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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. The County has met the threshold to move from Tier Two (Red) Status, a "Substantial" risk level where some non-essential indoor business operations are closed, to Tier Three (Orange) Status. In this "Moderate" risk level, some indoor [business operations can open with modifications](#). According to the State's website, L.A. County continues to improve its standing reflecting 3.8 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), decreasing from 4.8, with an adjusted case rate for tier assignment equaling 3.1. The County's overall test positivity rate dropped from 1.8% to 1.5%. The [health equity metric](#) also reduced from 2.5% to 2.1%. A revised Los Angeles County Health Officer Order will go into effect on Monday, April 5 at 12:01 AM. to reflect newly permitted activities. This allows the County to follow the State guidelines and wait until three weeks are completed in the Red Tier to ensure that case numbers do not rise this third week since the County's earlier reopenings. Meanwhile, visit covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy to find the status of activities in each risk level and guidance for each business/service.
- **Spring Break Staycation** – With Spring Break upon us, DPH and the City 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 nearby, or attended gatherings, get tested.
- **Additional Health Order Updates** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) made further modifications to the following protocols (effective through April 5, 12:00 AM):
 - [Protocol for Movie Theaters](#): The protocol clarifies that private screening rooms may operate, but masks must be worn by staff and guests at all times; therefore, food and beverages may not be consumed. Stand-alone bars within movie theaters are closed. Theaters with a State license to sell alcohol may do so only with the purchase of a meal (non-candy/snack item). Movie showtimes must be staggered to allow physical distance and minimize crowding.
 - [Reopening Protocols for Golf Courses](#): The protocol aligns with the [Protocols for Youth and Adult Recreational Sports Leagues](#). Reservations are highly encouraged to reduce gathering, and golfers are encouraged to pre-pay using debit/credit cards at the reservation time. No shotgun tournaments are allowed at this time.
 - [Protocol for Breweries, Wineries, and Craft Distilleries](#): DPH updates the document as additional information and resources become available. Employers should check ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/ regularly for any updates and related guidance.

This checklist covers 1) Workplace policies and practices to protect employee health, 2) Measures to ensure physical distancing, 3) Measures to ensure infection control, 4) Communication with employees and the public, and 5) Measures to ensure equitable access to critical services.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	30,147,895 (+60,699)	547,296 (+592)
California ²	3,566,464 (+1,996)	57,788 (+10)
Los Angeles County ³	1,218,958 (+386)	23,110 (+26)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,275 (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 22 – March 28	10	0	4,047	280
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

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	3/30/2021	5,392,061 (+61,245)	6,393,187 (+121,632)	17,649,015 (+292,104)
Los Angeles County ⁶	3/26/2021 ¹¹	3,234,989* (+493,412)	1,057,794* (+158,267)	4,338,894 ⁷ (+71,571)
Manhattan Beach ⁸	3/24/2021	12,021* (+3,247)	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 29, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: March 29, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: March 30, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: March 30, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: March 29, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Imz.aspx?nid=125&tid=125)

⁶ Source: March 26, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-dashboard.htm>

⁷ Source: March 25, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Imz.aspx?nid=125&tid=125)

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	Moderate	3.8	3.1	1.5%	2.1%
3/23	Substantial	4.8	3.7	1.8%	2.5%
3/30	Moderate	3.8	3.1	1.5%	2.1%
3/23	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%

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
84,096	649	27%

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Vaccination Update** – Vaccines made by Pfizer, Moderna, and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (J&J) are now available in Los Angeles County. In extensive studies that involved a diverse mix of people, all three vaccines proved to be safe and effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, including severe illness and death. Also, early data are showing that the vaccines may help keep people from spreading COVID-19. However, Public Health is still learning how effective the vaccines are against the virus's variants and how long protection lasts. While the County received more vaccine doses this week, there are not enough doses to vaccinate everyone eligible. DPH asks for patience until supply increases. Public Health's priority remains to get residents and workers in hardest-hit communities vaccinated. Beginning April 1, individuals age 50 and older are eligible for the vaccine, and on April 15, individuals age 16 and older are eligible for the vaccine. View the [State's COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guidelines](#) for details. 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.
- Vaccines Can Reduce Transmission and Save Lives** - [A study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) of 4,000 health-care personnel, police, firefighters, and other essential workers found that the vaccines reduced the risk of asymptomatic and symptomatic infection by 80% after one dose.](#) Protection increased to 90% following the second dose. Unlike the clinical trials, which are tightly controlled and showed that the vaccines are highly effective in preventing hospitalization and death, this study shows just how effective the vaccines are in preventing infections in real-life conditions. This study's findings are significant and provide evidence that the vaccines can both reduce transmission and save lives.
- Update on Variants** – Viruses constantly change through mutations that create new strains of the virus (called variants) over time. Some virus variants emerge and then disappear, while

