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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Proceed with Caution: Saint Patrick's Day and Spring Break** – The City lost another resident to COVID-19 over the weekend. Our thoughts are with every person who has lost a loved one from COVID-19 this past year. We mourn each individual, special person that has passed away, and the City sends our deepest sympathies to friends and families. We are at a point in the pandemic where we have a great deal of optimism. The City and County are making progress vaccinating our residents; cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are decreasing. Next week, on Saint Patrick's Day, the County will likely move into a less restrictive tier. To maintain progress, we will need to continue making slowing transmission a central part of our day-to-day lives. Let's, keep this positive momentum going so children can return to school as safely as possible, and we can continue to prevent illness and save lives.
- **Beach Cities Health District Continues to Vaccinate South Bay Educators** - Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) has opened and is on pace to vaccinate 2,500 South Bay educators at AdventurePlex (1701 Marine Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA). In partnership with the Cities of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach and 11 Public School Districts. BCHD is working with 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn and the L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) to provide the 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. BCHD is looking for medical and non-medical volunteers to assist with COVID-19 objectives. Positions include vaccinations, testings, and positive result phone calls; time commitment varies. Visit bchd.org/volunteer for details.
- **Where L.A. County Stands on the States Tier System** – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) criteria and [tier assignments](#). The Blueprint was updated to reflect upcoming framework modifications and the Vaccine Equity Metric. According to the State, Los Angeles County has begun to meet the Red Tier metric thresholds that allows for additional reopenings, including on-site learning for grades 7 through 12. To move into the less restrictive Red Tier, L.A. County's daily case rate must be at or below 7 new cases per 100K people, and the County's test positivity rate must be at or below 8% for two consecutive weeks. L.A. County continues to improve its standing, currently reflecting 6.9 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), decreasing from 9.7, with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 5.2. The County's overall test positivity rate dropped from 3.5% to 2.5%. The [health equity metric](#) also reduced from 5.1% to 3.6%. **Should the cases and test positivity rates remain at or below the Red Tier metrics next week, the County would move to the Red Tier on March 17. While Los Angeles County remains in the Purple Tier, more businesses may be permitted to open with limitations on occupancy or use. View the Updated Sector [Chart of Activities and Businesses Allowed](#) in each tier. Visit covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy to find the status of activities in the County, risk level, and guidance for each business/service. Other significant updates include:**
 - An immediate goal of the State is reaching 2 million vaccine doses administered to the hardest-hit communities representing about 25% of Californians. When the threshold is met, CDPH will update the Blueprint. Purple Tier will shift from greater than 7 cases per

100K to greater than 10 cases per 100K. Red (Substantial) Tier will be widened to 4-10 cases per 100K. Orange (Moderate) and Yellow (Minimal) Tiers will remain the same.

- Outdoor sports and live performances (with fans/attendees) are eligible to begin April 1. In the Purple Tier, capacity will be limited to 100 people or fewer, and attendance will be limited to regional visitors. Advanced reservations will be required, and no concession sales will be allowed. In the Red Tier, capacity will be limited to 20 percent. Concession sales will be primarily in-seat. In the Orange Tier, capacity will be limited to 33 percent, and in the Yellow Tier, capacity will increase to 67 percent. Attendance will be limited to in-state visitors in the Red, Orange, and Yellow tiers.
- Amusement parks are eligible to reopen in the Red Tier beginning April 1. Capacity will be limited to 15 percent in the Red Tier. In the Orange Tier, that limitation will increase to 25 percent and 35 percent in the Yellow Tier. Attendance will be limited to in-state visitors.
- An update to the [School Reopening Framework](#).

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	28,937,762 (+124,338)	524,695 (+845)
California ²	3,507,266 (+2,614)	54,395 (+171)
Los Angeles County ³	1,205,276 (+1,337)	22,099 (+70)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,231 (+1)	18 (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
March 1 – March 7	16	1	11,229	594
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

View daily cases in an infographic via the [Manhattan Beach COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

VACCINATIONS THROUGH MARCH 9, 2021 ⁵			
L.A. COUNTY VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS DELIVERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS SHIPPED
2,591,803 (+22,220)	10,628,752 (+115,892)	14,479,430 (+1,133,640)	14,689,305 (+185,410)

¹ Source: March 8, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: March 8, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: March 9, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: March 9, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: March 9, 2021, <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#California-vaccines-dashboard>

Today's count of administered doses is incomplete due to data processing latency. Complete counts will be updated this week. View vaccination progress via the [California COVID-19: Vaccine Dashboard](#). Vaccination distribution information is available at [cdc.gov](https://www.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	6.9	5.2	2.5%	3.6%
3/2	Widespread	9.7	7.2	3.5%	5.1%
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
78,620	1,119	30%

View Beach Cities Case Information via [Beach Cities Health District COVID-19 by the Numbers](#).

