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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- Manhattan Avenue Closure Between 12th and MBB to Continue** – To allow additional social distancing at restaurants offering outdoor dining in the public right-of-way, the Manhattan Avenue between Manhattan Beach Boulevard and 12th Street will be continued for at least one additional week. Following input from the business and residential community, the City will take various measures to address traffic concerns and enhance resident access. The City thanks for the residents and business community for their patience with this endeavor and hopes that the non-holiday weekend will minimize future impacts. 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**. Ocean Avenue is for local traffic only. Visit citymb.info for details.
- Where LA 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 three weeks. According to the State's website, L.A. County reflects 29 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), decreasing from 42.5, with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 20. The County's overall test positivity rate dropped from 9.5% to 7.2%. The [health equity metric](#) also reduced from 13.0% to 10.1%. Visit covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy to find the status of activities in the County, risk level, and guidance for each business/service.
- Library Sidewalk Service and Virtual Programs Continue** – The Manhattan Beach Library is closed to the public but remains one of the busiest libraries in Los Angeles County. Sidewalk Service is available Monday, Wednesday – Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Tuesday 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Visit lacounty.library.org for information on virtual programs available for all ages.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	27,542,421 (+56,384)	485,070 (+1,217)
California ²	3,412,057 (+5,692)	47,107 (+64)
Los Angeles County ³	1,169,550 (+1,260)	19,215 (+120)

¹ Source: February 15, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: February 15, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: February 16, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,170 (+8)	14 (0)

The lower number of deaths and cases may reflect reporting delays over the holiday weekend. 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 8 – February 14	39	0	20,088	1,022
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](#).

VACCINATIONS THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2021 ⁵			
L.A. COUNTY VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS DELIVERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS SHIPPED
1,546,999 (+25,851)	6,262,781 (+109,672)	8,250,650 (+191,225)	8,517,000 (0)

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
2/16	Widespread	29.0	20.0	7.2%	10.1%
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
68,083	2,964	31%

⁴ Source: February 16 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: February 15, 2021, <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#California-vaccines-dashboard>

⁶ Source: February 16, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

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 FEBRUARY 7 TO FEBRUARY 13, 2021	
AVAILABLE STAFFED NON-ICU HOSPITAL BEDS	AVAILABLE STAFFED ICU HOSPITAL BEDS
92 OF 2,145 (4.3%)	10 OF 377 (2.7%)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Vaccination Update** – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated the [COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guidelines](#) to clarify essential workers' eligibility. CDPH also released a [Provider Bulletin](#), which allows providers' clinical judgment to vaccinate individuals ages 16 and older beginning March 15, who are at the highest risk of COVID-19 morbidity and mortality due to severe health conditions. Visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](#) for updates on COVID-19 vaccinations and links to the statewide appointment registration system. 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.
- **Some LA County Schools Allowed to Reopen with Guidelines**– L.A. County's adjusted case rate has remained under 25 new cases per 100K people for five consecutive days, meeting the State requirements for schools to open on-site learning for grades T.K. through six. For grades seven through twelve, reopening will not be permitted until the L.A. County case rate drops below 7 per 100K people. [Students in grades T.K. through six are permitted for on-site learning if the school is in full compliance with State and county directives](#). Many of the directives are not new and very familiar to schools that reopened under the waiver program or for services for high-need students. However, new State requirements include:
 - Schools must complete a COVID-19 Safety Plan that includes establishing the CAL/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Program;
 - Schools are required to consult with labor, parent, and community organizations regarding reopening plans;
 - Schools must ensure sufficient ventilation in classrooms and shared spaces per the ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, refrigerating, and air conditioning engineers) guidance on ventilation and have an appropriate professional evaluate the ventilation system in regards to the ASHRAE guidance; and
 - Schools are required to have a testing plan that includes symptomatic testing and surveillance testing.

Visit [lacounty.public.gov](#) for more information.

⁷ Source: February 16, 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](#).

- **Participate in Supervisor Janice Hahn's School Reopening Survey** – The Center for Disease Control and Prevention released updated guidelines for opening schools safely (see bullet below). Per Supervisor Hahn, the recommendations are not a mandate, but they provide a good roadmap for moving forward in California and Los Angeles County. Participate in Supervisor Janice Hahn's School Reopening [google forms survey](#).
- **CDC Operational Strategy for Schools** – The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its [Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Mitigation](#) to complement the U.S. Department of Education's [Handbook on Strategies for Safely Reopening Elementary and Secondary Schools](#). The operational strategy presents a pathway to reopen schools and help them remain open through consistent use of mitigation strategies through the universal and correct use of masks and physical distancing. Evidence suggests that many K-12 schools with strictly implemented mitigation strategies have been safely open for in-person instruction and remain open. For schools that emphasize mitigation at all levels of community transmission, key summary points include:
 - K-12 schools should be the last settings to close after all other mitigation measures in the community have been employed and the first to reopen when they can do so safely. Schools should be prioritized for reopening and remaining open for in-person instruction over nonessential businesses and activities.
 - In-person instruction should be prioritized over extracurricular activities, including sports and school events, to minimize transmission risk in schools and protect in-person learning.
 - Lower incidence of COVID-19 among younger children than teenagers suggests that younger students (elementary school students) are likely to have less risk of in-school transmission due to in-person learning than more senior students (middle school and high school).
 - Families of students at increased risk of severe illness (including special healthcare needs) or live with people at increased risk should be given the option of virtual instruction regardless of the mode of learning offered.
 - Schools are encouraged to use students' cohorts to facilitate testing and contact tracing and minimize transmission across pods.
 - Schools that serve populations at risk for learning loss during virtual instruction should be prioritized for reopening and be provided the needed resources to implement the mitigation.
 - When implementing phased mitigation in hybrid learning modes, schools should consider prioritizing in-person instruction for students with disabilities who may require special education and related services.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that essential frontline workers, including those who work in education (teachers and school staff), be prioritized for vaccine allocation in Phase 1b, following health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities (Phase 1a). Vaccinating teachers and school staff can be considered one layer of mitigation and protection for staff and students. Access to vaccination should not be considered a condition for reopening schools for in-person instruction. Even after teachers and staff are vaccinated, schools need to continue mitigation measures for the foreseeable future, including requiring masks in schools and physical distancing. Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information.

