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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day Safely** – While L.A. County has progressed to the Red Tier and restaurants, wineries, and breweries reopened indoors, please celebrate Saint Patrick's Day safely! Keep yourself, family, friends, neighbors, and the broader community and local economy safe; continue following these core practices:
 - **Go outdoors.** Outdoor activities are far safer than indoor ones.
 - **Stay masked.** Consistent and correct use of masks, especially double-masking, both indoors and outdoors, effectively prevents the spread of COVID-19.
 - **Maintain distance** - at least six feet from others. Physical distancing from those who do not live with you also helps to keep the virus away.
 - **Avoid crowds.** The fewer people you encounter and the fewer interactions you have, the smaller the chance the virus will spread.
 - **Get vaccinated when it's your turn.** All federally-authorized vaccines work well and help protect you, your family, and your friends against COVID-19.
- **Manhattan Beach Residents Get Vaccinated** – According to the L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH), [8,774 \(or 30.5%\) of Manhattan Beach residents have already received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine](#). Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19. The vaccine will also help keep you from getting seriously ill, even if you do get COVID-19. Register to find out when it's your turn to get vaccinated at MyTurn.ca.gov. Once registered, [My Turn](#) will let you know when eligible to be vaccinated and provide the functionality to make an appointment. Please get vaccinated when it's your turn. Vaccination is an essential tool to help Manhattan Beach get back to normal.
- **Where L.A. County Stands on the States Tier System** – The State updated their data today, under its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) – the criteria used to loosen and tighten regulations on activities. Los Angeles County recently moved to Tier Two (Red), with a "Substantial" risk level. More [businesses can open with modifications or limitations on occupancy](#). According to the State's website, L.A. County continues to improve its standing reflecting 5.5 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), decreasing from 6.9, with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 4.1. The County's overall test positivity rate dropped from 2.5% to 2.0%. The [health equity metric](#) also reduced from 3.6% to 2.8%. The County must remain in the Red Tier for three consecutive weeks before moving to the less restrictive Tier Three (Orange) even if the County's metrics align earlier with Orange. L.A. County's daily case rate must be at or below 3.9 new cases per 100K people. The County's test positivity rate must be at or below 4.9% for two consecutive weeks to qualify for Orange. If L.A. County continues to experience declines in the case rate, it is possible to achieve Orange in early April. Visit covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy to find the status of activities in each risk level and guidance for each business/service.
- **Recent Press Release**
 - [Los Angeles County Announces Sector/Activity Re-Openings Beginning March 15 3/12/2021](#)

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

| AREA | CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE) | DEATHS (CHANGE) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| United States ¹ | 29,319,457 (+49,867) | 533,057 (+702) |
| California ² | 3,530,055 (+1,260) | 55,372 (+42) |
| Los Angeles County ³ | 1,210,905 (+318) | 22,519 (+52) |
| Manhattan Beach ⁴ | 1,251 (0) | 19 (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 8 – March 14 | 21 | 1 | 7,113 | 445 |
| 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](#).

| COVID-19 VACCINATIONS | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| AREA | DATA THROUGH | PARTIALLY VACCINATED | FULLY VACCINATED | VACCINATIONS ADMINISTERED |
| California ⁵ | 3/16/2021 | 4,191,752 (+103,567) | 4,344,182 (+196,578) | 12,637,197 (+464,249) |
| Los Angeles County ⁶ | 3/10/2021 | 2,741,577 | 899,527 | 3,056,690 ⁷ (+101,283) |
| Manhattan Beach ⁸ | 3/8/2021 | 8,774 | Data Not Available | Data Not Available |

View the State's vaccination progress via the [California COVID-19: Vaccine Dashboard](#).

| L.A. COUNTY DATA AND TIER ASSIGNMENT OVER TIME ⁹ | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| REPORTING DATE | COUNTY RISK LEVEL | CASES PER 100K | ADJUSTED CASE RATE | POSITIVITY RATE | HEALTH EQUITY METRIC |
| 3/16 | Substantial | 5.5 | 4.1 | 2.0% | 2.8% |
| 3/12 | Substantial | Tier Change: | Met Vaccine | Equity Metric | Goal |
| 3/9 | Widespread | 6.9 | 5.2 | 2.5% | 3.6% |

¹ Source: March 15, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: March 15, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: March 16, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: March 16, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: March 16, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://vaccines.ca.gov/coronavirus/)

⁶ Source: March 16, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-dashboard.htm>

⁷ Source: March 16, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://vaccines.ca.gov/coronavirus/)

⁸ Source: March 16, 2021, [COVID-19 Locations & Demographics - LA County Department of Public Health](#)

⁹ Source: March 16, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

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| REPORTING DATE | COUNTY RISK LEVEL | CASES PER 100K | ADJUSTED CASE RATE | POSITIVITY RATE | HEALTH EQUITY METRIC |
| 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% |

| LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| EVER | CURRENT | % IN ICU |
| 80,580 | 865 | 28% |

