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COVID-19 Situation Report

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CURRENT INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

- **MBUSD Heads Back to School** – Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD) will begin in-person, full day instruction on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. MBUSD has COVID-19 safety practices in place as precautionary measures for a safe return to school. These protocols include:

- Everyone returning to school will be required to wear a mask indoors, per current state and county guidelines.
- All staff and students coming to campus will be required to complete a screening questionnaire (via Ruvna) asking about symptoms, exposure, testing, and diagnoses prior to entering campus.
- Students and staff will be asked to maintain distance and avoid crowding as much as possible. In outdoor areas where there is potential for crowding or close contact, students may be asked to keep their masks on except when eating or drinking.
- As school begins, families will be asked to provide information about their students' vaccination status (if they are eligible to receive a vaccine).
- Prior to the start of school, every student will be asked to seek testing regardless of vaccination status. In order to find a local testing site, please visit <https://www.mbusd.org>.

MBUSD has released a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document as a resource for families on COVID-19 testing, health, and safety matters. For further information and to review the additional health and safety guidelines, please visit www.mbusd.org.

- **Health Officer Order Updates** – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has issued an updated Health Officer Order for youth sports leagues and Mega Events. **The update for youth sports leagues, which goes into effect Wednesday, September 1, 2021, includes the following:**
 - Youth sports leagues must follow the LA County [Health Officer Order](#) and the [LA County COVID19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance for Youth Recreational Sports Programs](#).
 - Youth sports leagues that employ coaches or other support staff must also adhere to the Cal/OSHA [COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards](#) (ETS).
 - Youth sports leagues operating concession stands should review and follow [DPH Best Practice Guidance for Food and Beverage Service](#).
 - **Participants:** When indoors, require all participants, regardless of vaccination status, [to bring and wear masks](#). Youth sports participants must wear a face mask even while engaging in physical activity in any indoor setting.

- **Spectators:** When indoors, require all spectators, regardless of vaccination status, [to bring and wear masks](#). Make masks available for those who arrive without them.
- **Coaches:** When indoors, require all coaches, regardless of vaccination status, [to bring and wear masks](#) when they are indoors. Coaches must wear masks even when engaged in intense physical activity when indoors.
- When outdoors, masks are recommended in crowded spaces and places, including among spectators at sporting events where distancing is not practical or possible. At sporting events attended by more than 10,000 individuals, universal masking is required by all spectators and employees except for the limited time when eating or drinking.

The update for Mega Events goes into effect Wednesday, September 20, 2021, and includes the following:

- All attendees at Indoor Mega Events involving 1,000 or more persons must, prior to entry, show verification of COVID-19 vaccination status or a negative COVID-19 (diagnostic) test result. This is a lower attendance threshold than the previous requirement of 5,000 participants.
- All Indoor Mega Events scheduled on or after September 20, 2021, self-attestation is no longer a permitted method for vaccine verification or verification of negative COVID-19 test.

For more information and to review the updated Health Officer Order, please visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

- **FDA Approves License for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine** – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the license for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA) for those 12 through 15 years old and for a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals. The licensing approval was announced after another thorough evaluation of safety and effectiveness data by a panel of scientific and medical experts. FDA-approved vaccines undergo the agency's standard process for reviewing the quality, safety and effectiveness of medical products. For further information on the approval, please visit <https://www.fda.gov>.
- **L.A. County Daily Briefing Statistics on COVID-19** – The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) confirms 39 new deaths and 2,600 new cases of COVID-19. Of the 39 new deaths reported today, six people who passed away were over the age of 80, 13 people who passed were between the ages of 65 and 79, 12 people who passed were between the ages of 50 and 64, and five people who passed were between the ages of 30 and 49. Three deaths were reported by the City of Long Beach. To date, Public Health identified 1,388,143 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 25,114 deaths. There are 1,724 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 26% of these people are in the ICU. Testing results are available for more than 7,960,000 individuals with 16% of people testing positive. Today's test positivity rate is 2.8%. To view Statewide case statistics and demographics, including positive cases, deaths, and testing results, visit [COVID:19 California Case Statistics](#).

LATEST NUMBERS ON COVID-19

AREA	CONFIRMED CASES (CHANGE)	DEATHS (CHANGE)
United States ¹	37,996,672 (+115,901)	628,000 (+677)
California ²	4,133,651 (+10,401)	64,694 (+17)
Los Angeles County ³	1,388,143 (+2,600)	25,114 (+39)
Manhattan Beach ⁴	1,817 (+7)	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
August 16 – August 23	81	0	22,651	177
August 9 – August 15	66	0	24,299	127
August 2 – August 8	80	0	23,304	98
July 26 – August 1	81	0	19,499	57
July 19 – July 25	48	0	15,984	45
July 12 – July 18	34	0	10,232	41
July 5 – July 11	25	0	5,325	40

View daily cases in an infographic via the. 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	8/23/2021	3,510,377 (+42,248)	22,216,026 (+40,774)	46,145,367 (+83,022)
Los Angeles County ⁶	8/19/2021	6,471,894* (+50,143)	5,645,960* (+49,269)	11,565,843 ⁷ (+91,021)
Manhattan Beach ⁸	8/19/2021	26,719* (+105)	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](#).

¹ Source: August 23, 2021, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

² Source: August 23, 2021, <https://update.covid19.ca.gov/>

³ Source: August 24, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

⁴ Source: August 24, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/locations.htm>

⁵ Source: August 24, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://vaccines.ca.gov/)

⁶ Source: August 24, 2021, <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-dashboard.htm>

⁷ Source: August 24, 2021, [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://vaccines.ca.gov/)

⁸ Source: August 24, 2021, [COVID-19 Locations & Demographics - LA County Department of Public Health](#)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALIZATIONS		
EVER	CURRENT	% IN ICU
96,374	1,724	26%