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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Spring Break Staycation** – With Spring Break upon us, L.A. County's Department of Public Health (DPH) encourages everyone to remain close to home. Travel increases the risk of getting and spreading COVID-19. While COVID-19 numbers have decreased locally, transmission remains widespread and growing in many states and countries. Los Angeles County residents should continue to avoid all non-essential travel and stay within 120 miles from their place of residence unless traveling for essential purposes. The [State Travel Advisory](#) remains in effect in Los Angeles County. Recreational travelers and residents coming to L.A. County must follow California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [COVID-19 Quarantine Guidance](#) to self-quarantine for ten days upon return from out-of-state or out-of-country travel. Remain at your home or lodging for the ten days and avoid contact with others. Do not travel if you are sick. If you have COVID-19 symptoms, were in crowds, exposed to unmasked individuals in close proximity, or attended gatherings, get tested.
- **Vaccination Update** – While the COVID-19 vaccine supply remains limited in the County, the State is expanding who is eligible to get the vaccine based on the expected supply. Governor Newsom announced today that vaccinations would open for all Californians aged 50 and older on April 1 and age 16 and older on April 15. 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.
- **Have a Safe and Happy Passover** – The City wishes you and yours a Happy Passover! Passover, Easter, and Ramadan will be a little less lonely this year as more people get vaccinated. But, we cannot let down our guard just yet. Please remember that private gatherings that include more than three different households are not yet allowed and are limited to a maximum of 15 people. The smaller the number of people, the lower the risk.
- **AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Assistance Returns** - AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free tax assistance to everyone in the community with particular attention to those age sixty and older. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) trained and certified Tax-Aide volunteers will assist with filing 2020 Federal and California State returns safely and with minimal contact. Each Wednesday, beginning March 31 through May 12, 2021, starting 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Tax-Aide volunteers will scan tax documents outside the Manhattan Beach Scout House, next to Joslyn Community Center, 1601 North Valley Drive. Due to COVID-19, **appointments are required**, no walk-ups are allowed. To make an appointment, call (424) 256-5194 Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Visit [citymb.info](#) for more information.
- **Additional Health Order Update** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) made further modifications to the [Protocol for Youth and Adult Recreational Sports Leagues](#). The Protocol was modified 3/25/21 to clarify that Sideline Cheer and Flag Football are Outdoor Moderate Contact sports. Outdoor Sideline Cheer is permitted to perform at an outdoor competition between two teams participating in a different sport. The Protocol also provides an online

Request Form for DPH approval for organizers of an event or competition and clarifies DPH response to Plans submitted by organizers for indoor sports.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	29,834,734 (+65,083)	542,584 (+1,287)
California ²	3,553,307 (+2,251)	57,091 (+241)
Los Angeles County ³	1,216,250 (+608)	23,020 (+66)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,272 (+3)	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	3/25/2021	5,086,395 (+96,771)	5,671,706 (+185,031)	15,979,099 (+441,354)
Los Angeles County ⁶	3/19/2021 ¹¹	3,234,989* (+493,412)	1,057,794* (+158,267)	3,911,209 ⁷ (+124,667)
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](#).

¹ Source: March 24, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: March 24, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: March 25, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: March 25, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: March 25, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://vaccines.ca.gov/coronavirus/)

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

⁷ Source: March 25, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://vaccines.ca.gov/coronavirus/)

⁸ Source: March 12, 2021, [COVID-19 Locations & Demographics - LA County Department of Public Health](#)

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%
3/2	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 23, 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, with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 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 (see table below). 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.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
83,401	729	23%

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Update on Variants** - [DPH continues to track variant cases in Los Angeles County](#). Among 73 specimens analyzed at the Public Health Laboratory this past week, 25 cases, or 34% of the specimens analyzed, were California (B.1.427) variant of concern, and 21 cases, or 29% of the specimens analyzed, were the U.K. (B.1.1.7) variant of concern. This means 63% of the variants sequenced this past week are variants of concern with the probability of increased transmissibility and more severe disease. Other variants of interest that were detected include 8 cases of the New York variant and 1 case of the Brazilian (P.2) variant of interest. While these variants are still considered only variants of interest (and not variants of concern), their presence indicates transmission of mutated viruses from across the globe. The South African or Brazilian (P.1) variant of concern has not been identified in Los Angeles County. While these variants are still considered only variants of interest (and not variants of concern), their presence indicates transmission of mutated viruses from across the globe. Therefore, everyone should continue to do everything possible to reduce transmission, including masking and maintaining physical

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

distance outside of our homes and around others. Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for information on [Variants of Interest](#), [Variants of Concern](#), and [Variants of High Consequence](#).

- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – President Biden signed the [Save Lives Act](#) expanding the Veterans Affairs(V.A.) legal authority to provide COVID-19 vaccines to all Veterans, regardless of their V.A. health care enrollment status, as well as Veteran spouses, caregivers, and some beneficiaries. View the VA [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) (PDF) for more information.
- **Health Officer Order Enforcement Protocol Revised** – The L.A. County Board of Supervisors voted to revise the enforcement protocol for businesses in violation of the Health Officer Order. On a first visit, Health Inspectors will now advise a company of non-compliance and educate the business on the importance of the health and safety protocols. Health Inspectors will consider issuing monetary fines only for the most significant violations and permit suspension or revocation for the most significant violations or repeated uncured violations. Previously, first violation fines had been more frequently enforced on minor infractions of businesses' attempts to operate safely. Visit lacounty.gov for details.
- **Paycheck Protection Program Expires March 31** – The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. Borrowers may be eligible for PPP [loan forgiveness](#). The U.S. Small Business Administration(SBA) is currently offering PPP loans until March 31, 2021. President Biden announced [program changes](#) to make access to PPP loans more equitable. View the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and visit sba.gov for details.
- **Tax Deadline Extended – Learn How to File for Free** – The tax deadline was extended to Monday, May 17, 2021. Why pay to file your taxes when you may be eligible to file for free with an IRS-certified tax volunteer? If you make less than \$57,000, free tax preparation help is available through the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) for taxpayers who qualify. File with confidence at a VITA site and keep more of your hard-earned money. Visit freetaxprepla.unitedwayla.org for details.
- **BizHelp Webinars to Assist with Post Pandemic Recovery** - The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) launched online resources to help small businesses navigate economic uncertainty and prepare for a post-COVID-19 economy. The FREE programs are available to all companies in the County of Los Angeles. Visit bizhelp.lacda.org for the list of upcoming webinars and continue to check back as more webinars are added.
- **Update on FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (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. While the program will not launch until April, FEMA published the [Funeral Assistance Frequently Asked Questions FAQ](#) page with more information. Visit fema.gov for details.
- **Workplace Vaccination Program** - Although COVID-19 vaccine supply is currently limited, it's not too early to start planning or considering workplace vaccination programs. Strong confidence in the vaccines within a workplace leads to more people getting vaccinated, which leads to fewer COVID-19 illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths. Communicating clear, complete, and accurate vaccination messages will promote confidence in getting vaccinated and engaging employees in plans to address potential barriers to vaccination. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated the [Workplace Vaccination Program](#) page with information such as [Reopening Your Workplace](#), [Consider COVID-19 Vaccination Options for Your Employees](#), [Best Practices](#), [Vaccination On-Site at the Workplace](#), and [Vaccination Off-Site in the Community](#).
- **Webinar Series to Support Vulnerable Populations** – The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), and the

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) will host a Vaccination Webinar Series featuring state-level jurisdictions and CDC guests on reaching people with disabilities (PWD). Session titles include Scheduling and Transporting PWD to COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments, Reducing COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Disseminating Accessible Messages, and Educating Others About the Importance of Disability Prioritizing in State Vaccination Plans. Visit acl.gov for details.

- **Return to College** – Out of concern for the health and safety of the campus community, 2021 spring semester courses at El Camino College are online. During the Fall Semester, programs defined as essential under current State directives in the Allied Health, Public Health, Emergency Services, and Critical Manufacturing sectors will be allowed to hold in-person classes on campus. Visit elcamino.edu for details. California State University (CSU) remains steadfast in its commitment to ensure all members' health and safety in its 23 campus communities throughout California. The emerging evidence provides optimism that the upcoming 2021-22 academic year can be conducted much more in person. See calstate.edu for details. The University of California is planning for a return to primarily in-person instruction systemwide starting Fall 2021. See universityofcalifornia.edu for details. The University of Southern California (USC) plans to resume a normal range of campus activities in the Fall with measures to reduce density where needed. Overall, USC expects primarily in-person classes. Visit we-are.usc.edu for more information.
- **Research Findings Role of Saliva in SARS-CoV-2 Transmission** - An international team of scientists led by researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has found evidence that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, infects cells in the mouth. The virus's potential to infect multiple areas of the body might help explain the wide-ranging symptoms experienced by COVID-19 patients, including oral symptoms such as taste loss, dry mouth, and blistering. A better understanding of the mouth's involvement could inform strategies to reduce viral transmission within and outside the body. Visit nih.gov for more information.
- **Registered Apprenticeship Technical Assistance Centers** - The [U.S. Department of Labor](https://www.dhs.gov) announced the [Registered Apprenticeship Technical Assistance Centers of Excellence](https://www.dhs.gov). The [National Apprenticeship Act of 2021](https://www.dhs.gov), will create and expand registered apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship programs. Programs will draw in a diverse workforce by supporting industry and equity intermediaries who can help recruit women and people of color. It will bolster successful partnerships between apprenticeship programs and community colleges to train Americans for good-paying jobs across industries ranging from construction, energy, manufacturing, technology, and caregiving. Visit dol.gov for details.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 66 recent deaths, three new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 608 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](https://today.sfgov.com). To date, DPH identified 1,216,250 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 23,020 deaths. There are 729 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 23% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 6,041,000 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](https://www.cdph.ca). As part of its commitment to reduce health inequities and ensure the best outcomes for all Californians, the State has a [Health Equity Dashboard](https://www.cdph.ca) 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](https://www.cdc.gov) 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 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	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 social distancing required)	
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
County Library	Closed (Sidewalk Service)	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning (See COVID-19 Dashboard)	Recently Opened