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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Our Community, Our Loss** – Yesterday marked the anniversary of the first death from COVID-19 in L.A. County. Tragically, the L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) also confirmed another resident from Manhattan Beach passed away of COVID-19. In total, Manhattan Beach grieves for nineteen loved ones. To all who are mourning, we are with you in your sorrow. Moving forward, let's help prevent more loss in our community. We ask residents and businesses continue to be diligent at implementing and following all public health safety measures, including face coverings, distancing, and handwashing, and be sure to vaccinate when the opportunity becomes available to you.
- **County Anticipates Red Tier Soon** - DPH anticipates qualifying for the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) less restrictive Red Tier that allows for additional reopenings between Monday, March 15 at 12:01 AM and Wednesday, March 17. The exact date depends on when 2 million vaccine doses have been administered to people in the most under-resourced communities across the State. [Newly permitted activities](#) and modified safety protocols in the Red Tier will include:
 - Museums, Zoos, and Aquariums can open indoors at 25% capacity.
 - Gyms, Fitness Centers, Yoga, and Dance Studios can open indoors at 10% capacity with masking requirements for all indoor activities.
 - Movie Theatres can open indoors at 25% capacity with reserved seating only where each group is seated with at least 6 feet of distance in all directions between any other groups.
 - Retail and Personal Care Services can increase capacity to 50% with masking required at all times and for all services.
 - Restaurants can open indoors at 25% max capacity with conditions: 8 feet distancing between tables; one household per table with a limit of 6 people; the HVAC system is in good working order and has been evaluated, and to the maximum extent possible ventilation has been increased.
 - Indoor Shopping Malls can increase capacity to 50% with common areas remaining closed; food courts can open at 25% capacity adhering to the restaurant guidance for indoor dining.
 - Institutes of Higher Education can re-open all permitted activities with required safety modifications except for residential housing, which remains under current restrictions for the Spring semester.
 - Schools are permitted to re-open for in-person instruction for students in grades 7-12, while adhering to all state and county directives.
 - Private gatherings can occur indoors with up to 3 separate households, masking and distancing required at all times. People who are fully vaccinated can gather in small numbers indoors with other fully vaccinated people without distancing and masking.
- **Updated Health Order for Vaccinated People and Visits/Small Private Gatherings** – DPH Health Officer issued Revised Health Order Issued March 10, 2021. The update includes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Public Health Guidance for fully vaccinated](#)

[people and visits or small private gatherings](#) released on March 8, 2021, and the continued decline in new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and testing positivity rates in the County. The Order intends to continue to ensure that County residents remain in their residences as much as practical, to limit close contact with others outside their household in both indoor and outdoor spaces. Visits or small private gatherings with people who are not part of a single household or living unit must comply. Much of the Order remains the same; however, key points include:

- **Outdoors only** – All private gatherings must be held outside; they are permitted in a public park or other outdoor space, except for fully vaccinated people. Mixing between unrelated private gatherings in the same site or public or private space at the same time is not allowed.
- **Indoors at a private residence** without wearing a mask or physical distancing is permitted only if 1) All attendees are fully vaccinated or 2) Fully vaccinated people visit with unvaccinated people from a single household that does not have any individuals who are at risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Note A) If any of the unvaccinated people or their household members are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, all attendees must gather outdoors only, wear a well-fitted mask, and stay at least 6 feet away from people who do not live with them. B) Fully vaccinated people must not visit or attend a gathering if they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of the vaccination status of the other people at the gathering.

Fully vaccinated people engaging in social activities in a public setting must also continue to follow all Order requirements, including avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing hands or using hand sanitizer frequently. Visit publichealth.lacounty.gov for more information.

- **Apply for Board and Commissions Vacancies** –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](#).

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	29,052,862 (+60,264)	527,726 (+1,513)
California ²	3,516,862 (+3,184)	54,891 (+270)
Los Angeles County ³	1,208,024 (+1,378)	22,304 (+101)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,242 (+2)	19 (0)

The change reflects daily increases, not increases from the prior situation report.

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¹ Source: March 10, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: March 10, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: March 11, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: March 11, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE	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

View daily cases in an infographic via the [Manhattan Beach COVID-19 Dashboard](#). View Beach Cities Case Information via [Beach Cities Health District COVID-19 by the Numbers](#).

VACCINATIONS THROUGH MARCH 11, 2021 ⁵			
L.A. COUNTY VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS DELIVERED	CALIFORNIA VACCINATIONS SHIPPED
2,670,855 (+51,894)	10,988,301 (+215,442)	15,066,380 (+415,830)	15,426,105 (+318,530)

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](#).

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%

The State updated [tier assignments](#) on March 9 under its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#)- the criteria used to loosen and tighten regulations on activities. 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 allow 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.

⁵ Source: March 10, 2021, <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#California-vaccines-dashboard>

