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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 on April 6, under its [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) – the criteria used to loosen and tighten regulations on activities. Los Angeles County is in Tier Three (Orange) Status, with "Moderate Risk," which allows permitted activities in several key sectors. The sectors include bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries, family entertainment centers, gyms, movie theatres, restaurants, retail establishments, grocery stores, and outdoor live events. Safety measures, including masking and distancing, are required; see [business operations open with modifications](#) for more information. According to the State's website, L.A. County reflects 3.9 new COVID-19 cases per day (per 100K), increasing from 3.8 the previous week; however, the adjusted case rate for tier assignment remains 3.1. The County's overall test positivity rate dropped from 1.5% to 1.4%. The [health equity metric](#) also reduced from 2.1% to 1.9%. For Los Angeles County to remain in the Orange Tier, the daily case rate must be at or below 5.9 new cases per 100K people, and the County's test positivity rate must be at or below 4.9%. For the County to move to the less restrictive "Minimal Risk" Yellow Tier, the County's case rate must be less than two new cases per 100K people, and test positivity must be less than 2% (see updated table below). To find the status of activities in each risk level and guidance for each business/service, visit covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy.
- **Applications for Boards and Commissions Vacancies Due April 15** – Several City of Manhattan Beach Board and Commission seats have [vacancies](#). Applications are being accepted now through April 15, 2021, at 5:30 PM. To be considered for a board or commission seat, you must be a resident of Manhattan Beach and registered voters. The Student Representatives are not required to be registered voters. Applications are available on the City's [website](#). The City Council will interview qualified applicants on April 27, 2021, at a time to be determined. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (310) 802-5056 or view the [City's Boards and Commissions Handbook](#).
- **Additional Health Order Updates** – L.A. County Department of Public Health (DPH) made further modifications to the following protocols
 - The [Travel Advisory and Guidance](#) was updated to include fully vaccinated persons. Non-essential travel out-of-state or out-of-country is still not recommended. For those who must travel, the following applies:
 - All travelers who are not fully vaccinated should get tested with a COVID-19 viral test 1-3 days before travel. Travel should not be initiated until a negative test result is received.
 - All travelers who test positive or develop [symptoms of COVID-19](#) must isolate and follow County [isolation instructions](#). Do not travel when symptomatic or with a positive COVID-19 test result, regardless of vaccination status.
 - All non-essential travelers who are not fully vaccinated arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries must follow DPH's [Quarantine Instructions](#).

- Fully vaccinated persons may travel but should continue to take precautions. If asymptomatic, no quarantine or testing is needed upon return.
 - [Outdoor Seated Live Events and Performances](#) – This protocol was revised to clarify 1) an audience group is comprised of up to 6 persons from up to three different households, 2) occupancy limits in suites when all persons with an assigned seat are fully vaccinated, and 3) when and how customers are to attest vaccination status.

[Amusement Parks and Theme Parks](#): This Order must comply with applicable protocols, including but not limited to the DPH [Protocol for Restaurants](#), [Protocol for Retail Food Markets](#), [Protocol for Retail Establishments](#), [Protocol for Drive-in Movie Theaters](#), [Protocol for Vehicle-Based Parades](#), and [Entry Screening Guidance](#). 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.
- **Have a Safe and Generous Ramadan** – The City wishes you and yours a Generous Ramadan! No matter which springtime holiday you are celebrating, it will be a little less lonely this year as more people get vaccinated. Please, protect yourself and others from COVID-19, and remember that private gatherings that include more than three different households are not yet allowed. The smaller the number of people, the lower the risk.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	30,737,477 (+74,860)	556,106 (+871)
California ²	3,588,152 (+2,093)	58,788 (+129)
Los Angeles County ³	1,223,791 (+710)	23,388 (+52)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,313 (+9)	18 (+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 29 – April 4	14	0	3,889	198
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

¹ Source: April 7, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: April 7, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: April 8, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: April 8, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

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	4/8/2021	6,172,750 (+120,466)	8,074,797 (+366,715)	21,483,192 (+841,500)
Los Angeles County ⁶	3/27/2021	4,013,521* (+218,692)	1,323,686* (+91,338)	5,368,459 ⁷ (+224,259)
Manhattan Beach ⁸	3/22/2021	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](#).

