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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **Outdoor Dining Extended and Summer Safety Discussion** – At the [City Council Meeting](#) on May 18, Council voted unanimously to extend the expiration dates for outdoor dining encroachment permits in the public right of way until after the Labor Day holiday, Businesses will be allowed to operate the spaces through the end of day on September 6 and have the temporary structures fully removed by September 10. An extension for four permits located West of Ocean Avenue will be discussed at a future Council meeting to determine whether they can be extended after July 5. This is due to preparation for large City events in which these areas are needed by event coordinators and safety services for staging and security. Additionally, Council directed staff to agendaize a discussion regarding a monthly allocation of \$50,000 during the summer months for public safety enforcement, traffic management, and cleanliness in the downtown area.
- **Manhattan Beach Unified School District to open at 100% for 2021/2022 School Year** – On May 19, the Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD) passed a resolution to return to 100% in-person learning for the 2021/2022 school year. Beginning in August, students in grades K through 12, will return to the 180 days-a-year learning schedule. MBUSD Superintendent Mike Matthews stated at the board meeting that “barring any county or state guidelines, there is nothing that we see that’s going to stop us from opening in full next year.” For more information visit www.mbusd.org.
- **City Hall Appointments and Services** – City Hall is now allowing for walk-in services and appointments. Virtual services are available 24 hours, 7 days a week on www.citymb.info. Appointments and walk-in services will be available Monday through Thursday from 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. and Fridays 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. Upon entering City Hall, visitors to the Parks and Recreation, Finance, or Community Development Departments will have a virtual queuing system where visitors will sign in using an iPad or through their smartphone. Visitors will then queue outside or in their car to avoid gathering inside the limited space of the City Hall lobby. The queuing software has texting capability so staff can let the visitor know when it is their turn. Once inside the lobby area, there are visual delineators to denote where to stand or wait.
- **Los Angeles County Guidance on Masks** – While the County’s metrics continue to remain low and stable, there continues to be COVID-19 transmission in California, particularly among those who are not fully vaccinated. For that reason, the State will be keeping its [current masking guidance](#) until June 15, and [L.A. County](#) will do the same and remain in alignment with the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order of May 3. It is important to note that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announcement last week was not meant to eliminate current safety modifications at local and state levels, and the CDC acknowledged the importance of maintaining local protections. Masks are still required for everyone at large

events, on public transportation, in retail locations, at business establishments and in the workplace (under Cal/OSHA masking/distancing requirements). Masks are still required for all unvaccinated people when outdoors anytime distancing cannot be maintained. Masks are not required for fully vaccinated people when alone and outdoors unless attending crowded events. Masks are also not required for fully vaccinated people when indoor and outdoor visits with other fully vaccinated people and with unvaccinated people from one household take place without high risk people in attendance.

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	32,855,010 (+27,857)	584,975 (+639)
California ²	3,668,842 (+1,292)	61,603 (+48)
Los Angeles County ³	1,238,121 (+245)	24,140 (+19)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,365 (0)	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
May 10 – May 16	5	0	1,760	95
May 3 – May 9	4	0	1,879	84
April 26 – May 2	6	0	2,240	142
April 19 – April 25	18	0	2,915	170
April 12 – 18	10	0	3,201	146
April 5 – April 11	35	0	3,682	202
March 29 – April 4	14	0	3,889	198

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	5/19/2021	4,606,421* (+256,717)	16,127,065* (+368,539)	35,414,233 (+609,347)
Los Angeles County ⁶	5/14/2021	5,326,360* (+131,772)	3,687,491* (+70,003)	9,013,851 ⁷ (+304,205)

¹ Source: May 19, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: May 19, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: May 20, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: May 20, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: May 20, 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: May 20, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-dashboard.htm>

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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS				
Manhattan Beach ⁸	5/9/2021	22,313* (+168)	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. Additionally, data may be revised according to the sources indicated within the report. 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	Minimal	2.2	1.2	0.6%	0.6%
5/11	Minimal	2.6	1.4	0.7%	0.7%
5/4	Minimal	3.0	1.6	0.7%	0.8%
4/27	Moderate	3.6	1.9	0.9%	1.0%
4/20	Moderate	4.0	2.7	1.2%	1.4%
4/13	Moderate	3.9	3.2	1.5%	1.9%
4/6	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%

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
87,519	356	23%

FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY UPDATES

- Yellow Tier** – Los Angeles County has met the threshold for the least restrictive yellow tier in the [State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). Changes to the Health Officer Order took effect May 6, reflecting the County's move into the yellow tier allowing for increased occupancy limits across a wide range of sectors with required safety modifications. Fitness facilities, indoor dining, cardrooms and racetracks, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, breweries, wineries, and craft distilleries can expand indoor occupancy to 50%. Bars establishments are now allowed to open for indoor services at a maximum capacity of 25% or 100 people, whichever is fewer, with no counter seating/service. Amusement parks and fairs can increase capacity to 35%, and waterparks can expand to 40% capacity. Museums and aquariums can increase indoor capacity to 75%. Outdoor live performances and events can increase occupancy to 67% of capacity, while the occupancy limits at indoor live events depend on the total capacity of each venue and the vaccination and testing status of attendees. Other sectors where capacity limits have increased include: private informal gatherings, where the occupancy limit has increased to 50% capacity or 50 people if indoors, whichever is fewer; outdoor gatherings are limited to 100 people. At community sporting events, participation is restricted to 500 people per hour and a

