



City of Hermosa Beach
COVID-19 Daily Update
6 p.m. March 26, 2020

Local Updates

- **Beach and Strand Closure Update:** The City has heard from many members of the public regarding its decision yesterday to close the beach, Strand and Downtown Parking Structure beginning at 6 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, to protect public health and prevent a repetition of last weekend. Such large groups of people congregated on the beach and Strand over the weekend that they increased the risk of spreading the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) because people couldn't maintain the required distance of a least six feet from non-household members. City leaders and staff are listening to the input they're receiving and will be evaluating the effectiveness of the closures, the virus' spread and other data to ensure the closures are for only as long as needed and to see what, if any, changes can be made and still protect public health. Please know that this was not an easy decision for the City. The desire to be outside and in nature is great at this time. But the City anticipated large groups of people again this weekend because of the closures of most of the county's hiking trails, the closures of beachfront parking lots in nearby communities and the predictions of sunny weather. Please comply with the closures, and see the [Beach Closure Press Release](#) for more information.
- **Extensions for Local Fees and Fines:** The City has extended the deadlines for several local administrative fees and fines to May 31. These include parking citations and unbilled late fees, business license renewals, parking permit renewals and banner permit fees. Restaurant encroachment fees are suspended through April 30 and will be re-evaluated in April to be extended longer if needed. Download a [Handout on City Extensions of Fines and Fees](#).
- **Redondo Beach Pier, Bike Path, Walkways and Lots Closed:** The City of Redondo Beach announced today that it is closing its pier, bike path, beachfront walkway, esplanade, stairways, beachfront parking lots and other access points to the beach at midnight tonight to protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please see this [Press Release on Redondo Beach Closures](#).
- **County Orders Individuals With COVID-19 to Self-Isolate:** To protect public health and prevent the health care system being overwhelmed, Los Angeles County ordered individuals diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19 to self-isolate until at least 3 days have passed since recovery and at least 7 days since symptoms first appeared. The County also ordered the self-quarantine of individuals exposed to those diagnosed or likely to have COVID-19 through close contact. For more information, please see the [Home Isolation Health Officer Order \(3.25.20\)](#) and [Home Quarantine Health Officer Order \(3.25.20\)](#)

State & Federal Updates

- **Senate Approves \$2 Trillion COVID-19 Relief Package:** The U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan [\\$2 Trillion Economic Stimulus Package](#) and sent it to the U.S. House for consideration. The package is designed to help ease the financial burden of the COVID-19 pandemic and provide relief for American workers and businesses. The proposed legislation includes direct payments of \$1,200 to most individuals making up to \$75,000, or \$2,400 for couples making up to \$150,000, suspends student loan payments, delays the Real ID deadline, expands unemployment benefits and small business loans and provides aid for local governments and industries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **EPA Suspends Environmental Laws:** In light of the national COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced today that it is temporarily and indefinitely suspending its enforcement of environmental laws, informing companies they would not need to meet environmental standards during the COVID-19 outbreak. For more information about the temporary policy, please see the [EPA's Temporary Policy Announcement News Release](#).
- **U.S. Now Leads World in COVID-19 Diagnoses:** According to Johns Hopkins University, the United States today passed China and Italy as the country with the most confirmed, reported cases of COVID-19. The [Johns Hopkins University dashboard](#) reported the U.S. has 82,404 COVID-19 confirmed diagnoses as of 3 p.m., moving past Italy (80,589) and China (81,782). It also reported that more than 1,100 people have died from COVID-19 in the U.S.

Latest Facts & Figures

Area	Reported COVID-19 Diagnoses	Reported Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	Source
United States	68,440	994	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html
California (as of March 25)	3,006	65	https://covid19.ca.gov/
LA County	1,216	21	http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/
Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach	21	N/A*	http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcomm/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2284

*L.A. County Department of Public Health is only providing the hometown of patients diagnosed with COVID-19. It is not providing hometown information on deaths. It also has combined Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach in its reporting. Despite City officials' requests, the Department is not providing a breakdown of the diagnoses in each city.

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.

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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
Beach Cities Health District	Call 310-374-3426, ext. 256 https://www.bchd.org/coronavirus