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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **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. On March 12, Los Angeles County moved to Tier Two (Red), with a "Substantial" risk level where 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 4.8 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), decreasing from 5.5. The adjusted case rate for tier assignment now equals 3.7. The County's overall test positivity rate dropped from 2.0% to 1.8%. The [health equity metric](#) also reduced from 2.8% to 2.5%. 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 (which we are), 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.
- **Reopening and Returning to the Workplace** – Beach Cities Health District's (BCHD) Safe in the South Bay Series brings health experts, cities, chambers, schools, and community members together around the fast-moving COVID-19 pandemic. Reopening and returning to the workplace is not an easy task. BCHD is hosting an informative webinar that will address reopening and returning to the workplace on March 24 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Join an esteemed panel of experts who will provide the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 vaccines, returning to the workplace, and physical and mental health impacts and considerations. Visit bchd.org for details and links to view past Safe in the South Bay sessions.
- **Virtual Town Hall on School Reopening** – Join Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi and the South Bay Superintendents for a Virtual Town Hall to discuss the reopening of K-12 schools in the South Bay. A moderated Question and Answer session will follow the conversation. The Town Hall takes place Thursday, March 25, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Visit facebook.com/Muratsuchi or a66.asmdc.org for details.
- **Update on Youth and Adult Sports** – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated guidelines to allow band, drumline, choir, and drama as low contact youth recreational activities under the States Youth and Adult recreational sports Guidelines. CDPH also released updated sport guidance for sideline cheer. The County updated its [Recreational Sports Leagues Health Order](#) with the State to allow indoor sports to engage in indoor activities if they adhere to State requirements. The requirements include limiting indoor sports activities to 10% of indoor occupancy, and observers are not permitted. Regular COVID-19 testing of players, coaches, and staff is required. And, the development and implementation of a Return to Play Safety Plan and a Site-Specific Safety Plan must be filed with CDPH 14-days before indoor activity. View the [Youth and Adult Recreation Sports Frequently Asked Questions](#) for additional information.

- **Additional Health Order Updates** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) made further modifications to the Health Officer Order. The Order took effect on March 20 with the following changes:
 - [Breweries, Wineries, and Craft Distilleries](#) that do not provide a meal may open for outdoor service only with certain restrictions. The restrictions are:
 - guests must have reservations;
 - guests are limited to a 90-minute time limit for their visit;
 - guests must be seated at tables before ordering; guests cannot stand or congregate with other guests; and
 - hours are limited with service for on-site consumption closing by 8:00 PM.
 - [Breweries, Wineries, and Craft Distilleries](#) that serve a bona fide meal can be open for indoor dining operations at 25% of indoor capacity. They must follow the same modifications required of restaurants.
 - [Businesses that serve the public but are not typical retail establishments](#), such as non-school learning centers, banks, credit union branches, check cashing services, tax preparation, auto repair, [auto dealerships](#), and dry cleaners, are permitted for indoor operations with modifications at 50% capacity.
 - For mental health, support groups, and spiritual counseling, the number of in-person participants increases from 10 to 12 participants to make this type of support more accessible to those in the community. DPH still encourages services to be provided remotely when possible.
 - [Office-Based Worksites Protocol](#) clarified that essential office-based businesses that must open indoors for essential operations that cannot be done remotely must limit indoor capacity to 50% of maximum occupancy, based on applicable building or fire codes.
 - DPH updated the [Protocols for Grades K through 12 Schools](#) to align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health on the required distancing in schools, with additional recommendations. Schools are strongly recommended to maximize the distance between student seating, maintaining 3 feet minimum distance at all times. Schools must implement critical mitigation layers, including required masking, stable groups, and maintaining 6 feet of distance as much as possible during activities where students are not wearing masks, such as eating and drinking. There continues to be a requirement of a minimum of 6 feet of distance between teachers and other desks from students and other staff.
- **Library's Virtual Parent-Ade Series Continues** – The L.A. County Library hosts a virtual program series for parents. The next Parent-Ade sessions are titled Build Your Child's Confidence on March 24 and Moving Up to Middle or High School on March 31. Programs start at 4:00 PM. Visit LACountyLibrary.org/Parent-Ade for details and to register. Please note, library services will not be available on March 29 for Cesar E. Chavez' Birthday and on April 2 as a Los Angeles County Public Library cost-saving measure.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	29,708,385 (+55,902)	540,503 (+986)
California ²	3,549,101 (+1,823)	56,596 (+51)

