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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- Manhattan Avenue Reopens** – The City restored two-way traffic on Manhattan Avenue in Downtown Manhattan Beach after a two-week trial closure to facilitate further social distancing at restaurants offering outdoor dining in the public right-of-way. Upon assessing impacts and carefully considering community input, the City decided to reopen the affected areas to vehicular traffic. The City appreciates the residents and businesses for their patience during the trial street closure. Residents are encouraged to continue to shop and dine local, supporting all businesses in Manhattan Beach. Visit citymb.info for details.
- 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](#), it continues to improve its standing. According to the State's website, L.A. County reflects 16.5 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), decreasing from 29 (last week), with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 12.3. The County's overall test positivity rate dropped from 7.2% to 5.1%. L.A. County's daily case rate must be at or below seven (7) new cases per 100K, and the County's test positivity rate must be at or below 8% to move out of Tier One (Purple). The [health equity metric](#) also reduced from 10.10% to 7.50%. 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	27,993,504 (+55,419)	498,993 (+1,578)
California ²	3,450,058 (+3,447)	49,563 (+225)
Los Angeles County ³	1,183,378 (+2,091)	20,057 (+157)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,192 (+2)	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 15 – February 21	26	0	13,927	819
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

¹ Source: February 22, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: February 22, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: February 23, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: February 23 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

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 22, 2021 ⁵			
L.A. COUNTY VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINES DELIVERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINES SHIPPED
1,854,920 (+27,311)	7,581,560 (+143,635)	9,816,120 (+983,350)	10,334,985 (+477,810)

View vaccination progress via the [California COVID-19: Vaccine Dashboard](#). Vaccination distribution information is available at [cdc.gov](#).

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
Current	Widespread	16.5	12.3	5.1%	7.5%
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
71,368	2,146	31%

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 14 TO FEBRUARY 20, 2021	
AVAILABLE STAFFED NON-ICU HOSPITAL BEDS	AVAILABLE STAFFED ICU HOSPITAL BEDS
101 OF 2,170 (4.7%)	14 OF 346 (4.0%)

⁵ Source: February 22, 2021, <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#California-vaccines-dashboard>

⁶ Source: February 23, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

⁷ Source: February 23, 2021, <https://www.bchhd.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

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Vaccination Update** – [There continues to be a scarcity of supply and variability in the amount of vaccine received from week to week](#). The County has capacity for almost 500,000 appointment slots this week. However, there are only enough doses for 209,000 appointments. The large capacity vaccination sites alone could provide 157,000 additional doses if there were sufficient vaccine supply. At this time, as more vaccine comes into L.A. County, the priority is to ensure that eligible residents and workers in the hardest-hit communities have easy access to vaccines. On March 1, three other sectors become eligible to receive vaccinations; education and childcare, food and agriculture, emergency services, and first responders. The County is working with these sectors and other partners to finalize vaccination strategies that offer multiple sites where eligible workers can get vaccinated. There are approximately 691,000 people in the education and childcare sector, 145,000 people in the emergency services and law enforcement, and 470,000 people in the food and agriculture sector eligible for a vaccine. For vaccination appointments, newsletter sign up, and more information, visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](#) (English) and [VacunateLosAngeles.com](#) (Spanish).
- **COVID-19 Home Test for Older Adults** - [The L.A. County Home Test Collection is a pilot program with Fulgent Genetics that provides Older Adults the opportunity to take a COVID-19 test at home](#). The Fulgent Genetics home test collection is the same nasal swab offered at County testing sites. Home PCR tests are available from many sources, but only people who meet one of the following criteria will qualify for a no-cost test through the L.A. County Home Test Collection. 1) Have [symptoms](#) of COVID-19. 2) Were in [close contact](#) with someone who has or is suspected of having COVID-19 in the past two weeks. And 3) you are an older adult or person with a disability who feel were exposed to COVID-19 and cannot go to a testing site. Sign up on the [Fulgent Genetics website](#) to have a test kit shipped to your home address via FedEx. The test kit will arrive in two days. The L.A. County Home Test Collection Pilot Program concludes February 28. Visit [covid19.lacounty.gov](#) for details.
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – [Governor Newsom signs several legislative measures](#) in response to COVID-19 that provides relief to Californians experiencing hardship during the pandemic:
 - [Assembly Bill 81](#) – COVID-19 relief for tenant rental debt;
 - [Assembly Bill 82](#)– COVID-19 pandemic emergency: contact tracing; childcare;
 - [Assembly Bill 85](#) – Budget Act of 2020;
 - [Senate Bill 87](#) – California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program, income tax gross income exclusion, and small business grants;
 - [Senate Bill 88](#) – One-time stimulus payment delinquent accounts Earned Income Tax Credit;
 - [Senate Bill 94](#) – Waives alcoholic beverage control, barbering & cosmetology license and renewal fees; and
 - [Senate Bill 29](#) - vote by mail ballots extension to January 1, 2022.
- **FDA Addresses Virus Variants** - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is committed to identifying efficient ways to modify medical products; specifically covering vaccines, tests, diagnostics, and therapeutics that are either in the pipeline or have been authorized for emergency use to address the emergence of variants of SARS-CoV-2. The FDA issues guidance

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](#).

for medical product developers to address the evolving landscape of COVID-19 drug development, including the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 variants and the availability of authorized COVID-19 vaccines. Visit [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov) for details.