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	3.9	3.1	1.4%	1.9%
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
85,390	572	24%

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Vaccination Update** – Public Health's priority remains to get residents and workers in hardest-hit communities vaccinated. The County deployed mobile vaccination teams to senior housing facilities where many homebound individuals live. Vaccinations for people experiencing homelessness began in February 2021. Since then, dozens of providers across the County have

⁵ Source: April 8, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

⁶ Source: April 2, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-dashboard.htm>

⁷ Source: April 8, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

⁸ Source: March 26, 2021, [COVID-19 Locations & Demographics - LA County Department of Public Health](#)

⁹ Source: April 6, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

administered COVID-19 vaccine doses to people experiencing homelessness. To lower vaccination barriers, the County employed traditional clinic-based vaccination models and heavily relied on mobile teams to bring vaccines to shelters, encampments, churches, and access centers. On April 1, COVID-19 vaccine eligibility expanded to all residents 50 through 64 years old in addition to all other eligible groups. On April 15, individuals age 16 and older are eligible for the vaccine. Pregnant women and women who are breastfeeding can choose to get any of the three COVID-19 vaccines. Expecting mothers or new mothers that have questions about getting vaccinated should speak with their healthcare provider. While a conversation with your healthcare provider may be helpful, it is not required before vaccination. View the [State's COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Guidelines](#) for details. Californians can look for appointments on [MyTurn.ca.gov](#), now available in 12 languages. 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.

- **Help Make Vaccinations Happen** - COVID-19 vaccines are new, and it is normal to have questions about them. You can help friends and family by listening with empathy and identifying the cause of their concerns. Learn more COVID-19 vaccine conversation tips on the [CDC website](#). Get answers to your questions and theirs on the [Different COVID-19 Vaccines](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Communication Resources for COVID-19 Vaccines](#) pages.
- **Update on Variants** – [The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health \(DPH\) has identified one case of the South African variant, B.1.351, and three instances of the Brazilian P.1 variant, both variants of concern.](#) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) classified the South African and Brazilian variants as variants of concern because they are potentially associated with increased transmissibility and reduced susceptibility to specific therapeutics. Although these are the first reported cases of the South African and Brazilian variant in L.A. County, there are likely additional undetected/undiagnosed cases. To date, 33 cases of the Brazilian variant and 10 cases of the South African variant have been reported in California. Among 70 specimens analyzed at the Public Health Laboratory this past week, 64% of the specimens examined were the U.K. variant of concern, B.1.1.7, and 20% were the California variant of concern identified as B.1.427 or 429. This means 84% of the variants identified this past week are variants of concern with the probability of increased transmissibility and more severe disease. Three cases of the New York variant were also detected this week, which is a variant of interest. There were no cases of the Brazilian P.2 variant identified this week.
- **Actions in Response to COVID-19** – Several measures were taken in response to COVID-19:
 - During the Press Briefing by the White House COVID-19 Response Team and Public Health Officials, [President Biden announced that all adult Americans would be eligible to be vaccinated by April 19.](#) Dr. Walensky, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), reported that COVID-19 trends increased in both case numbers and hospitalizations. Across the country, there are clusters of cases associated with daycare centers and youth sports. Hospitals are seeing younger adults in their 30s and 40s admitted with severe disease. Data suggests the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 variants, with 52 jurisdictions now reporting cases of variants of concern. Based on recent estimates from CDC surveillance, the B117 variant is the most common lineage circulating in the United States. These trends are pointing to two clear truths. One, the virus still has a hold on us — infecting people and putting them in harm's way — and we need to remain vigilant. Two, we need to continue to accelerate our vaccination efforts and take individual responsibility to get vaccinated when we can. Visit [whitehouse.gov](#) for more information.
 - The [State announced that on June 15, California would fully reopen](#) if there is enough vaccine supply for Californians 16 years and older to be vaccinated and hospitalizations

rates remain stable and low. California has administered 20 million vaccines, including 4 million to the hardest-hit communities. The goal is for industries across the State to return to regular operations. Common-sense health measures such as masking will remain across the State. Testing or vaccination verification requirements will stay in relevant settings. Additional compliance guidelines will apply to sectors. Visit [cdph.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov) for details.

