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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Celebrate the Holidays Safely** – The safest way to celebrate Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, and Presidents Day are by gathering virtually with only the people who live with you. If you plan to celebrate with people who don't live with you, the outdoors is safer than indoors. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers [Tips on Safer Celebrations](#). Travel may increase your chance of spreading and getting COVID-19. The CDC continues to recommend postponing travel and staying home. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you consider traveling for a holiday, visit [CDC's Travel](#) page to help you decide what is best for you and your family. Also, be sure to visit the L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) [travel advisory](#), which requires self-quarantine for ten days upon return from non-essential travel. However, you plan to celebrate the holidays, spread love, not COVID-19, and "Gong hei fat choy" the City wishes you great happiness and prosperity!
- **Shop, Dine, and Enjoy Local LOVE in Manhattan Beach** – The community is reminded to keep showing their 'Local Love' by supporting our local businesses and shopping and dining local this weekend. Take advantage of open seating areas dedicated to curbside pick-up and take out orders. Every dollar spent in Manhattan Beach benefits the local economy and helps pay for public safety, schools, street repairs, parks maintenance, recreation opportunities, and other City services. Our businesses help preserve our small-town beach character, and now, more than ever, our community is encouraged to shop and dine locally to support them through these trying times.
- **Manhattan Avenue Street Closure Begins** – 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 closed beginning today. The City encourages residents and motorists to take Highland Avenue for north-south travel and [use the nearby parking lots](#) when dining and shopping. Center Place will remain open for east-west traffic but should be used for **local traffic only**. Visit citymb.info for details.
- **Apply for Board and Commissions Vacancies** – Several City of Manhattan Beach Board and Commission seats have [vacancies](#). Applications are being accepted now through April 15, 2021, at 5:30 PM. To be considered for a board or commission seat, you must be a resident of Manhattan Beach and a registered voter. The Student Representatives are not required to be a registered voter. Applications are available on citymb.info/BoardsandCommissions. The City Council will interview qualified applicants on April 27, 2021, at a time to be determined. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 802-5056 or view the [City's Boards and Commissions Handbook](#).
- **City's Budget Survey Closes Tomorrow, Provide Your Input Today** – 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. Community members have until Friday, February 12, at 3:00 PM to participate. Take the [quick survey](#) now.

- **Dignity Health Sports Park Hosts Mass Vaccination Clinic** - Dignity Health hospitals, in partnership with Dignity Health Sports Park, offer no cost COVID-19 vaccinations for at-risk populations who may not have access to healthcare. The Vaccination Clinic will take place Monday, February 15 through Friday, February 19, by appointment ONLY. Advance [registration required](#). Vaccinations are offered as a drive-thru clinic and are for persons 65 and older. Bring proof of age (drivers' license, state I.D., or passport). Do not come for vaccination if you are not feeling well. Dignity Health Sports Park is located at 18400 S Avalon Blvd. Carson, CA 90746.
- **CIF Update on Cohorting** - The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) sent an inquiry to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regarding the Cohorting Section in their updated [Youth Sports Guidance](#) document released in December 14, 2020. CIF has confirmed that their specific language regarding cohorting and multi-team participation is not a mandate but a recommendation. Therefore, effective immediately, CIF is reinstating its waiver of [Bylaws 600-605](#). The only exception is the sport of football. Visit [cifss.org](#) for details.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	27,127,858 (+97,309)	470,110 (+3,645)
California ²	3,371,556 (+8,575)	45,456 (+461)
Los Angeles County ³	1,158,619 (+3,489)	18,658 (+160)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,141 (+3)	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 10, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: February 10, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: February 11, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: February 11 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

VACCINATIONS THROUGH FEBRUARY 11, 2021 ⁵			
L.A. COUNTY VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS DELIVERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS SHIPPED
1,314,016 (+56,609)	5,291,493 (+202,010)	8,133,075 (+525,975)	8,388,375 (+477,000)

View vaccination progress via the [California COVID-19: Vaccine Dashboard](#).