¹ Source: March 22, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: March 22, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
Los Angeles County ³	1,215,129 (+490)	22,871 (+66)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,267 (+1)	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 15 – March 21	13	1	3,913	323
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	3/23/2021	4,844,353 (+104,414)	5,368,215 (+132,152)	15,152,845 (+132,152)
Los Angeles County ⁶	3/19/2021 ¹¹	3,234,989* (+493,412)	1,057,794* (+158,267)	3,699,781 ⁷ (+103,842)
Manhattan Beach ⁸	3/12/2021	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
Current	Substantial	4.8	3.7	1.8%	2.5%
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 Source: March 23, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: March 23, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: March 23, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Imz/Pages/Vaccines-Coronavirus-COVID-19-Response.aspx)

⁶ Source: March 19, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-dashboard.htm>

⁷ Source: March 23, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Imz/Pages/Vaccines-Coronavirus-COVID-19-Response.aspx)

⁸ Source: March 12, 2021, [COVID-19 Locations & Demographics - LA County Department of Public Health](https://www.lapublichealth.com/COVID-19/Locations-Demographics)

⁹ Source: March 23, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://www.lapublichealth.com/Blueprint-for-a-Safer-Economy)

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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
83,274	713	25%

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Vaccination Update** – COVID-19 vaccine supply remains limited in the County. This week there are over 633,000 appointment slots, but the County only has enough vaccines for 280,000 appointments. Hopefully, supply will increase in the coming weeks. According to the White House COVID-19 Response Team and Public Health Officials Press Briefing, [all Americans should be eligible to get a vaccine by May 1](#). See whitehouse.gov for details. View the [State's COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guidelines](#) for vaccine eligibility. Visit VaccinateLACounty.com for information on making an appointment if it is your turn and what verifications you will need when you show up for your vaccination. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.
- CIF Southern Section Update** - The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section (CIFSS) announced their office has reopened, and staff will no longer work remotely. CIF also updated its [Education-Based Athletics COVID-19 Tier Map](#) today, providing high school sports guidelines based on Tier Assignments throughout the State. Season One sports were able to be played in some form. As of last weekend, all Season Two sports have started as initially planned and are on course to proceed through their regular seasons. CIFSS advised there is more work to do and dialogue with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Governor's Office regarding indoor league play, section championships, and travel restrictions that need to take place. Visit cifsstate.org for more information.
- Actions in Response to COVID-19** – Several measures were taken in response to COVID-19:
 - Governor Newsom and State Superintendent Thurmond announced a partnership between the California COVID-19 Testing Task Force and the California Department of Education. The partnership will deploy up to 3 million rapid COVID-19 antigen tests at no cost to support the safe return to in-person learning for staff and students in some of California's districts in regions hardest hit by the pandemic. Visit gov.ca.gov for details.
 - [Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 95 to ensure access to up to 80 hours of COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for eligible employees](#), including those advised to quarantine or isolate and those caring for COVID-impacted family members. The legislation creates a uniform, statewide policy to ensure employees have access to COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave through September 30, 2021. Visit leginfo.legislature.ca.gov for details.
 - [Mobile clinics bolster the State's equitable vaccination efforts](#). The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released demographic data on the populations being served at the state/federal community vaccine clinics in Oakland and Los Angeles. As of March 22, Cal OES and FEMA have a given nearly 445,000 vaccines across both sites, with more than 51,000 of

those vaccines administered at targeted mobile clinics within the community. Of these vaccines, nearly 67 percent were administered to targeted underserved communities and people of color. Visit oesnews.com for details.

