



City of Hermosa Beach
COVID-19 Daily Update
6 p.m. March 21, 2020

Local Updates

- **Not a Day At the Beach:** The sunshine brought large numbers of residents out to the beach, Pier Plaza and the Strand for walks and exercise today. While going for a walk or bike ride with members of your household is considered an essential activity under Los Angeles County's [Safer at Home Order](#) that was issued on Thursday, it is critical that social distancing practices are observed. Please see this [Social Distancing Graphic](#) to understand the importance of maintaining a minimum of 6 feet from others to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- **Volleyball Nets Removed:** On Friday, LA County Beaches and Harbors removed volleyball nets along the beach throughout the County to prevent group gatherings. On Saturday a number of nets were observed to be back up and people playing on the courts. These nets will be removed and we ask the community to assist us by not adding nets back during this time or we will have to consider further measures.
- **Park and Beach Patrol:** City staff from Community Resources and the Police Department have been deployed to monitor public activity on the beach, at our parks and other public spaces. Saturday's report from the field indicated most were doing their best to comply with the public health requirement for people to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from individuals who are not part of the same household. There were reports of groups congregating on the patios on Pier Plaza businesses that are temporarily closed, which is not allowed under the order.
- **Hermosa Schools Online through End of April:** Hermosa Beach City School District (HBCSD) announced classes will continue to be online through at least the end of April. The District had previously planned to resume classroom instruction on April 13. For more information, please see this [Message from Superintendent Pat Escalante](#). Meal distribution is continuing for all children. Further details provided in an [HBCSD Update](#).
- **Community Comes Together to Help:** A local community effort has signed up more than 120 volunteers to help with shopping, errands and other needs during the COVID-19 emergency. Beach Cities Health District is providing training. Please see the [Volunteer Form](#) and the [Help Form](#) if assistance is needed.
- **Keeping the Power On:** Southern California Edison issued a [Press Release](#) announcing it won't be shutting off power for non-critical repairs. An outage had been planned for Hermosa Beach. It also is waiving late fees and suspending service disconnections for nonpayment for residential and commercial businesses.

State & Federal Updates

- **Student Loan Payments Postponed:** The federal government announced a [Student Loan Payment Suspension](#) of interest and payments for at least the next 60 days.
- **Emergency Aid to Reopen L.A. Hospital:** California Gov. Gavin Newsom provided [\\$42 Million in Emergency Funds](#) to expand health care capacity, including reopening the shuttered St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles for three months to care for COVID-19 patients.
- **National Guard Helping with Food Distribution:** The governor also deployed the National Guard to help with food distribution at food banks. For more information, please see the [Governor's Announcement](#).

Latest Facts & Figures (as of 3/20)

Area	Reported COVID-19 Diagnoses	Reported Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	Source
United States	15,219	201	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html
California	1,224	23	https://covid19.ca.gov/
LA County	292	2	http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/
Hermosa Beach	0	0	http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2274

Information Sources

The City has limited public access to City Offices and the Community Center. It also has canceled major events and most City-sponsored programs. The City has created a list of [Hermosa Beach cancellations, postponements and closures](#).

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City of Hermosa Beach	https://www.hermosabeach.gov/
City of Hermosa Beach Coronavirus Information & Updates	https://www.hermosabeach.gov/coronavirus
Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce	https://www.hbchamber.net/
Hermosa Beach City School District	https://www.hbcasd.org/
LA County Department of Health	www.cdph.ca.gov
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	www.cdc.gov
LA County Fire Department	https://www.fire.lacounty.gov/
LA County Health and Human Services	Call 2-1-1