- **COVID-19 Vaccinations for the Homebound** - COVID-19 vaccination of [homebound persons](#) presents unique challenges to ensure the appropriate vaccine storage temperatures, handling, and administration to ensure safe and effective vaccination. Homebound persons include those who need the help of another person or medical equipment such as crutches, a walker, or a wheelchair to leave their home, or their medical provider believes that their health or illness could worsen if they leave their home. Visit the [Vaccinating Homebound Persons With Covid-19 Vaccine](#) CDC page at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) on vaccinations for the homebound.
- **Autistic Self Advocacy Network's COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet** - COVID-19 is especially dangerous to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Often, the facts about COVID-19 are not shared in ways that are accessible, but that is why the [Autistic Self Advocacy Network](#) (ASAN) released these fact sheets about the COVID-19 vaccine. The [Easy Read version](#) uses pictures and large text and has more white space, separate from the [Plain Language](#) version without accompanying graphics. Both are great resources to have and share. Visit autisticadvocacy.org for more details.
- **State's Safe Schools Reopening Map** - The State launched the Safe Schools for All Plan's interactive [Safe Schools Reopening Map](#), an online tool providing a statewide snapshot of school status reopenings across California. The interactive map displays data from districts, charter, and private schools. CDPH will be adding key data to the map, including school district COVID-19 outbreaks. The plan will support local communities in making data-driven decisions to open classrooms safely. The map builds on the additional transparency, accountability, and assistance measures incorporated in the Safe Schools for All Plan. The Safe Schools Reopening Map can be found on the one-stop-shop for information via the [Safe Schools for All Hub](#) located at schools.covid19.ca.gov.
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** - On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a [State of Emergency](#) to exist in California due to the impacts of COVID-19 to make additional resources available. According to the Governor's Executive Order [N-39-20](#), during the State of Emergency, the California Department of Consumer Affairs Director may waive any statutory or regulatory professional licensing and training requirements on individuals licensed under Division 2 of the Business Professions Code. The Department of Consumer Affairs:
 - Waived restrictions on registered [Dental Hygienists](#) relating to administering COVID-19 vaccines;
 - Waived restrictions on [Doctors of Podiatric Medicine](#) relating to ordering and administering COVID-19 vaccines;
 - Waived restrictions on [Optometrists](#) relating to ordering and administering COVID-19 vaccines; and
 - Waived restrictions on [Postgraduate Training Licensees](#) relating to ordering and administering COVID-19 vaccines outside of their postgraduate training program.
- **Report on Well-Being of Older Adults and Their Caregivers** - The CDC Foundation, with technical assistance from the CDC, funded a study to examine community-dwelling older adults' and caregivers' COVID-19 needs and concerns and the public health supports available to them. Some of the study's key findings include: 1) While many stakeholder organizations address multiple areas of interest, including unrelated topics, other organizations focused on an area of expertise (such as elder abuse). 2) The majority of interventions developed in response to the pandemic are educational resources available online. 3) Relatively few interventions are available for older adults for public health emergencies (PHEs) outside of COVID-19 (e.g., natural

disasters). 4) Across topic areas, the audience for interventions includes older adults, caregivers, direct service providers, and other stakeholders (e.g., advocates, local chapters of national organizations, researchers). And 5) Organizations have adapted existing interventions, primarily by transitioning to remote delivery, where possible. The report titled "[Maintaining Physical and Mental Well-Being of Older Adults and Their Caregivers During Public Health Emergencies](#)" was conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago, with its partners TMN Corp and Burness. The report is available for download at norc.org.

- L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed 120 recent deaths, eight new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 1,260 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,169,550 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 19,215 deaths. There are 2,964 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 31% of these people are in the ICU. Today, the State updated the metrics that characterize transmission in a county and what restrictions must be followed to reduce transmission. L.A. County remains in the purple tier, and transmission continues to be widespread. Los Angeles County's adjusted case rate is now 20 cases per 100,000 people, and our seven-day average daily test positivity rate is 7.2%. The average daily cases, adjusted case rate, and positivity rate are steadily declining after peaking in January. Testing results are available for approximately 5,707,000 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 I ⁸	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

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
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 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