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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Beach Cities Health District to Vaccinates South Bay Educators** - Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) has opened a new vaccination site for educators at AdventurePlex (1701 Marine Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA), operated in partnership with the Cities of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach and 11 Public School Districts. BCHD has also been working with 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn and the L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) to get the site up and running. Currently, it is a closed Point of Distribution (POD) specifically operating to vaccinate employees of area School Districts and select charter schools; it is not open to the public. On Monday, DPH expanded COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to education and childcare workers. The BCHD vaccination site responds to the State calling for schools to reopen as quickly and safely as possible. The 11 Public School Districts will determine the weekly staff vaccine priority list to provide to BCHD. For more information, visit citymb.info. Throughout the pandemic, BCHD has offered many services to Beach Cities residents, including healthy meal deliveries, running essential errands for older adults and other at-risk populations, and providing information via its Assistance, Information Referral line. For details on COVID-19 testing, health-related referrals, or assistance, visit bchd.org/coronavirus or call (310) 374-3426, extension 256.
- **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 9.7 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), decreasing from 16.5, with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 7.2. The County's overall test positivity rate dropped from 5.1% to 3.5%. L.A. County's daily case rate must be at or below seven new cases per 100K, and the County's test positivity rate must be at or below 8% to move out of Tier One (Purple) and allow for additional reopening's. The [health equity metric](#) also reduced from 7.5% to 5.1%. While Los Angeles County remains in the Purple Tier, more [businesses may be permitted to open with limitations on occupancy or use](#). Visit covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy to find the status of activities in the County, risk level, and guidance for each business/service.
- **Library's Virtual Parent-Ade Series Supports Distance Learning** - The L.A. County Library hosts a virtual program series for parents. The next one is titled Parent-Ade: Continuing Distance Learning. After nearly a full year of distance learning for our students, join Parent-Ade to hear about some classes, videos, and articles to help you rally for the home stretch. It takes place Wednesday, March 3, at 4:00 PM. During the Webex, the presenters interact with parents and caregivers and address questions and concerns in real-time, providing helpful tips. For more information about Parent-Ade and links to register, visit LACountyLibrary.org/Parent-Ade
- **CIF Update on High School Sports** - The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) updated its [education-based athletics COVID-19 Tier Map](#) providing high school sports guidelines based on Tier Assignment throughout the State. In alignment with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Youth Sports Guidelines](#), CIF guidelines will be adjusted weekly. In the event of a positive test for COVID-19, the school will follow the current CDPH [Guidelines for Schools](#). Any

student-athlete testing positive for COVID-19 may not return to practice or competition until cleared by their physician. Schools must follow all County guidelines and the governing board of their school district or private/parochial school. Visit cifsstate.org for details.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	28,456,860 (+50,935)	513,122 (+1,283)
California ²	3,481,611 (+1,407)	52,497 (+91)
Los Angeles County ³	1,194,242 (+1,347)	21,554 (+87)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,216 (+2)	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 22 - February 28	25	3	11,458	1,550
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 MARCH 1, 2021 ⁵			
L.A. COUNTY VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS DELIVERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS SHIPPED
2,251,182 (+51,198)	9,313,799 (+225,900)	12,084,690 (+926,600)	12,311,565 (+198,600)

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	9.7	7.2	3.5%	5.1%

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

² Source: March 1, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: March 2, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: March 2, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: March 1, 2021, <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#California-vaccines-dashboard>

⁶ Source: March 2, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

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
2/23	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%

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
77,817	1,502	32%

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 supply remains limited in the County. When the Johnson & Johnson doses come to Los Angeles County, DPH is hopeful vaccine supply will improve. The County is working to ensure that eligible residents and workers in the hardest-hit communities have increased access to vaccines. Healthcare workers, residents and staff at long-term care facilities, people 65 or older, education and childcare workers, food and agriculture workers, emergency service workers, and law enforcement are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. For information about vaccine appointments in L.A. County, when your turn is coming up, to sign up for a vaccination newsletter, and much more, visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](#) (English) and [VacunateLosAngeles.com](#) (Spanish).
- Understanding Viral Vector COVID-19 Vaccines** – Viral vector vaccines use a modified version of a different virus (the vector) to deliver essential instructions to our body's cells. For COVID-19 viral vector vaccines, the vector (not the virus that causes COVID-19, but a different, harmless virus) will enter a cell in our body and then use the cell's machinery to produce a harmless piece of the virus that causes COVID-19. This is a spike protein and only found on the surface of the virus that causes COVID-19. **FACTS about COVID-19 Viral Vector Vaccines:** Viral vectors

⁷ Source: March 2, 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](#).

cannot cause infection with COVID-19 or the virus used as the vaccine vector. Viral vector vaccines do not affect or interact with our DNA in any way. Viral vector vaccines for COVID-19 are held to the same [rigorous safety and effectiveness standards](#) as all other types of vaccines in the United States. The only COVID-19 vaccines the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will make available for use in the United States (by approval or [emergency use authorization](#)) are those that meet these standards. For more information, visit [cdc.gov](#).