- **Opportunity to Grow Small Business Online**– Small businesses have a chance to grow their business through eCommerce, and eBay is here to help. Established in partnership with the [California Office of the Small Business Advocate \(CalOSBA\)](#), eBay's new [Up & Running California](#) program will equip up to 300 in-state businesses to take advantage of eCommerce opportunities. Selected companies will learn how to supercharge their listing and marketing strategies, create a dynamic digital storefront, leverage powerful data analysis tools to fuel business performance, and more. Visit [ebay.com/california](https://www.ebay.com/california) for details. The application deadline is March 11.
- **Schools Grades K-6 May Reopen in Purple Tier with C.R. < 25 per 100K**- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) posted an updated [School Reopening Framework](#). Schools may not reopen for grades 7-12 if the County is in Purple Tier. However, grades K-6 may reopen for in-person instruction in the Purple Tier with case rates (C.R.) less than 25 per 100,000 if they complete and post a COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP) to their website homepage and submit the CSP to their local health officer (LHO) and the State Safe Schools for All Team. There are no identified deficiencies, as described in the CSP Posting and Submission Requirements for In-Person Instruction. Visit [cdph.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov) for more information.
- **County Updated Health Order Addresses Schools Grades TK-6** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) updated the [Health Order](#) to address Schools (K-12) and School Districts. Key points include when the adjusted daily case rate has been less than 25 per 100,00 for five consecutive days, and the school has met all State and County requirements for reopening, schools may open for in-person instruction for students in grades TK-6. Students in grades TK-6 returning for general in-person instruction must be assigned to stable groups of students and instructors day-to-day that do not mix with other regular groups. Visit publichealth.lacounty.gov for details.
- **Updated Health Equity Playbook** – CDPH updated the [COVID-19 Health Equity Playbook](#). The COVID-19 Health Equity Playbook for Communities intends to support local communities in achieving their [Health Equity Measure](#) as part of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy and building an equitable recovery. Counties can use this document to inform [Targeted Equity Investment Plans](#). This living document will continue to be updated as the pandemic progresses and as more is learned about what strategies are working. The [COVID-19 Health Equity Playbook Bulletins](#) share new equity resources, best practices, and procedures to support communities and local health departments on an ongoing basis. Visit [cdph.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov) for details.
- **COVID-19 Resources for Educators** – Teachers, administrators, and school staff play a vital role in creating supportive and healthy environments in which students learn and thrive. As schools resume in-person learning during the COVID-19 pandemic either for the first time or following an outbreak, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides resources to help protect students' health and well-being, staff, and administration. Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for reference materials such as [Resources for Teachers Going Back to In-Person Learning](#), [How Do I Set Up My Classroom?](#), [Classroom Cleaning and Disinfection Checklist](#), [Special Considerations for Protecting Teaching Staff](#), [FAQs for Admin. Teachers, and Parents](#), [Talking with Children about COVID-19](#), and a [Toolkit for School Administrators – Cleaning, Disinfection and Hand Hygiene in Schools](#).
- **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 22 Update](#). The update includes data on hospitalizations through February 19, 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.
- Based on the most recent available hospitalization data, information that reflects transmission that occurred near the end of January and the beginning of February, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.78 with an uncertainty of 0.71 to 0.83. Our prior estimate for one week earlier was similar at 0.81 with an uncertainty of 0.76 to 0.85.
- Based on the pattern in hospitalizations, we expect a decreasing demand for hospital-based services, including hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators, over the next four weeks.
- Daily mortality is falling and is predicted to continue to fall.
- An increase in behaviors that facilitate transmission could lead to a new upturn 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 0.14% (uncertainty of 0.08% to 0.23%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
- This would suggest about 1 in 730 (between 1 in 1200 and 1 in 440) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 460.
- 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 157 recent deaths, two new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 2,091 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,183,378 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 20,057 deaths. There are 2,146 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 31% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 5,778,000 individuals, with 19% of all people testing positive. Public Health inspectors examine businesses every day to ensure compliance with the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order, identify violations, and issue citations for companies out of compliance. During Public Health's recent business compliance checks, inspectors noted restaurants with unapproved structures, tables less than eight feet apart, T.V.s turned on, staff without face shields, and retail stores not monitoring occupancy. For organizations to remain open, all businesses are required to adhere to their sector-specific protocols fully. From February 14 through February 18, Public Health issued 36 citations to companies, including restaurants, food markets, gyms, personal care salons, and shopping malls, for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders. [Since the end of August, Public Health has issued over 1,000 citations](#). 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
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

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
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
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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning (See COVID-19 Dashboard)	Recently Opened