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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Our Community, Our Loss** – Sadly, Manhattan Beach lost another resident to COVID-19 yesterday, making our total coronavirus loss to date, 20 residents. L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) also confirmed the second COVID-19 death of a young person under the age of 18 from the County. To all who are mourning someone who has passed away from COVID-19, the City is deeply sorry for your loss. We wish you healing and peace at this challenging time. The loss serves as a reminder that just because certain activities are allowed, or specific reopen protocols are revised does not mean that actions are "safe" and without risk. To keep yourself, your family, your friends, and 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.
- **Stay Safe and Stay Local for the Upcoming Religious Holidays** - As we navigate through reopenings, vaccinations and make plans for upcoming religious holidays, it is more important than ever to stay safe and travel locally. Travel may increase your chance of spreading and getting COVID-19. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to recommend postponing travel and staying home as this is the best way to protect yourself and others this year. When considering a holiday trip, visit [CDC's Travel page](#) to help decide what is best for you and your family. Keep in mind, upon return from non-essential travel out of state/country, the [Current DPH Travel Advisory and Guidance](#) requires self-quarantine for ten days after arrival. Visit cdc.gov for suggestions on [Safer Ways to Observe Religious Holidays](#).
- **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	29,431,658 (+56,900)	535,217 (+1,118)
California ²	3,535,534 (+3,038)	55,795 (+218)

¹ Source: March 17, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: March 17, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
Los Angeles County ³	1,212,586 (+933)	22,664 (+88)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,258 (+4)	20 (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	3/18/2021	4,361,910 (+86,363)	4,650,814 (+137,089)	13,382,046 (+400,080)
Los Angeles County ⁶	3/10/2021	2,741,577*	899,527*	3,226,237 ⁷ (+83,878)
Manhattan Beach ⁸	3/8/2021	8,774*	Data Not Available	Data Not Available

* Los Angeles County and Manhattan Beach vaccination progress are not updated regularly on the source websites; the table reflects data currently available. View the State's vaccination progress via the [California COVID-19: Vaccine Dashboard](#). View vaccinations in the [United States](#).

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%
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%

³ Source: March 18, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: March 18, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: March 18, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

⁶ Source: March 10, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-dashboard.htm>

⁷ Source: March 18, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

⁸ Source: March 8, 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 \(ca.gov\)](#)

The State updated tier assignments on March 16, 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 "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 (see table below). 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.

BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY (Now that California has 2 Million People Vaccinated, to move forward toward more reopening, the Case Rate, Test Positivity, and Health Equity Metric thresholds must be met.)			
WIDESPREAD (TIER ONE) PURPLE Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed	SUBSTANTIAL (TIER TWO) RED Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed	MODERATE (TIER THREE) ORANGE Some indoor business operations are open with modifications	MINIMAL (TIER FOUR) YELLOW Most indoor business operations are open with modifications
More than 10.0 daily new cases (per 100K)	4.0 – 10.0 daily new cases (per 100K)	1.0 – 3.9 daily new cases (per 100K)	Less than 1.0 daily new case (per 100K)
More than 8.0% test positivity for entire County	5.0 – 8.0% test positivity for entire County	2.0 – 4.9% test positivity for entire County	Less than 2.0% test positivity for entire County
	Less than 8.1% positive tests for health equity quartile	Less than 5.3% positive tests for health equity quartile	Less than 2.2% positive tests for health equity quartile

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS ¹⁰		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
81,149	861	26%

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, law enforcement, and 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. 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://vaccinate.lacounty.gov) (English) and [VacunateLosAngeles.com](https://vacunate.losangeles.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. If you cannot 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.