- **Tax Day Extended for Individuals to May 17** - The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced that due to the pandemic, the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year is extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. Formal guidance is coming. Individual taxpayers can also postpone federal income tax payments for the 2020 tax year due on April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This postponement applies to individual taxpayers, including individuals who pay self-employment tax. Penalties, interest, and additions to tax will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances as of May 17, 2021. Individual taxpayers will automatically avoid interest and penalties on the taxes paid by May 17. Visit irs.gov for details.
- **Small Business Stabilization Loan Program** - The L.A. County Development Authority (lacda) launched an affordable and flexible business loan program to support and help stabilize businesses in the region. The Small Business Stabilization Loans range from \$50,000 to \$3 million for working capital, equipment purchases, inventory, or refinancing of existing loans at higher interest rates. The Program will accept applications through April 16, 2021, or until \$20 million in funding requests is received, whichever occurs first. The program pairs the loan with technical assistance from partners that offer complementary online webinars, one-on-one financial consultations, application assistance, and an evaluation of a business' readiness to submit a LACDA loan application. A "How to apply for a LACDA loan" webinar, a prerequisite for submitting a Small Business Stabilization Loan application, will be held on March 25. To register and more information, visit BizStabilization.lacda.org.
- **Donate Blood and Get Insight on COVID-19 Exposure** - Blood donations have decreased dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic. Healthy, eligible donors are urged to give to ensure there's lifesaving blood on the shelves for those who need it. The American Red Cross has implemented additional precautions to ensure the safety of its donors and staff. There is no evidence that the novel coronavirus can be transmissible by blood transfusion. There have been no reported cases worldwide of transmissions for any respiratory virus, including the novel coronavirus. The American Red Cross tests all blood, platelet, and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies for a limited time. Help save lives and get insight into whether you may have been exposed to the novel coronavirus. Visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) RED CROSS (800) 733-2767 for details.
- **Nonprofit Cultural Institutions Grant Extension to March 26** - The COVID-19 Relief Grant application for nonprofit cultural institutions has been extended from March 23 to March 26. 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. The current round includes nonprofit entities that satisfy the criteria for a qualified small business, including: Art Dealers, Theater Companies and Dinner Theaters, Dance Companies, Musical Groups, and Artists, Performing Arts Companies, Promoters of Performing Arts, Sports, and Similar Events with and without Facilities, Independent Artists, Writers, and Performers, Museums, Historical Sites, Zoos and Botanical Gardens, Nature Parks & Other Similar Institutions. Visit CAReliefGrant.com for more information.
- **FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance** - Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) mission is to help people before, during, and after disasters. FEMA is dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Additional guidance is being finalized and will be released to community

partners soon. In the meantime, FEMA encourages those eligible to keep and gather the following documentation, an official death certificate, funeral expense documents, and proof of funds received from other sources. For details, visit [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

- **Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Coming Soon** - The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established through the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act. The Act was amended by the American Rescue Plan Act to provide over \$16 billion in economic relief to target specific industries. The SVOG application will open on April 8, 2021. [Register now](#) with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to receive the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant application once it becomes available. Eligible applicants may qualify for grants equal to 45% of their gross earned revenue, with the maximum amount available for a single grant award of \$10 million. \$2 billion is reserved for eligible applications with up to 50 full-time employees. Visit svograntportal.sba.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 22 Update](#). The update includes data on hospitalizations through March 19, 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 increasingly slower. This decrease in the rate of slowing reflects an increasing rate of transmission.
 - Based on recent hospitalization data, reflecting transmission that occurred around the beginning of March, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.93 with an uncertainty of 0.85 to 1.04. This is higher than our estimate one week earlier of 0.87 with an uncertainty of 0.80 to 0.94.
 - Because the uncertainty in the estimated transmission number R includes values both below and above 1, it is uncertain if the number of hospitalizations will continue to decrease, be stable, or start to increase.
 - Based on the hospitalizations pattern and the resulting estimate for R, the demand for hospital-based services, including hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators over the next four weeks, may continue to decrease, be stable, or start to increase. We expect daily mortality to decline, be stable, or increase over the same time interval.
 - Even if hospitalizations begin to increase, we expect the supply of hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators over the next four weeks to be adequate
 - 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 0.12% (uncertainty of 0.07% to 0.20%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
 - This would suggest about 1 in 830 (between 1 in 1500 and 1 in 500) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 940.
 - Approximately 3 in every eight persons in Los Angeles County has been infected with COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** - DPH confirmed 66 recent deaths, one new case in Manhattan Beach, and 490 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,215,129 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of

22,871 deaths. There are 713 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 25% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 6,022,000 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 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 cityymb.info/RecoverMB)	N/A
City Hall	Closed (Limited Service Operations)	N/A
Construction Activity	Normal (Inspections Ongoing)	N/A

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
	(with Exposure Control Plans and Social Distancing Measures See Press Release 4/3/20)	
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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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