaccines to prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death. The best way to keep SARS-CoV-2 from finding new ways to escape our ongoing efforts to end the pandemic is to double down on whatever can be done to prevent the virus from multiplying and spreading in the first place. Dr. Collins advises that with the emergence of the new variants, everyone should slow the spread of SARS-CoV-2. That means following the three W's: Wear a mask, Watch your distance, Wash your hands often. It also means rolling up our sleeves to get vaccinated as soon as the opportunity arises. Visit directorsblog.nih.gov for more information.
- **Updated Guidance for Places of Worship** - The State updated its [Guidance for Places of Worship](#) and providers of religious services and cultural ceremonies (weddings and funerals) to support a safe, clean environment for congregants, visitors and volunteers. The update was made in response to recent judicial rulings changing capacity limits effective immediately. Indoor activities are now allowed with modifications based on tier status. All other restrictions remain in place. Visit covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance for details.
- **Be COVID Prepared on a University Campus** - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Division will host a webinar titled Be COVID Prepared focused on pandemic preparedness actions to take while on a college or university campus. As we have seen over the past twelve months, the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on colleges and universities. Nearly every organization has a webpage devoted to COVID-19 information with recommendations that students have a plan should they need to self-isolate or quarantine due to virus exposure. The threats of COVID-19 are not over, this webinar provides FEMA's toolkit, important information, and an isolation/quarantine template students can use if exposed to COVID-19. College students, parents of college students, student-serving organizations, and institutes of higher education are encouraged to attend the webinar. The Be COVID Prepared webinar takes place Wednesday, February 24, at 9:00 AM. Advanced [registration is required](#). Visit femacqpubl.connectsolutions.com for details.
- **FDA Scheduled Public Meeting for New Vaccine** - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has scheduled a meeting of its Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) on February 26 to discuss the request for [emergency use authorization \(EUA\)](#) for a COVID-19 vaccine from Janssen Biotech Inc. A public discussion helps ensure the

public has a clear understanding of the scientific data and information that the FDA will evaluate to authorize this vaccine. The FDA will publish the agenda prior to the meeting; the meeting will be webcast from the FDA website. Visit [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov) for details.

- L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 227 recent deaths, nine new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 3,353 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,152,239 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 18,360 deaths. There are 4,079 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 29% of these people are in the ICU. Today, DPH has confirmed five additional cases of COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7. (U.K. variant), totaling eight cases in Los Angeles County. The B.1.1.7 variant is more easily transmissible, and verification of the variant in L.A. County means residents and businesses must be extremely diligent adhering to all public health safety measures, including wearing face coverings, distancing from others, and handwashing; these measures protect against transmission of the virus and known variants. Despite recent decreases in the current COVID-19 surge of cases and hospitalizations, COVID-19 transmission remains widespread in L.A. County and many states and countries. Testing results are available for approximately 5,622,000 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)

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