L.A. COUNTY DATA AND TIER ASSIGNMENT OVER TIME ⁶					
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%

The State updated tier assignments on February 9, 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.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
67,114	3,772	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 ⁷ JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 6, 2021	
AVAILABLE STAFFED NON-ICU HOSPITAL BEDS	AVAILABLE STAFFED ICU HOSPITAL BEDS
103 OF 2,168 (4.8%)	12 OF 391 (3.1%)

⁵ Source: February 10, 2021, <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#California-vaccines-dashboard>

⁶ Source: February 9, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

⁷ Source: February 11, 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;

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Vaccination Update** – DPH continues working on strategies to improve vaccine access for older adults with limited mobility and needing assistance securing appointments. The department is organizing mobile teams to bring vaccinations directly to seniors living in housing developments or accessing senior centers in hardest-hit communities. In the next several weeks, the State of California announced that the vaccination effort statewide would be coordinated by a third-party administrator, Blue Shield of California. DPH looks forward to working with Blue Shield and the State to ensure an efficient and effective vaccine distribution system that meets L.A. County communities' needs. During and after the transition, [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://vaccinatelacounty.com) remains a portal for the latest COVID-19 vaccinations and links to the statewide appointment registration system. DPH is also aware that it will take time to reach everyone with the limited supply of vaccines. Visit publichealth.lacounty.gov for details.
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – Governor Newsom added three additional frontline workers to the next phase, Phase 1B Tier 1 of the [Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guidelines](#). Phase 1B Tier 1 includes Education and Childcare workers, Food and Agriculture workers, and Emergency Services workers. Prioritization of groups to be vaccinated happens at the federal level. These recommendations are reviewed and finalized at the state level. Counties are asked to implement the State's prioritized tiering. With very limited vaccine supply and uncertainty on timing for increased production, a realistic and carefully developed plan for expanding vaccination availability to these additional sectors is being developed. L.A. County Public Health anticipates vaccinations for workers in these sectors to begin in two to three weeks.
- **Mitigating and Preventing the Spread of COVID in the Workplace** – The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) updated the [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#) document. OSHA will update this guidance over time to reflect developments in science, best practices, and standards. Separate guidance applies to [healthcare \(CDC guidance\)](#) and [emergency response \(CDC guidance\)](#) settings. OSHA has additional [industry-specific guidance](#). This guidance contains recommendations as well as descriptions of [mandatory safety and health standards](#). The recommendations are advisory in nature, informational in content, and intended to assist employers in providing a safe and healthful workplace. Cal/OSHA also published a new trifold [Best Practices for COVID-19 Infection Prevention for General Industry Workers](#). Visit osha.gov for details and an [Executive Summary](#).
- **Improve How Your Mask Protects You** – Correct and consistent [mask use](#) is a critical step everyone can take to prevent getting and spreading COVID-19. Masks work best [when everyone wears them](#), but not all masks provide the same protection. When choosing a mask, look at how well it fits, how well it filters the air, and how many layers it has. How well a mask fits, how well it filters the air, and how many layers it has are essential to consider when choosing which mask to wear. [View this video instruction](#) to improve the fit of disposable masks. Wearing a mask around people who do not live with you or [when someone in your house is sick](#) is now even more critical with the increased [spread of new COVID-19 variants](#), some of which appear to spread more easily and quickly than the original virus that causes COVID-19. Two important ways to make sure your mask works the best it can, 1) Make sure your mask fits snugly against your face, and 2) Pick a mask with layers to keep your respiratory droplets in and others out. Visit cdc.gov for more information on [How Your Mask Protects You](#) and the science behind [Fit and Filtration to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19](#).