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

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
78,842	1,056	30%

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Vaccination Update** – California will strategically increase the proportion of vaccines distributed to regions hardest hit by COVID-19 through [Equitable Vaccine Administration](#). As directed by the State, [custodians and janitors, public transit workers, and airport ground crew workers](#) are all now eligible to be vaccinated. Emergency responders like social workers who handle cases of violence, abuse or neglect and foster parents providing emergency housing for young people are also eligible to be vaccinated. DPH is currently coordinating with unions and employers to set up vaccination sites and make appointments at the large county sites available for these groups. DPH is in the process of creating appointments this weekend on both Saturday and Sunday at the Forum and on Saturday at the L.A. County Office of Education Downey vaccination site for the janitorial and custodial workers. Per the [State's COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guidelines](#), beginning March 15, healthcare providers may use their clinical judgment to vaccinate individuals age 16 – 64 who are deemed to be at the very highest risk to get sick from COVID-19 because they have severe health conditions. These conditions include but are not limited to cancer, chronic kidney disease, pulmonary disease, down syndrome, pregnancy, heart conditions, severe obesity, and type 2 diabetes. Providers and healthcare facilities are working on using their health record systems to identify patients who have these conditions and reach out to them to be vaccinated. 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).
- Update on Variants** – The emergence of variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, reminds us that we need to redouble our efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Some of these variants seem to spread more easily and quickly, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19. So far, studies suggest that antibodies generated through vaccination with currently authorized vaccines recognize these variants. This is being closely investigated, and more studies are underway. [To date, DPH confirmed a total of 47 cases of COVID-19 U.K. variant, 9 cases of New York variant, and one case of the P.2 Brazil variant in Los Angeles County.](#) All the cases of the U.K. variant identified since January 15, and the first case of the P.2 variant from Brazil was identified two weeks ago. All 9 instances of the New York variant were identified since March 3. Also, there have been 262 California variant cases found, with the vast majority of these cases identified since December 1 of last year. There have been no cases identified in L.A. County with the South African variant. This latest analysis of specimens is the first time the New York variant was identified in Los Angeles County. To learn more about COVID-19 variants and vaccines, visit [SARS-CoV-2 Variants](#), [US COVID-19 Cases Caused by Variants](#), and [Facts About COVID-19 Vaccines](#).
- Actions in Response to COVID-19** – [President Biden signed into law H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.](#) The 1.9 trillion economic stimulus package provides additional relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses. For details on the stimulus package, visit [congress.gov](#).
- FOUND/LA Small Business Recovery Grant Fund Round Four Opens Soon** – The FOUND/LA Small Business Recovery Fund, in partnership with Pacific Community Ventures and TMC Community Capital, has formed a small business grant for Los Angeles County supporting local entrepreneurs that create spaces that make neighborhoods feel like home. Grant awards range between \$5,000 and \$25,000, depending on business size. Grant criteria include businesses serving the community they're located in, with under 20 employees, previously profitable but

negatively impacted by COVID-19. On selection day, grant recipients will be randomly selected from the eligible applicants' pool until funds are expended. Round Four application opens March 15 and closes March 21. Applicants from Rounds One, Two, and Three who were not selected will automatically enter Round Four. Visit foundla.org for more information.

- **Nonprofit Cultural Institutions Funding for COVID-19 Relief Grant** – 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 impacted by the health and safety restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Round Four in the program 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 One and Two; grants will only be available to nonprofits that did not receive funding in Rounds One, Two, and Three. Visit CAReliefGrant.com for more information.
- **Update to Blueprint Tier Framework Upon Meeting Statewide Vaccine Equity Metric Goals** – California's approach to modifying the Blueprint for a Safer Economy is anchored not just on the level of overall vaccinations across California but with a particular focus on vaccinating individuals living in the State's Vaccine Equity Quartile communities as a critical indicator of the ability to expedite protection and disease transmission prevention to all communities in the State. With 40% of the vaccine reserved and administered in the hardest-hit communities, L.A. County is on pace to meet the threshold. The day the Vaccine Equity Metric goal is met, the California Department of Public Health will revise the tier assignments to reflect the shift in Blueprint tier thresholds shifts and announce the change the following day. [Updated Tier Assignments](#) will become effective the day after tier assignments are announced. See table below:

BLUEPRINT TIER FRAMEWORK THRESHOLDS UPON MEETING STATEWIDE VACCINE EQUITY METRIC GOALS				
DOSES ADMINISTERED IN THE VACCINE EQUITY QUARTILE (STATEWIDE)	Widespread (TIER ONE) PURPLE	Substantial (TIER TWO) RED	Moderate (TIER THREE) ORANGE	Minimal (TIER FOUR) YELLOW
CURRENT: LESS THAN 2 MILLION DOSES ADMINISTERED	Case Rate > 7	Case Rate 4 - 7	Case Rate 1 - 3.9	Case Rate < 1
GOAL #1: 2 MILLION DOSES ADMINISTERED	Case Rate > 10	Case Rate 4 - 10	Case Rate 1 - 3.9	Case Rate < 1
GOAL #2 4 MILLION DOSES ADMINISTERED	Case Rate > 10	Case Rate 6 - 10	Case Rate 2 - 5.9	Case Rate < 2

- **NIH Director Explains the Science on Vaccines and Reflects on COVID-19 Anniversary**– Dr. Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the nation's medical research agency, recently participated in several COVID-19 interviews available on the NIH website. [Listen](#) to Dr. Collin's interview by CBN News [explain the science](#) behind the development of COVID-19 vaccines and encourage the public to get vaccinated once given the opportunity. [Listen to a separate interview with Dr. Collins and Dr. Fauci](#) on National Public Radio reflect on the pandemic's anniversary. Both doctors [share their outlook for the coming months](#).
- **FDA Issues EUA for OTC Home COVID-19 Test** – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an [Emergency Use Authorization](#) (EUA) to Cue Health Inc. for its over-the-counter at-

home diagnostic test for COVID-19. The Cue COVID-19 Test for Home and Over The Counter (OTC) Use is a molecular test that can be entirely used at home without a prescription by people with or without COVID-19 symptoms. It requires the use of a compatible smartphone and a downloadable app. The app provides testing instructions and works with the Cue Cartridge Reader and the Cue testing cartridge to perform the test. Results are available in about 20 minutes. Visit [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov) for more details.

- L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 101 recent deaths, two new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 1,378 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,208,024 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 22,304 deaths. There are 1,079 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 30% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 5,927,000 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

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
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
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