- **Actions in Response to COVID-19 – [Governor Newsom, Senate President ProTemp Atkins, and Assembly Speaker Rendon highlight a new \\$6.6 billion budget package for safe school return.](#)** The [budget package](#) is to accelerate the safe return to in-person instruction across California and empower schools to immediately expand academics, mental health, and social-emotional supports during the school year and over the summer. All public schools would be required to offer in-person instruction to grades K-2 for all students and high-needs students in all grades by the end of March 2020, losing 1 percent of eligible funds every day after that if they do not. Schools in California's Red Tier or better would be required to offer in-person instruction to all elementary grades and at least one middle or high school grade or risk the same penalty. Together, these requirements help ensure schools begin to reopen as soon as possible to build trust and confidence to continue phased reopenings. The package codifies multiple successful State programs that support safe school reopenings:
 - **Vaccine Prioritization for K-12 School Staff:** commitment to set aside 10% of State's vaccines for the education sector
 - **Data Reporting:** requires schools to report reopening status and COVID-19 safety measures in interactive geospatial maps displayed on the [Safe Schools Hub](#) to increase transparency.
 - **State Safe Schools Team:** allocates \$25 million to the State Safe Schools Team to provide oversight and accountability; the Team will conduct a safety review of any school with two or more COVID-19 outbreaks. For more information, visit [schools.covid19.ca.gov](#).
- **Cal/OSHA Issues Citations for COVID-19 Violations –** The State of California Department of Industrial Relations Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) helps protect workers from health and safety hazards on the job in almost every workplace in the State. To help employers understand their requirements to protect workers from COVID-19, Cal/OSHA created a [COVID-19 information page](#) with resources such as [Guidance by Industry](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#), [Educational Materials](#), and [Webinars on COVID-19](#). Employers and workers who have questions or need assistance with workplace health and safety programs can contact [Cal/OSHA's Consultation Services Branch](#). Complaints about workplace safety and health hazards can be filed confidentially with [Cal/OSHA district offices](#). Cal/OSHA cited multiple employers for not protecting workers from COVID-19 following inspections in various industries throughout the State after learning COVID-19 fatalities and illnesses and receiving complaints. Visit [dir.ca.gov](#) to view the complete list of [employers cited for COVID-19 violations](#).
- **FDA Issues Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine (Johnson & Johnson) EUA –** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an [emergency use authorization \(EUA\)](#) for a third vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19. The EUA allows the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine to be distributed in the United States for use in individuals 18 years of age and older. The most [commonly reported side effects](#) were pain at the injection site, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, and nausea. Most of the side effects occurred within one to two days following vaccination and were mild to moderate in severity and lasted one to two days. For details, visit [fda.gov](#).
- **TSA Readies in Advance of Spring Break –** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has substantial efforts underway to prepare for spring break travelers. Measures include technology upgrades across airport checkpoints that reduce or eliminate physical contact, recruitment efforts to prepare for the possible increase in passenger volume, and vaccination of TSA officers and personnel who engage with the public. For individuals who choose to travel,

TSA offers tips for navigating the airport checkpoint most efficiently and reminds passengers that pandemic precautions remain in place with social distancing, acrylic barriers, nitrile gloves, and routine disinfecting protocols throughout the checkpoint. Tip 1: Wear a face mask. Tip 2: Leave prohibited items at home. To reduce the likelihood of physical contact with TSA officers at the checkpoint, view the [What Can I Bring?](#) Page on TSA.gov. Tip 3: Prepare for the security checkpoint. Have a [valid I.D. card](#) readily available. Follow the liquids rule of 3.4 ounces or less, except for hand sanitizer, which has a temporary 12-ounce limit in carry-on baggage. Tip 4: No guns at checkpoints. All firearms must be [packed appropriately and declared](#) at check-in. Tip 5: Help is always available. Get live assistance by tweeting your questions and comments to [@AskTSA](#) or via [Facebook Messenger](#). Tip 6: Enroll in [TSA PreCheck](#)[®]. Avoid removing shoes, belts, liquids, food, laptops, and light jackets by enrolling in TSA PreCheck. Most new enrollees receive a known traveler number within five days; membership lasts five years. For additional information, visit [tsa.gov/coronavirus](#).

- **DMV Extends Expiring Commercial Driver's Licenses** – The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced a new round of extensions. Following updated guidance from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the DMV extends all commercial driver's licenses, learner's permits, and endorsements that expire between March 2020 and May 31, 2021. A previous expired at the end of February. The DMV has alerted California law enforcement of the new extensions. While the extensions are automatic, eligible commercial drivers will not receive a new card or an extension in the mail. Also, in line with federal guidance, commercial drivers whose [medical certification](#) expires between December 1, 2020, and May 31, 2021, have an extension to May 31, 2021, to update the certificate. Visit [dmv.ca.gov](#) for more information.
- **Update from Employment Development Department** – The California Department of Employment Development Department (EDD) continues to provide information to help people file and continue to obtain unemployment insurance benefits. EDD announced that California residents who ran out of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits before the last week of December 2020 should receive notice to certify eligibility for extended payments by March 7. The Department encourages Californians to view the [Unemployment Benefits Flow Chart](#) for information about what program they may qualify for, [helpful guidance](#) specifically aimed at people impacted by Covid-19, as well as answers to the most [frequently asked questions](#) by people seeking unemployment benefits. Visit [edd.ca.gov](#) for more information.
- **Projections in Healthcare / Predictive Modeling** – Los Angeles County [Department of Health Services](#) (DHS) released the [COVID-19 Projections of Hospital-based Health Care Demand March 1 Update](#). The update includes data on hospitalizations through February 26, 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 in the first half of February, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.77 with an uncertainty of 0.72 to 0.82. Our prior estimate for one week earlier was virtually identical at 0.78 with an uncertainty of 0.71 to 0.83.
 - Based on the hospitalizations pattern, we expect a decreasing demand for hospital-based services, including hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators over the next four weeks, as well as decreasing daily mortality.
 - 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 0.09% (uncertainty of 0.06% to 0.13%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
 - This would suggest about 1 in 1100 (between 1 in 1800 and 1 in 750) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 730.
 - Approximately 3 in every 8 persons in Los Angeles County has been infected with COVID19 since the beginning of the pandemic.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 91 recent deaths, two new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 1,407 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,194,242 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 21,554 deaths. There are 1,502 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 32% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 5,844,000 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)

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
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