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

others persist or become common. Most variants do not have a meaningful impact. Public health becomes concerned about a SARS-CoV-2 variant when it affects COVID-19 transmission, severity, testing, treatment, or vaccine effectiveness. [The California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) is working with federal, local, and academic partners to understand better how variants might impact Californians](#), including if they have differences in their response to vaccination. The following is known about the Variants of Concern:

- B.1.1.7 variants are associated with approximately 50% increased transmission and likely with increased disease severity and death risk; they appear to have minimal impact on treatments' effectiveness with antibodies.
- B.1.351 variants are associated with approximately 50% increased transmission; may have moderately decreased response to antibody treatments.
- P.1 variants may have moderately decreased response to some antibody treatments.
- B.1.427 and B.1.429 are associated with approximately 20% increased transmission; there is significantly reduced efficacy of some antibody treatments. Though they are known by two different lineage names, the B.1.427 and B.1.429 strains are closely related; together, these two variants have been called the "West Coast Strain."
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – Several measures were taken in response to COVID-19:
 - [The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services \(Cal OES\) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) jointly announced the impending closures of the Community Vaccination Centers \(CVC\) on April 11](#). More than half a million COVID-19 vaccines have already been administered at the CVCs at the Cal State Los Angeles campus and RingCentral Coliseum in Oakland. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be provided to new patients while the facilities remain open. Changes will be made to the [MyTurn](#) eligibility criteria starting tomorrow to allow residents 50 and older to schedule appointments. Vaccine appointments will be released daily beginning on April 1, available to eligible individuals visiting the State's [MyTurn](#) website or by calling (833) 422-4255 Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
 - To make it easier for Americans to get vaccinated as the supply grows and vaccination eligibility expands, President Biden directed the COVID Team to ensure vaccine sites are within five miles of 90 percent of all Americans by April 19. To accomplish this, the number of pharmacy vaccination sites will grow from 17,000 to nearly 40,000 within the next three weeks. Visit [whitehouse.gov](#) for more information.
 - The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that President Biden made additional disaster assistance available to the Nation. Specifically, the President's directive allows FEMA to amend the disaster declarations to pay 100% federal funding for the costs of activities determined as eligible expenses. Previously, federal funding was made available to each State, the District of Columbia, territories, and tribes at 75% of the total eligible costs. Visit [fema.gov](#) for details.
- **Webinar on Updated Outdoor Seated Live Events and Performances Guidelines** – CDPH updated its [COVID-19 Guidance Outdoor Seated Live Events and Performances](#) effective April 1. The document provides guidance for outdoor seated live events and entertainment with audiences to support a safe, clean environment for workers, volunteers, and customers/patrons. Performances that take place in other venues (such as restaurants, bars, or houses of worship) must also follow the applicable sector guidance. Learn about the newly released California guidelines in a webinar presented by Californians for the Arts on Friday, April 2 at 11:00 AM. [Advanced registration is required](#). While the guidance is designed to address sectors and activities opening statewide, local health departments may have more restrictive criteria and different closures tailored to local epidemiological conditions. L.A. County Department of Health has not yet published its updated protocol. Visit [covid19.ca.gov](#) for the State's guidelines.