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Vaccination Update** – COVID-19 vaccine remains limited. Currently, people eligible for the vaccine include healthcare workers, residents and staff at long-term care facilities, people 65 or older, education and childcare workers, food and agriculture workers, and emergency service workers, and law enforcement. 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](https://www.vaccinatelacounty.com) (English) and [VacunateLosAngeles.com](https://www.vacunatelosangeles.com) (Spanish).
- Vaccination Resources** – Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19. Experts also think that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill, even if you get COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccination is an essential tool to help us get back to normal. Learn more about the [benefits of getting vaccinated](#) by checking out the resources from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) below:
 - [Key Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
 - [Understanding Different COVID-19 Vaccine Types](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Development, Trials, and Safety](#)
 - [FDA – Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
 - [Ask COVID-19 Questions](#), visit the CDC website for answers to questions on other health topics, or [contact CDC-INFO by email](#) or call (800) CDC-INFO (800) 232-4636
- Guidelines After Vaccination** – [The CDC issued recommendations on activities people fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can safely resume](#). CDC will update these recommendations as more people are vaccinated, rates of COVID-19 in the community change and additional scientific evidence becomes available. CDC has [released resources](#) to help people make

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

informed decisions when they are fully vaccinated. A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last required dose of vaccine. At that time, she/he may:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or staying 6 feet apart.
 - Visit with unvaccinated people from one other household indoors without wearing masks or staying 6 feet apart if everyone in the other household is at low risk for severe disease.
 - Refrain from quarantine and testing if they do not have symptoms of COVID-19 after contact with someone who has COVID-19.
- **Updated Health Order – Protocol for Social Distancing** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) released updated Protocols for Social Distancing. The protocol includes updated language related to entry screening for employees and visitors to a facility and changed terminology from *face covering* to *face mask*. Be compliant; visit publichealth.lacounty.gov for details.
 - **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – Several measures were taken in response to COVID-19:
 - [California set aside 40 percent of vaccine doses for most impacted communities and seeks to reach 2 million vaccine doses](#) in those communities to move counties through tiers and open more activities safely. The State also updated its recommendations about the most effective use of masks and considered double-masking.
 - [Governor Newsom signed an Executive Order extending authorization for local governments to halt evictions for commercial renters](#) impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through June 30, 2021. The order also extends protections against price gouging for emergency and medical supplies amid the pandemic's ongoing emergency response.
 - Since dedicating 10 percent of vaccine supply for education workers on March 1, [over 200,000 education workers have been vaccinated](#), far exceeding the State's goal of 75,000 vaccines per week. The initiative is part of the [Safe Schools for All Plan](#).

Visit gov.ca.gov for more information on State measures.

- **New Funding Rounds for CA Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Programs** – The California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development administers a grant for small businesses and nonprofits that have been impacted by the health and safety restrictions imposed by COVID-19. The [Grant Program](#) provides micro-grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to eligible small businesses and nonprofits. Following [Governor Newsom's signing into law the comprehensive COVID-19 relief package](#), four new funding rounds will address ongoing needs and support struggling small businesses and nonprofits. The package provides \$2.075 billion for grants up to \$25,000 for small businesses and includes a \$50 million allocation for nonprofit cultural institutions. **Round 3** is a closed funding round; no new applications will be accepted and runs from March 5 through March 11, 2021. Applicants waitlisted from Rounds 1 and 2 will be selected. **Round 4** is for nonprofit cultural institutions only and runs from March 16 through March 23, 2021. Eligible nonprofit cultural institutions must complete a new application even if they already applied in Rounds 1 and 2; grants will only be available to nonprofits that did not receive funding in Rounds 1, 2, or 3. **Round 5** is for current waitlisted small businesses and nonprofits not selected in previous rounds and new applicants and runs March 25 through March 31, 2021. Round 6 is for existing waitlisted small companies and nonprofits not chosen in the last rounds and new applicants; dates are to be announced. Visit CAReliefGrant.com for grant requirements and eligibility.
- **L.A. County Hero Pay – Find Out If You Qualify** – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed a Hero Pay Ordinance for qualified grocery and drug store workers in unincorporated areas of L.A. County. The temporary Hero Pay requires large grocery retail and drug retail stores to pay their employees no less than \$5-per-hour hazard pay in addition to the

employee's base wage. Applicable businesses must have more than ten employees per store and are part of a company that is either publicly traded or employs 300 or more people nationwide. The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) accepts and investigates claims from workers of alleged violations of the ordinance. Visit dcba.lacounty.gov for details.

- **COVID-19 and Pregnancy** - [DPH continues to track the impact of COVID-19 on expecting, new moms, and newborns](#). As of March 1, there have been a total of 11 deaths among the 6,589 pregnant women who tested positive for COVID-19. Among the 4,726 births where there was testing information, 49 infants tested positive for the virus. Expecting and new moms are encouraged to take extra care and remain home as much as possible to avoid exposure to COVID-19. If you are sick or positive for COVID-19 and breastfeeding, wear a mask while breastfeeding or bottle-feeding, and be sure to wash your hands before touching the baby or any pump or bottle before using. If possible, ask someone else to feed the baby your breastmilk by the bottle. Detailed guidance for expecting and new moms is available online from Public Health and the CDC. Visit publichealth.lacounty.gov and cdc.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 March 8 Update](#). The update includes data on hospitalizations through March 5, 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 second half of February, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.79 with an uncertainty of 0.72 to 0.85. Our prior estimate for one week earlier was similar at 0.77 with an uncertainty of 0.72 to 0.82.
 - 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, 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 0.08% (uncertainty of 0.05% to 0.14%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
 - This would suggest about 1 in 1200 (between 1 in 2100 and 1 in 730) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 1100.
 - Approximately 3 in every eight 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 70 recent deaths, one new case in Manhattan Beach, and 1,337 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,205,276 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 22,099 deaths. There are 1,119 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 30% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 5,905,000 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 ⁷	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

⁷ 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
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 (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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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