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Vaccination Update** – Currently, people who are eligible for the vaccine include healthcare workers, residents and staff at long-term care facilities, age 65 or older, education and childcare workers, food and agriculture workers, emergency service workers, and law enforcement. This week, vaccine eligibility expands to residents between the ages 16 through 64 who have underlying health conditions or disabilities that put them at the highest risk of becoming very sick from COVID-19. Persons with these conditions should check with their health care provider to see if their health care provider can vaccinate them. Vaccinations will also be available at community vaccination sites for those who can travel to these sites. More information and options are available [online](#). As of last week, 61.2% of L.A. County residents 65 and older received at least one dose of the vaccine, and 33.7% received both doses. As a reminder to residents 65 and older not yet vaccinated, make your appointment as soon as you are able. Many neighborhood pharmacies are offering appointments. If you not able to use the web-based appointment system, call L.A. County's Vaccination Call Center at (833) 540-0473 between 8:00 AM and 8:30 PM seven days a week for assistance. This week, there are over 384 vaccination sites receiving a portion of the 259,660 total doses allocated to L.A. County. The allocation for this week is lower as the County is not receiving Johnson & Johnson doses. L.A. County may not receive Johnson & Johnson doses next week either. Across vaccination providers, there continues to be much more capacity to vaccinate. This week, over 627,000 appointment slots are available, but the County only has enough doses for about 259,000 appointments. Our large capacity vaccination sites could provide 210,000 additional vaccinations this week if there were sufficient supplies. At hundreds of vaccination sites across the County, including pharmacies and many community clinics, appointments are open to L.A. County residents or workers meeting the eligibility requirements. Visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinatelacounty.com) (English) and [VacunateLosAngeles.com](https://www.vacunatelosangeles.com) (Spanish) for more information on who is eligible, how to make an appointment if it is your turn, and what verifications you will need when you show up for your vaccine.
- Considerations for Medications before Getting Vaccinated**– It is not recommended you take over-the-counter medications, such as ibuprofen, aspirin, or acetaminophen, before vaccination to prevent vaccine-related side effects. It is not known how these medications may affect how well the vaccine works. However, if you take these medications regularly for other reasons, you

should keep taking them before you get vaccinated. If you have questions about the drugs you take, talk to your doctor or your vaccination provider. Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information.

- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – [During the COVID-19 Response Team Press Briefing, President Biden directed Administration to deliver two initiatives to help the nation recover.](#) First, the Biden administration will nearly double Medicare's reimbursement rates for Administering COVID vaccines, making it easier for healthcare providers to give more shots to people in need. Second, through the American Rescue Plan, the Administration will cover 100 percent of the cost for Medicaid and children's health insurance beneficiaries to get vaccinated. The initiative protects states from bearing any costs associated with the increased Medicare reimbursement rates. For details, visit [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov).
- **Nonprofit Cultural Institutions, Apply Now for COVID-19 Relief Grant** – Applications for Round Four for nonprofit cultural institution grants opens today. The California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development administers grants for small businesses and nonprofits impacted by the health and safety restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Round Four is for nonprofit cultural institutions only, opens today, and closes March 23, 2021. Visit [CAReliefGrant.com](https://www.CAReliefGrant.com) for more information.
- **Search COVID-19 Guidance to Prevent the Spread** – Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, Director, of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) published the [Agency Guidance Review](#). The review was in response to an effort to restore the public's trust in the CDC and complete a comprehensive assessment to ensure that all CDC's existing guidance related to COVID-19 is evidence-based and free of politics. View the comprehensive report in the [CDC's Summary of its Recent Guidance Review](#). Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) to view the Guidance by Audience ([Employers, Business Owners & Community Leaders](#), [Educators & School Administrators](#), [Individual Consumers](#), [Parents & Caregivers](#), [Healthcare Professionals](#), [Health Departments](#), [Federal, State & Local Government](#), [Tribal Agencies](#) and [Global Health](#)) to see what is applicable in your home, workplace, or community to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- **Update on 2021 Economic Impact Payments** – The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) advised that the first batch of the 2021 Economic Impact Payments (EIP) are sent by direct deposit. Some recipients started receiving their payment as early as March 12. Additional sets of payments will be sent in the coming weeks by direct deposit and through the mail as a check or debit card. Use the [Get My Payment](#) online tool to find when and how the IRS sent your 2021 EIP. View the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for help with the [Get My Payment](#) tool. For more information, visit [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).
- **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 15 Update](#). The update includes data on hospitalizations through March 12, 2021. The underlying statistical prediction model is unchanged from last week. Key findings in the report include:
 - The daily number of newly hospitalized patients with COVID-19 across Los Angeles County has continued to decrease but at a slower rate.
 - Based on recent hospitalization data, reflecting transmission that occurred around the end of February, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.87 with an uncertainty of .80 to 0.94. This is higher than our estimate one week earlier of 0.79 with an uncertainty of 0.72 to 0.85.
 - Based on the pattern in hospitalizations, we expect a decreasing or stable demand for hospital-based services including hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators over the next four weeks, combined with 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 0.11% (uncertainty of 0.07% to 0.16%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
 - This would suggest about 1 in 940 (between 1 in 1500 and 1 in 610) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 1200.
 - 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 51 recent deaths, no new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 318 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,210,905 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 22,519 deaths. There are 865 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 28% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 5,962,000 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 California Case Statistics](#). 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 ¹⁰ | 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 | June 12 |

¹⁰ 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 |
|--|---|----------------------|
| | See Virtual Parks and Recreation Programs | (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 |
| 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 |

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