



City of Hermosa Beach
COVID-19 Daily Update
6 p.m. March 23, 2020

Local Updates

- **City Considering Additional Closures:** With public health experts saying this week is critical to “flattening the curve” and slowing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the City is considering additional measures, including closures, to protect public health. Los Angeles County announced today that most hiking trails are closed, and Santa Monica and the City of Los Angeles have closed their beachfront parking lots. The large crowds of people on the Strand and beach in Hermosa Beach this past weekend created great concern. The City is urging people to stay home, except for essential needs. [Essential Needs](#) include getting food and necessary health care, caring for a relative or friend or going to an essential job, according to Gov. Gavin Newsom’s [Stay at Home Order](#). The governor also allowed for short walks near your residence. The City is seeking voluntary compliance, but the governor’s order also provides cities with the ability to fine individuals and businesses that don’t comply voluntarily.
- **Volleyball and All Group Sports Prohibited:** Beach volleyball and any group sporting activities are prohibited under the governor’s order. Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors removed beach volleyball nets in Hermosa Beach, but some people continued to play volleyball and put up their own volleyball nets this past weekend. Please help protect everyone’s health by complying with the public health orders and stopping all group sports.
- **Tuesday’s City Council Meeting Reminder:** A reminder that Tuesday night’s City Council meeting will be conducted via videoconference to comply with the governor’s [Stay at Home Order](#). The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., and the public can watch it on local access channels or on the City’s [Meeting and Agenda Webpage](#). For more information, including how to provide public comments, please see the [City Council Meeting Announcement](#).
- **Construction Continuing:** The governor’s [Stay at Home Order](#) says home and all other construction are among the [essential services](#) and critical infrastructure that can continue during the COVID-19 emergency. To comply with the governor’s order, Hermosa Beach has not imposed restrictions on construction in the City. Hermosa Beach City School District’s construction of North School is also permitted under the governor’s order and is necessary to complete the school in time for classes to start there in January 2021.
- **City Delays Due Dates:** The City has taken administrative actions to delay due dates to April 30, 2020 for residential parking permits, parking citations submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles and parking citation unbilled late fees.
- **School Delayed Until May 4:** Hermosa Beach City School District (HBCSD) released an [announcement](#) stating that classes will continue to be held online until at least May 4. The District previously planned to resume classroom instruction at the end of April but is delaying in-person classes and programming until at least May 4 with the potential for extension for public health.

- **Hospital Ship Coming to L.A.:** Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the [USNS Mercy](#) hospital ship is headed to the Port of Los Angeles to provide more than 1,000 additional hospital beds for patients who don't have COVID-19.
- **More Testing Planned:** Los Angeles County and City officials announced today that they have secured an additional 20,000 COVID-19 tests and are working to have the capacity for 5,000 tests per day. They said the first phase of testing will focus on first responders, health care personnel and high-risk individuals.

State & Federal Updates

- **This Week Expected to be “Bad:”** U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams warned on the [Today Show](#) that “this week will be bad” in terms of additional diagnoses of COVID-19 and deaths caused by the virus. He urged all to practice social distancing and stay home as much as possible.
- **Technology at Work:** The White House announced today the launch of the [COVID-19 High Performance Computing Consortium](#) to provide researchers worldwide with access to the world’s most advanced supercomputing resources and an expert panel of top scientists and computing researchers to fight the spread of COVID-19.
- **Olympics Postponed Until 2021:** An International Olympics Committee member said today that the 2020 Tokyo Olympics will be postponed until at least 2021 to safeguard public health worldwide.

Latest Facts & Figures

Area	Reported COVID-19 Diagnoses	Reported Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	Source
United States	33,404	400	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html
California <i>(as of 3/22)</i>	1,733	27	https://covid19.ca.gov/
LA County	536	7	http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2279
Hermosa Beach	0	0	http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2279

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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Hermosa Beach City School District	https://www.hbcasd.org/
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