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Video** – COVID-19 is especially dangerous to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Too often, the facts about COVID-19 are not shared in ways that are accessible to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. That is why the Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN) produced a Plain-Language Video about the COVID-19 vaccination. Visit austisticadvocacy.org to view and share the video.
- **SBA Increases COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans** – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is increasing the maximum amount small businesses and nonprofit organizations can borrow through its COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program. Starting April 6, the SBA is raising the loan limit for the COVID-19 EIDL program from 6-months of economic injury with a maximum loan amount of \$150,000 to up to 24-months of an economic injury loan amount of \$500,000. Businesses that receive a loan subject to the current limits do not need to submit a request for an increase. SBA will reach out via email and provide details about how businesses can request an increase. Any new loan applications and loans in the process will automatically be considered for loans covering 24 months of economic injury up to a maximum of \$500,000. Visit sba.gov for details.
- **Helping Kids and Teens Build Financial Capability** – FEMA's mission is to help people before, during, and after disasters. Every April, FEMA celebrates National Financial Capability Month by encouraging people to improve their financial futures and prepare for disaster. Join FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division on April 1 at 9:00 AM for a webinar with Leslie Jones, Youth Financial Education Analyst at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). This webinar is for parents, guardians, caregivers, educators, and other adults who work with youth to identify ways to incorporate financial literacy activities into teaching and giving students the skills they need to understand personal finance. These building blocks of financial capability identify effective strategies to teach youth at different development stages the skills and knowledge associated with adult economic well-being. [Advanced registrations are required.](#)
- **Are You Ready for Retirement?** – Every April, FEMA celebrates National Financial Capability Month by encouraging people to improve their financial futures and prepare for disaster. Join FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division on April 15 at 9:00 AM for a webinar with Shauntel Greene, Public Affairs Specialist of the Social Security Administration. Hear an overview of Social Security retirement benefits, information on collecting benefits, essential factors of entitlement for retirement, and Medicare benefits. This webinar will provide valuable information for those in the pre-retirement stage (5-10 years from retiring), those approaching retirement, and retirees. [Advanced registrations are required.](#)
- **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 MQL 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 to view the report.
- **COVID-19 Relief Grant Closes March 31** – 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 health and safety restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Round Five in the program is for new applicants that meet eligibility criteria, and current waitlisted small businesses and nonprofits not selected in Rounds One, Two, or Three. Round Six dates will be announced soon. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Visit CAReliefGrant.com for details.
- **SARS-CoV-2: Mutations and Variants and Strains (Oh My!)** – The National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center (NETEC) hosts COVID-19 webinars bringing together subject matter experts (SBE) immersed in the many challenges and topics around coronavirus.

NETEC previously hosted a webinar titled SARS-CoV-2: Mutations and Variants and Strains (Oh My!), which is available to view On-Demand. Watch the webinar where the SBEs discuss the importance of the current variants and mutations, including future predictions surrounding the epidemiology of spread and modeling, and describe what is known about SARS-CoV-2 variants' susceptibility to vaccines and therapeutic antibodies. Visit netec.org this webinar and other COVID-19 resources.

- **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 29 Update](#). The update includes data on hospitalizations through March 26, 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 positive tests for COVID-19 across Los Angeles County has continued to decrease gradually.
 - A patient's COVID-19 test may remain positive for approximately three months after their illness, though they are no longer infectious to others.
 - During the recent surge, approximately 1 in 5 people in Los Angeles County were infected, and some who have recovered will still have a positive COVID-19 test. Thus, some patients newly hospitalized for reasons other than COVID-19 will have a positive COVID-19 test and be included in our data.
 - Based on recent hospitalization data, reflecting transmission that occurred in early March, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.95 with an uncertainty of 0.87 to 1.03. This is higher than our estimate one week earlier of 0.93 with an uncertainty of 0.85 to 1.04.
 - However, positive tests in hospitalized patients due to past rather than new infection could result in an estimate for R that is artificially high.
 - 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 decrease, be stable, or start to 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.
 - How Many in Los Angeles are Infectious to Others? 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 0.06% to 0.17%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
 - This would suggest about 1 in 940 (between 1 in 1600 and 1 in 600) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 830.
 - 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 26 recent deaths, no new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 386 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,218,958 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 23,110 deaths. The daily average number of cases is now fewer than 400 daily cases, a 50% decrease from the number of cases at the end of February. The County sees great progress in

hospitalizations and deaths, as the daily average number of hospitalizations decreased 52% since the end of February, and the daily average number of deaths decreased 75% in the past month. There are 649 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 27% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for approximately 6,081,000 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 citymb.info/RecoverMB)	N/A
City Hall	Closed (Limited Service Operations)	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
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 (Joslyn Community Center, Manhattan Heights Park Community Center, Marine Avenue Park Community Center, Live Oak Park Community Center)	Closed	N/A

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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