



**City of Hermosa Beach**  
***COVID-19 Daily Update***  
***6 p.m. March 29, 2020***

**Local Updates**

- **Six COVID-19 Diagnoses in Hermosa Beach:** L.A. County Department of Public Health's [Daily Update](#) today reported 6 Hermosa Beach residents have confirmed diagnoses of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The Department had not been reporting Hermosa Beach's diagnoses separately, so this was the first comprehensive report of the community's COVID-19 diagnoses. Public health experts had warned that the number of diagnoses would continue to grow for the next week or two – with the hope that the Governor's [Stay at Home](#) and the County's [Safer at Home](#) orders would help slow the spread of the virus after that. The City has made the protection of public health its top priority. The City has acted to help slow the virus' spread by canceling and postponing public events and gatherings, enacting emergency measures to protect public health and working with residents and the business community to ensure compliance with public health orders. The Department of Public Health has recommended assuming that many more people are infected with the virus than those with confirmed diagnoses. It has noted that some people have no symptoms but can be contagious. Also, the Department has noted that many with COVID-19 symptoms have not been tested for the virus because of the shortage of tests.
- **Beach and Strand Closures Update:** Hermosa Beach Police Department reported the public continued to voluntarily comply today with the closures of the beach and the Strand in Hermosa Beach. The City thanks everyone for their cooperation over the weekend with the [Public Health Order](#) that Los Angeles County issued on Friday that required all beaches, public trails, beach bike paths and beach access points across the County closed until at least April 19. The beaches and Strand were closed to protect public health after large groups of people came to the beaches and beachfront parks, bike paths and walkways the preceding weekend. The crowds were so large that it was difficult for people to maintain the required minimum of 6 feet from non-household members. The Greenbelt will remain open in Hermosa Beach so long as visitors continue to maintain the required 6 feet minimum distance from non-household members when in public.
- **Beach Closure Video:** To see what the region's beaches looked like after the beach closure order, please check out the [Los Angeles Times drone video](#) of Hermosa's and neighboring cities' beaches.

## **State & Federal Updates**

- **U.S. COVID-19 Deaths Now Exceed 2000:** According to [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated numbers](#), the United States has now exceeded 2,000 COVID-19-related deaths. This came one day after surpassing 100,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the nation. Both numbers are expected to rise steadily in the coming days and weeks, and health officials say the number of cases is likely higher than is reported because of the shortage of tests.
- **Federal Social Distancing Extended to End of April:** President Donald Trump extended national social distancing guidelines to April 30 today and reiterated his Administration's advice that people stay mostly at home and avoid groups of more than 10.
- **National Guard Authorized to Fight COVID-19:** President Trump signed an [executive order](#) Friday giving the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security the authority to activate National Guard and reservists to support the nationwide response to the coronavirus.
- **State Closes Parks to Vehicles:** The California Department of Parks and Recreation today announced the [temporary closure of vehicle access](#) today at all 280 state parks to protect public health. The Department said it made the change because the surge in the number of visitors to state parks made it difficult for the public to maintain appropriate social distancing.

## **Latest Facts & Figures**

Area	Reported COVID-19 Diagnoses	Reported Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	Source
United States	122,653	2,112	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html</a>
California (as of 3/27)	4,643	101	<a href="https://covid19.ca.gov/">https://covid19.ca.gov/</a>
L.A. County	2,136	37	<a href="http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2288">http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2288</a>

## **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.

Please sign up for Hermosa Beach [eNotifications](#), [public safety alerts](#) or follow the City on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

City of Hermosa Beach	<a href="https://www.hermosabeach.gov/">https://www.hermosabeach.gov/</a>
City of Hermosa Beach Coronavirus Updates	<a href="https://www.hermosabeach.gov/coronavirus">https://www.hermosabeach.gov/coronavirus</a>
Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce	<a href="https://www.hbchamber.net/">https://www.hbchamber.net/</a>
Hermosa Beach City School District	<a href="https://www.hbcasd.org/">https://www.hbcasd.org/</a>
LA County Department of Health	<a href="http://www.cdph.ca.gov">www.cdph.ca.gov</a>
LA County Business & Worker Disaster Help Center	<a href="http://LACountyHelpCenter.org">LACountyHelpCenter.org</a>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	<a href="http://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>
LA County Fire Department	<a href="https://www.fire.lacounty.gov/">https://www.fire.lacounty.gov/</a>
LA County Health and Human Services	Call 2-1-1
Beach Cities Health District	Call 310-374-3426, ext. 256 <a href="https://www.bchd.org/coronavirus">https://www.bchd.org/coronavirus</a>