



City of Hermosa Beach
COVID-19 Daily Update
6 p.m. March 22, 2020

Local Updates

- **Strand and Beach Crowding Concerns:** The City shares the community's concerns about the potential spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) caused by the large crowds of people on the Strand and beach yesterday and today. The City issued a Public Safety Alert early in the day that urged people to avoid the Strand if they went out, but it remained crowded. The City urges members of the public to avoid the beach and the Strand when going out to exercise. If the crowds continue, further actions, including closures, will be necessary to comply with Gov. Gavin Newsom's [Stay at Home Order](#).
- **Other Beach Cities Close Parking Lots:** The City of Santa Monica issued a [Statement](#) today announcing it was closing its beach parking lots, and Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti held a Press Conference today that included an announcement that he was closing LA City playgrounds at parks and Venice Beach parking lots because of the large beach crowds today and yesterday.
- **City Staff Informing Public of Rules:** Staff from Community Resources and the Police Department have been monitoring public activity on the beach, at City parks and other public spaces over the weekend. They have been informing the public about the requirement that they maintain a minimum of 6 feet distance from individuals who are not members of their household.
- **L.A. County Warns No Location is Safe:** Because there are positive COVID-19 cases across the County, the Los Angeles Department of Public Health's issued a [Press Release](#) today saying the public should not think one location is safer than another. The Department reported 71 new cases today, bringing the total to 409 confirmed COVID-19 cases in L.A. County, and an additional death, bringing the total of confirmed COVID-19 deaths to 5 in L.A. County.
- **Beach Volleyball Prohibited:** Beach volleyball is prohibited under the Governor's order, and Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors removed beach volleyball nets in Hermosa Beach. Some of these nets were replaced by individuals yesterday and today. City staff removed those nets. The City urges all volleyball players to observe the governor's order and to refrain from playing beach volleyball or putting up volleyball nets.
- **County Updates Safer at Home Order:** Los Angeles County provided this [Safer at Home Update](#) to bring the county's public health order in line with Gov. Gavin Newsom's Stay at Home Order. The enhanced County order prohibits all gatherings and events and clarifies that golf courses and personal grooming services (including hair and nail salons) are non-essential services that are closed.

- **New Guidelines for Ill People:** [Los Angeles County's Announcement](#) provided new guidelines for people who are ill: "If you are mildly sick, stay home for at least 7 days or until 72 hours after being fever free, whichever is longer. Call your doctor if you are concerned and/or your symptoms worsen. Individuals who are elderly, have underlying health conditions or pregnant should consider contacting their providers earlier when they are sick."

State & Federal Updates

- **Rumor Control:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the creation of a [Rumor Control Site](#) for the public to get accurate information regarding the COVID-19 emergency.
- **Expanding Health Care Capacity:** California Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an [Executive Order Expanding Health Care Capacity](#) in clinics, mobile health care units and adult day health care facilities. It also allows local governments more flexibility to utilize the skills of retired employees and reinforces the importance of the delivery of food, medicine and emergency supplies.

Latest Facts & Figures

Area	Reported COVID-19 Diagnoses	Reported Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	Source
United States (as of 3/20/20)	15,219	201	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html
California (as of 3/21/20)	1,468	27	https://covid19.ca.gov/
LA County	409	5	https://covid19.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/3.22.20-Final-Press-Release-Los-Angeles-County-Announces-One-New-Death-Related-to-COVID-19-and-71-New-Cases-of-Confirmed-COVID-19-in-Los-Angeles-County.pdf
Hermosa Beach	0	0	https://covid19.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/3.22.20-Final-Press-Release-Los-Angeles-County-Announces-One-New-Death-Related-to-COVID-19-and-71-New-Cases-of-Confirmed-COVID-19-in-Los-Angeles-County.pdf

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 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