⁸ Source: May 20, 2021, [COVID-19 Locations & Demographics - LA County Department of Public Health](#)

⁹ Source: May 20, 2021, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

total of 1,500 people; if everyone is vaccinated or has tested negative at an outdoor community sporting event, the capacity increases to 3000 people. Office-based businesses and workspaces should limit occupancy to 75% of capacity, unless all staff are vaccinated. Distancing and masking requirements remain in effect at worksites per CalOSHA requirements. At indoor malls, shopping centers, retail stores, hair salons, barbershops, personal care providers, libraries, and limited services, capacity remains limited to 75% to allow for at least 6 feet of distancing among staff and customers. The Health Officer Order requires other modifications across a wide range of sectors. These are modifications focused on infection control, distancing and mask wearing. At all establishments serving food or drink, masking is mandated, except when eating or drinking. Distancing between tables is also still required and counter seating and service is not allowed. Television viewing is now permitted indoors, while live entertainment along with television is permitted outdoors, and aquariums. For more information visit [County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health](#).

- **Way to go California! More than 50% of Residents have received a COVID-19 shot** – California has reached a milestone. As of May 15, more than 50% of California residents, approximately 19.6 million people, have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 38% of residents are fully vaccinated.
- **May is Mental Health Awareness Month** – [Beach Cities Health District](#) (BCHD) is providing health programs, tips, and resources for Mental Health Awareness Month. Programs include the [Virtual Mental Health & Happiness Series](#), a [Kindness Calendar](#), and a plethora of [virtual events](#).
- **COVID-19 Mobile Vaccination** – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) is providing mobile vaccination teams to administer COVID-19 vaccines at various locations throughout the community. If you are interested in hosting the Mobile Vaccine Team at your business or organization, visit [LADPH](#).
- **Projections in Healthcare / Predictive Modeling** – Los Angeles County [Department of Health Services](#) (DHS) released the COVID-19 Projections of Hospital-based [Health Care Demand May 10 Update](#). The update includes data on hospitalizations through May 5, 2021. The underlying statistical prediction model has been significantly modified to incorporate the effect of vaccination in predicting future hospital demand:
 - The daily number of newly hospitalized patients with positive tests for COVID-19 across Los Angeles County has continued to gradually decrease.
 - Patients are still being admitted to hospitals for reasons other than acute COVID-19 illness who have positive COVID-19 PCR tests, often from prior illness that has been resolved. These do not reflect recent transmission.
 - Based on recent data, reflecting transmission that occurred in the middle of April, the estimated transmission number (“R”) at that time was 0.90 with an uncertainty of 0.78 to 0.99. This estimate for R, lower than prior estimate of 0.96 with an uncertainty of 0.86 to 1.02.
 - Based on the pattern in hospitalizations, and the resulting estimate for R, the demand for hospital-based services including hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators over the next 4 weeks is expected to be adequate.
 - Because of the relatively low level of community transmission, the frequency of model updates will continue to be every two weeks.

- The DHS team’s epidemic model estimates the number of people in Los Angeles County who are susceptible to infection with COVID-19, have been exposed, are infectious to others, and have recovered or been vaccinated so they are no longer susceptible.
- The model suggests that about 0.06% (uncertainty of 0.03% to 0.10%) of everyone in Los Angeles County is currently infected and infectious to others.
- This would suggest about 1 in 1600 (between 1 in 4000 and 1 in 970) Los Angeles County residents are currently infectious to others. One week ago, this estimate was 1 in 1200.
- Approximately 5 in every 8 persons in Los Angeles County is estimated to be protected from COVID-19. Approximately 3 in every 8 persons in Los Angeles County has been infected and approximately another 2 in 8 have acquired protection through vaccination.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – DPH confirmed 245 new COVID-19 cases and 19 new deaths in [Today’s Daily Report](#). Of the 19 new deaths reported today, seven people that passed away were over the age of 80, seven people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, one person who died was between the ages of 50 and 64 and four people who died were between the ages of 30 and 49. To date, DPH identified 1,238,121 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,140 deaths. There are 356 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized, and 23% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for more than 6,672,000 individuals with 17% of people testing positive. Los Angeles County remains in the yellow tier in the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy that allows for expanded re-openings and increased occupancy limits across a wide range of sectors with required safety measures. The State released updated blueprint tier numbers; L.A. County’s adjusted case rate dropped from 1.4 new cases per 100,000 people to 1.2 new cases per 100,000. The overall tests positivity rate dropped from 0.7% to 0.6% across the county and in areas with the fewest health affirming resources, With declining case and test positivity rates, Los Angeles County remains in the least restrictive yellow tier in the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy. 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 I ¹⁰	N/A
Police Emergency Response	Normal	N/A
Fire Emergency Response	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
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	Open (with new protocols)	May 10 (with modifications)
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

SERVICE	STATUS	CHANGE
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	Limited (See Ordinance and County Guidance)	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)	Varies (See Parks and Facilities)	Varied (with modifications)
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	Open (selected in-person services)	N/A
MBUSD Schools	Open with Distance Learning (See COVID-19 Dashboard)	Recently Opened