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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Our Community, Our Loss** – This week marks the tragic milestones of over 500 million COVID-19 deaths in our country, over 20,000 deaths in Los Angeles County, and tragically, three deaths in Manhattan Beach. L.A. County Public Health identified the additional deaths during the COVID-19 surge between December 3, 2020, through February 3, 2021, after reviewing the volume of death records and reported the deaths to the public yesterday. The City mourns with all of you who have lost someone you love to COVID-19. We are deeply sorry for your loss and wish you healing and peace. As we continue to bear witness to the devastating loss of life from COVID-19, the City asks everyone to continue using the tools we know to slow the spread of the virus. Stay home if you are sick, wear a mask, keep your distance from other not in your household, and wash your hands often.
- **View the Manhattan Beach Virtual State of the City** – Each year, the [Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce](#) hosts the [City of Manhattan Beach annual State of the City Address](#). Kelly Stroman, President and CEO of the Manhattan Beach Chamber, moderated the event which took place Tuesday, February 23. View the State of the City 2021 video on the [Chamber's YouTube channel](#). During Mayor Hadley's address of the City, she unveiled an in-depth look into how the City of Manhattan Beach responded to a year filled with challenges in a video presentation. The video highlighted city activities core to the City's values and character. View the City's State of the City 2021 video on the [City's YouTube channel](#).
- **Support Local Restaurants and Businesses in Manhattan Beach** – While Los Angeles County remains in the Purple Tier, more [businesses are permitted to operate with limitations on occupancy or use](#). Residents are encouraged to [Spend Local](#) and support our local restaurants and businesses in Manhattan Beach. The Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce maintains a list of [restaurants open for takeout](#). The community is encouraged to support our local restaurants for pick-up and direct delivery. Visit manhattanbeachchamber.com for information on dining and shopping in Manhattan Beach.
- **Serve Our Community and Apply for a Board and Commission Vacancy** – 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](#).
- **Update for Youth and Adult Sports** – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released new guidance for youth and adult recreational sports, effective Friday, February 26. It shows which sports will be allowed to return to play in which tiers, based on the level of contact and risk of coronavirus transmission. Visit cdph.ca.gov for details. The [General Guidance for Youth and Adult Sports Participants, Coaches, and Support Staff](#) includes [Use of Face Coverings](#), [Gym & Fitness Center Capacity](#), and reference to the [American Academy of Pediatrics COVID-19 Interim Guidance: Return to Sports](#). The new State guidance requires youth leagues offering

moderate and high-contact sports to obtain consent from parents or guardians of participants to ensure they know the risks of playing. Competitions are limited to two teams within a county or two teams playing from adjacent counties. Travel to other states and countries to play in competitions or tournaments is prohibited for counties still in the Purple Tier. Youth and Coaches who participate in certain high-contact sports such as football, rugby, and water polo are required to test weekly for COVID-19.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	28,138,938 (+74,806)	503,587 (+2,407)
California ²	3,460,326 (+4,965)	50,991 (+1,114)
Los Angeles County ³	1,187,474 (+2,072)	21,102 (+132)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,206 (+9)	17 (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
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 24, 2021 ⁵			
L.A. COUNTY VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS DELIVERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS SHIPPED
1,942,928 (+53,706)	8,003,120 (+239,452)	10,545,410 (+243,370)	10,897,085 (+323,500)

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

¹ Source: February 24, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: February 24, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: February 25, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: February 25 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: February 24, 2021, <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#California-vaccines-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
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%

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
72,186	1,988	30%

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%)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- **Vaccination Update** – COVID-19 vaccine remains limited. As more vaccine comes into L.A. County, the County is working to ensure that eligible residents and workers in the hardest-hit communities have increased access to vaccines. For information about vaccine appointments in L.A. County and when your turn is coming up, to sign up for a vaccination newsletter, and much more, visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](#) (English) and [VacunateLosAngeles.com](#) (Spanish).
- **Update on Testing** - COVID-19 testing is available throughout L.A. County. Call your healthcare provider or check with your local pharmacy to get tested. If you need help finding a health care provider, call 2-1-1. Regardless of immigration status, people who live in L.A. County can apply for an appointment by visiting [lacounty.gov/testing](#). [A free COVID-19 testing kiosk has opened at the USS Iowa, located at 250 South Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro.](#) In a partnership between L.A. County and Fulgent Genomics Laboratories, the site is open seven days a week from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and can process 500 PCR nasal swab tests per day. Insurance is not required.

⁶ Source: February 25, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

⁷ Source: February 24, 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](#).

Both walk-ins and scheduled appointments are accepted. Test results will be available within 24 to 48 hours.

- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed a proposal to assist schools across the County as they work to reopen and allow students to return to classrooms. The County will equitably distribute 1 million high-quality masks to the County's 81 school districts and help connect school districts with funding for upgraded ventilation systems and information they need to set up testing programs. Visit hahn.lacounty.gov for details.
- **Updated County Youth and Sports Guidelines** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) updated its [Protocol for Youth and Adult Recreational Sports Leagues](#) in compliance with the [State's Guidance](#). The Protocol does not apply to collegiate or professional sports or community events such as marathons, half-marathons, and endurance races. The Protocol may be updated as additional information and resources become available; visit publichealth.lacounty.gov for current information.
- **77% Increase in Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children** - [DPH is reporting ten additional cases of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children \(MIS-C\), bringing the total cases in L.A. County to 100 children, including one child death.](#) L.A. County has experienced more than a 77% increase in children with MIS-C this past month. On January 23, Public Health reported 62 children with MIS-C. All 100 children with MIS-C in L.A. County were hospitalized; 40% of the children were treated in the ICU. [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children](#) is a severe inflammatory condition associated with COVID-19 that affects children under 21 years old. Symptoms include a fever that does not go away and inflamed body parts, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs. If you believe your child is displaying MIS-C symptoms, contact your primary care or an urgent care provider. Seek emergency care for critical or life-threatening conditions. Visit cdc.gov for more information.
- **Vaccinated Persons and Quarantine** - Vaccinated persons who are in close contact with a confirmed case are not required to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria: 1) Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine) and 2) Are within three months (90 days) following receipt of the last dose in the series and 3) Have remained asymptomatic since their last contact with the infected person. Persons who do not meet all 3 of the above criteria should continue to follow current [CDPH quarantine guidance](#) after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Fully vaccinated persons who do not quarantine should still watch for [symptoms of COVID-19](#) for 14 days following exposure. Visit cdc.gov for more information.
- **CDC- California K-12 Schools Guidance Crosswalk** - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently issued guidance on safely resuming in-person instruction in K-12 schools. The CDC guidance are non-mandatory recommendations and does not supersede existing State or local guidance. As state and local officials studied the CDC approach and recommendations, the [CDC-California K-12 Schools Guidance Crosswalk](#) document was created to serve as an initial crosswalk between the latest [CDC guidance](#) and [existing California guidance](#). Visit the [Safe Schools For All Hub](#) to view the [Crosswalk](#). The Safe Schools for All Hub is the one-stop [portal](#) for State guidance and resources on safely resuming in-person instruction in California schools.
- **Student Loan Forbearance** – The U.S. Department of Education (E.D.) Office of Federal Student Aid actively monitors the COVID-19 emergency. Visit the [Coronavirus and Forbearance Information](#) web page updated for students, borrowers, and parents where E.D. has answered questions about COVID-19 emergency relief measures and federal student loans' resulting flexibilities. You will also find answers to questions about preparing for payments to resume. Note, coronavirus emergency relief flexibilities have extended ED-owned federal student loans

suspension of loan payments, stopped collections on defaulted loans, and a 0% interest rate through at least September 30, 2021. Visit studentaid.gov for details.

- **COVID-19 Assistance for Work-Study College Students** - Students enrolled in postsecondary education may qualify for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits during the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. A change in federal law has made more students temporarily eligible. The 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act temporarily expands SNAP eligibility to allow students who either are eligible to participate in State or Federally financed work-study during the regular academic year or have an expected family contribution of zero in the current academic year. The new, temporary exemptions will be in effect until 30 days after the COVID-19 public health emergency is lifted. Visit ifap.ed.gov for details.
- **Webstream the FDA Vaccine Advisory Committee Meeting** – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) will meet Friday, February 26, beginning at 6:00 AM to discuss the request for emergency use authorization (EUA) of a COVID-19 vaccine from Janssen Biotech Inc. Janssen Biotech Inc. is owned by Johnson and Johnson. The meeting presentations can be viewed online through [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and fdayorkcast.com. The Janssen Biotech Inc. COVID-19 Vaccine is for active immunization to prevent COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 in 18 years and older individuals. Visit fda.gov for more information.
- **Raise Money for Your Business** – The [Los Angeles County, Consumer & Business Affairs Office](#) hosts L.A. Law Library, free classes. Learn all the things you "didn't know you needed to know" about building your business. Leading attorneys and financial professionals present a series of workshops giving entrepreneurs and business owners practical and comprehensive training needed to set up a company for long-term growth and success in challenging times such as COVID-19. The next class, titled From Seed Money to Serious Investment: Raising Money for Your Business, takes place Tuesday, March 2, from noon until 2:00 PM. Every business needs an initial investment to get off the ground, and established companies often require investment to expand. Learn how to apply for and obtain small business loans, including COVID-19-related forgivable loans and grants, plus learn about vital alternative funding sources for startups. [Advanced registration is required.](#)
- **SBA Veterans Host Virtual Public Meetings March 3 and 4** - The [U.S. Small Business Administration's](#) (SBA) Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development (IATF), and Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs (ACVBA) will hold virtual public meetings on March 3 and 4. The discussions will focus on the challenges the military and veteran small business community faces as businesses work to recover and rebuild in the wake of the pandemic. The continued collaboration between federal agencies, veteran service organizations, and veteran-owned small businesses during these meetings provides a critical opportunity to further support and advocate for veteran small business owners nationwide. For meeting details and speaker information, visit sba.gov.
- **Update on Paycheck Protection Program** – To reach the smallest businesses, SBA will offer [Paycheck Protection Program](#) (PPP) loans to companies with fewer than 20 employees and sole proprietors only from Wednesday, February 24 through Tuesday, March 9. Additional program changes have also been made to make PPP loans more equitable. SBA offers several different relief options to help businesses, nonprofits, and faith-based organizations recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit sba.gov for details.
- **Small Business Stabilization Loan** – The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) has launched an affordable and flexible business loan program to support and help stabilize businesses in the region. Small Business Stabilization Loans range from \$50,000 to \$3 million and can be used for working capital, equipment purchases, inventory, or refinancing of existing loans at higher interest rates. Reopenings and recovery are on the way, and so are loans for businesses impacted by the pandemic. LACDA intends to prevent job loss and business closures.

The Program provides flexible and affordable capital to small businesses Countywide. Visit BizStabilization.LACDA.org for details.

- L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 132 recent deaths, nine new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 2,072 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,187,474 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 21,102 deaths. There are 1,988 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 30% of these people are in the ICU. This is the first time in three months that the daily number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 is less than 2,000 when there were 2,049 hospitalizations reported on November 29. Testing results are available for approximately 5,801,000 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
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

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
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
Outdoor Exercises	Individually (with social distancing required and face coverings strongly encouraged)	N/A
City Community Centers		

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
(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