- **FDA Issued EUA for COVID-19 Treatment** – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an [emergency use authorization](#) (EUA) for bamlanivimab and etesevimab administered together for treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19. The therapy is for pediatric patients (12 years or older) and adults weighing about 88 pounds who test positive for SARS-CoV-2 and are high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19. The authorized use includes adults 65 and older who have certain chronic medical conditions. In a clinical trial of patients with COVID-19 at high risk for disease progression, a single intravenous infusion of bamlanivimab and etesevimab administered together significantly reduced COVID-19-related hospitalization and death during 29 days of follow-up compared to placebo. The safety and effectiveness of this investigational therapy for use in the treatment of COVID-19 continue to be evaluated. Visit [fda.gov](#) for details.
- **SBA and Lenders Improve PPP for Small Businesses** – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and lenders are taking strides to improve the [Paycheck Protection Program](#) (PPP) to access much needed PPP funds to persevere through the pandemic, recover, and build back better. The Biden-Harris Administration is working with the Agency to increase equitable access to underserved small businesses, assure the program's integrity, and promote the rapid and efficient distribution of funds. The SBA hit a significant milestone of approving \$104 billion of PPP funds to more than 1.3 million small businesses. Visit [sba.gov](#) for details.
- **Get Ready for Tax Season with an Online IRS Account** – Tax filing season opens on February 12. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds taxpayers to access their IRS account information securely through an individual [online account](#). Updates the IRS added to their online services include the ability to make an online payment. Taxpayers can also check the amounts of [Economic Impact Payments](#) (EIPs) to accurately calculate any [Recovery Rebate Credit](#) they may be eligible for on their 2020 tax return. The IRS encourages taxpayers [to e-file their returns](#) and use [direct deposit](#) to receive refunds. For taxpayers who have previously not used e-file, the IRS emphasizes using it this year to avoid paper-related processing delays. Visit [irs.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 February 10 Update](#). The update includes data on hospitalizations through February 8, 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 has continued to decrease. The illness severity in hospitalized patients remains very high, with high demand for intensive care, mechanical ventilation, and increased mortality.
 - Based on hospitalization information that reflects transmission in mid-January, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.82 with an uncertainty of 0.77 to 0.86. Our prior estimate for one week earlier was virtually identical at 0.83 with an uncertainty of 0.77 to 0.87.
 - Based on the pattern in hospitalizations, we expect a continued high but decreasing demand for hospital-based services, including 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 has peaked and, although still high, appears to be falling as well.
 - An increase in behaviors that increase transmission could lead to a net increase in 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
- They have had COVID-19 and either recovered or died, so they are no longer infectious.
- The model suggests that about 0.28% (uncertainty of 0.18% to 0.39%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
- This would suggest about 1 in 360 (between 1 in 550 and 1 in 250) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 300.
- 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 160 recent deaths, three new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 3,489 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,314,016 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 18,658 deaths. There are 3,772 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, a reduction of more than 1,000 patients in a week, and 29% of them are in the ICU. A week ago, on February 4, there were 4,990 people hospitalized. This is still more than four times higher than pre-surge daily hospitalizations when between mid-September and late-October, the daily number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 was under 800 people. After the winter holidays, L.A. County experienced significant increases in cases and hospitalizations within a few weeks. With the continued widespread transmission of the virus in L.A. County, DPH urges everyone to take extra measures to protect each other as the Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, and Presidents Day holidays approach. Being around people who aren't part of your household puts you at a greater risk for COVID-19. The best way to stay safe is to celebrate with just your household and connect virtually with friends and family that don't live with you. It is critically important that residents not attend any private gatherings or leave their home if they are experiencing illness symptoms, have tested positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed or likely to be exposed to someone positive. Testing results are available for approximately 5,647,000 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 ⁸	N/A
Police Emergency Response	Normal	N/A
Fire Emergency Response	Normal	N/A
Police Non-Emergency Response	Normal	N/A

⁸ 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
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) (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	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
	coverings required when around others)	
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
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