¹⁰ Source: March 16, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

- **Let's Get to ImmUnity Campaign** – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) launched a multi-million dollar statewide "Let's Get to ImmUnity" public education campaign to boost COVID-19 vaccine acceptance. The campaign ramps up conversations with the hardest-hit communities ahead of anticipated vaccine eligibility expansion in May. Along with [media outreach](#), the "Let's Get to ImmUnity" campaign will include a revised [VaccinateALL58.com](#) website later this month, available in at least eight languages. For details, visit [cdph.ca.gov](#).
- **Volunteer Recruitment Campaign to Accelerate Vaccinations** – The Governor's Office launched a volunteer recruitment campaign to accelerate COVID-19 vaccinations and slow the spread. Medical and general support teams are needed. Interested volunteers can visit [MyTurnVolunteer.ca.gov](#) for details.
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – Several measures were taken in response to COVID-19:
 - [Governor Newsom announced the establishment of an inaugural board for the California Privacy Protection Agency \(CPPA\)](#), a new administrative agency charged with protecting consumers' fundamental privacy rights over their personal information. The CPPA Board consists of experts in privacy, technology, and consumer rights. Californians deserve to have their data protected; the appointees represent online consumer protection and business accountability. In many cases, the pandemic forced consumers, healthcare, schools, and businesses online. The board will help protect private information and the digital identities of individuals and families now and in the future. For more information, visit [gov.ca.gov](#).
 - Governor Newsom signed [Assembly Bill 83](#) to provide economic relief to alcoholic beverage licensees most severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. AB 83 authorizes the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to waive license renewal fees set to expire between March 1, 2021, and February 28, 2023. Visit [leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](#) for details.
 - Governor Newsom signed [Assembly Bill 88](#) one-time stimulus and grant payments garnishment exclusion from gross income. Visit [leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](#) for details.
- **Update on Variants** – Variants remain a concern, even as more and more people are vaccinated. To date, [DPH has confirmed a total of 55 cases of COVID-19 U.K. variant, two instances of the B.1.525 variant, which was also first identified in the U.K., 21 cases of the New York variant, and 1 case of the P.2 variant from Brazil in Los Angeles County](#). There have been no cases identified of the South African variant. Also, 35 California variant B.1.427 instances were identified, and 276 of the California Variant B.1.429. The B.1.427 and the B.1.429 are both slightly different sequences called the California variant. As we plan for additional reopenings, we know that there is more risk of variants dominating if there is more transmission of COVID-19. All of us need to continue to do everything we can to reduce transmission, including masking and maintaining physical distance whenever we are outside of our homes and around others. Visit [cdc.gov](#) for more information on [Variants of Interest](#), [Variants of Concern](#), and [Variant of High Consequence](#).
- **COVID-19 Rent Relief Available to Income Eligible Households** – Income-eligible households who need financial assistance for unpaid rent and utilities will be able to apply for help through the California COVID-19 Rent Relief program. If you have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19, have past due rent or utilities, and have a household income that is not more than 80% of the area median income, you may be eligible to receive help to pay past due or future rent and utilities from the State. Landlords and renters can verify eligibility immediately by visiting the [Housing is Key](#) website. Visit [housing.ca.gov](#) for details.
- **COVID-19 Master Question List** – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) published an update to the Master Question List (MQL) for COVID-

19. The MLQ is intended to quickly present available information to decision-makers in the operational response to COVID-19 and allow structured and scientifically guided discussions across the federal government, prevent duplication of efforts, and highlight and coordinate research. Visit [dhs.gov](https://www.dhs.gov) to view the report.

- **FOUND/LA Small Business Recovery Grant Closes March 21** – 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. Visit foundla.org for more information.
- **Nonprofit Cultural Institutions Grant Closes March 23** – The COVID-19 Relief Grant **application** for nonprofit cultural institutions closes Tuesday, March 23. 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. Visit CAReliefGrant.com for more information.
- **Save the Date: April 15 National Disability Forum** – Save the date, April 15, for the National Disability Forum (NDF). The NDF is an open forum of Social Security Administration (SSA) that allows all interested stakeholders to share their unique insights on topics of particular interest to SSA early in the process and directly with policymakers. Further, it provides an opportunity for stakeholders to hear from one another. The Forum is open to anyone interested and intended to be a means to gain insight through listening. Visit ssa.gov/ndf for details.
- **NIH Director Discusses COVID-19** – Dr. Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the nation's medical research agency, recently participated in several COVID-19 events available on the NIH website. 1) [Dr. Collins participates](#) in a vaccine confidence event at the Washington National Cathedral. 2) [Dr. Collins talks to Dr. John Whyte at WebMD](#) on various COVID-19 topics, faith, science, and the new UNITE initiative. And 3) [Dr. Collins on MSNBC](#) discusses COVID-19 vaccinations, new variants, and continuing public health measures.
- **Businesses Must Comply and Stop the Spread** – Businesses must implement and follow all safety protocols closely and ensure compliance with all Health Order directives, including occupancy limits, masking, infection control, and distancing requirements. Businesses must ensure there are no crowded spaces or places, report outbreaks of three or more cases, allow employees to work from home as much as possible, and stay home if they're feeling sick. Businesses that are not adhering to safety protocols to protect workers and customers increase the risk for COVID-19 spread. From March 1 through March 14, 112 citations were issued to restaurants, family entertainment establishments, gyms, personal care salons, and other businesses for noncompliance with Health Officer Orders. Since the end of August, a total of 1,219 citations were issued. [View a list of companies in violation of the Health Order that received citations](#). Report noncompliance and dangerous conditions by calling (888) 700-9995 or online at publichealth.lacounty.gov; tips can be anonymous.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 88 recent deaths, four new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 933 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,212,586 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 22,664 deaths. There are 861 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 26% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 5,984,000 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 ¹¹	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
Building Permits	Limited (Processing current permits but limited new permits)	N/A

¹¹ 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
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
Farmers Market	Open Every Tuesday	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
County Library	Closed (Sidewalk Service)	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning (See COVID-19 Dashboard)	Recently Opened