- **Pet Licensing Amnesty Program** – Due to COVID-19, some pet owners may have delayed purchasing annual pet licenses and may be subject to late penalty fees. The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) is waiving late fees for new licenses or renewals purchased between April 15 and June 30, 2021. In addition to the late fee waiver, DACC is offering a free microchip for all non-microchipped pets licensed during this time. Microchipping is highly encouraged because it dramatically increases the likelihood that lost pets return to their families. Visit [animalcare.lacounty.gov](https://www.animalcare.lacounty.gov) for more information, [email](#) or call (562) 345-0400.
- **Guidance for Commencement and Graduation Ceremonies** – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) published [Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Commencement/Graduation Ceremonies](#). This guidance provides recommendations to help students, teachers, families, and school administrators celebrate the momentous graduation milestone while also preventing the spread of COVID-19. Note that local health departments can have more restrictive criteria and different closures. All commencement ceremonies shall adhere to attendance limitations as defined within the current [CDPH Outdoor Seated Live Events and Performances Guidance](#). Before or after graduation, receptions must comply with the restrictions within the [CDPH Guidance for Gatherings](#) appropriate to the county Blueprint tier in effect at the time. Visit [cdph.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov) for more information.
- **FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Applications Begin April 12** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is dedicated to easing some of the financial stress and burden caused by COVID-19. 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. FEMA will begin accepting Funeral Assistance applications Monday, April 12, 2021, through the FEMA Dedicated Call Center (888) 684-6333 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Applicants call this dedicated toll-free phone number to get an application completed with help from FEMA's representatives (no online application). Once an applicant has applied for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance, FEMA will provide an application number and information to either upload, fax, or mail the supporting documents. View the [Funeral Assistance Frequently Asked Questions FAQ](#) page on [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov) for details.
- **Shuttered Venue Operators Grant** – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) application portal is now open. The SVOG grant is for operators of live venues, live performing arts organizations, museums, movie theatres, and live venue promoters, theatrical producers, and talent representatives. These eligible entities were some of the first who had to shutter their doors a year ago in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Those affected should visit [sba.gov](https://www.sba.gov) to apply for critical economic relief.
- **Give Yourself Some Credit (Reports)** – As part of Financial Literacy Month, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reminds the public to order your free credit report. Until the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone in the U.S. can get a [free credit report each week](#) from all three national credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion). Read the reports carefully. Fix anything that looks wrong ([read more about how](#)). If it looks like someone else is using your credit, go to [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.IdentityTheft.gov) to report it and get a recovery plan. Visit [consumer.ftc.gov](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov) for more information.
- **Keep Our Shops on the Block Personal Care and Retail Recovery Grant Closes April 11** – The next round of L.A. Regional COVID-19 Relief Fund application closes April 11 at 11:59 PM. The

\$10,000 Keep Our Shops on the Block for Personal Care and Retail Sector Businesses grants are for small businesses within the eligible sectors. There is no cost to apply, and the grants do not have to be paid back. Grants will be awarded randomly to 470 recipients. Visit lacovidfund.org for details.

- **Worker Protections and Business Resources Webinar** – The Los Angeles County Consumer & Business Affairs, Office of Small Business is hosting a webinar for business owners. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Los Angeles County Health Officer has issued several Health Officer Orders to protect workers. Business owners must comply with these orders, and if a worker reports or discusses possible non-compliance, the employer may not retaliate against the employee. In this webinar, employers can learn more about workplace retaliation and how to remain in compliance. Also, learn about how the Office of Small Business can help. The Worker Protections and Business Resources - Understanding LA County Public Health Anti-Retaliation, Minimum Wage, and Hero Pay Ordinances webinar takes place Tuesday, April 13 at 2:00 PM. [Advance registration is required](#). See dcbalacounty.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 April 5 Update](#). The update includes data on hospitalizations through April 2, 2021. The underlying statistical prediction model is unchanged from last week. Key findings in the report include:
 - Some patients newly hospitalized for reasons other than COVID-19 may have a positive COVID-19 test from a prior infection up to 3 months ago and be included in our data. This could result in estimates for new transmission and for the value of R that are too high.
 - Patients requiring hospitalization for reasons other than COVID-19 illness, who happen to have a positive COVID-19 test from prior infection, tend to have lower lengths of hospital stay and less need for intensive care or mechanical ventilation. This leads to a slight overestimation in our predictions of the need for these hospital resources.
 - Based on recent hospitalization data, reflecting transmission that occurred in mid-March, the estimated transmission number ("R") at that time was 0.92 with an uncertainty of 0.83 to 0.98. This is virtually identical to our estimate one week earlier of 0.95 with an uncertainty of 0.87 to 1.03.
 - 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, is likely to continue to decrease or be stable. We expect daily mortality to decline or be stable as well over the same time interval.
 - 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 0.08% (uncertainty of 0.04% to 0.13%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
 - This would suggest about 1 in 1300 (between 1 in 2500 and 1 in 780) 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 52 recent deaths, nine new cases in Manhattan Beach, and 710 new COVID-19 cases in [Today's Daily Report](#). To date, DPH identified 1,223,791 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 23,338 deaths. There are 572 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 24% of these people are in the ICU. The number of daily hospitalizations has remained under 600 since April 3. The five-day average of daily hospitalizations is 575. Testing results are available for approximately 6,1631,000 individuals, with 18% of all people testing positive. Cases among pregnant women in L.A. County have dropped significantly. During the surge in December, weekly cases increased to over 400 cases a week for two consecutive weeks. During the week ending on March 28, there were 9 cases reported among pregnant women. As of April 6, there have been a total of 11 deaths among 7,280 pregnant women who tested positive for COVID-19. Among the 5,779 births where there was testing information, 51 infants tested positive for the virus. 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

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
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
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		

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
(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