



City of Hermosa Beach
COVID-19 Daily Update
6 p.m. April 2, 2020

Local Updates

- **Keeping Social Distance:** City staff have noticed more people in local parks and on the Greenbelt, and they are increasingly concerned about people's ability to maintain social distancing to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Please keep the six-foot minimum distance from non-household members when in public and consider neighborhood streets for daily walks. Please also observe social distancing from City staff working in public locations as well. They are performing essential services and need to be sure they're safe too. If the City's public spaces get too crowded to protect public health, the City will not be able to keep them open to the public. For ideas for other activities, please see the [Hermosa Beach from Home webpage](#) with beach-themed playlists, public art virtual tours, mindfulness exercises from Beach Cities Health, opportunities for residents to participate in City projects virtually and more.
- **Drive-Up Mobile COVID-19 Testing Site Opens Friday in Redondo Beach:** The South Bay Galleria in Redondo Beach will be one of the new drive-up mobile sites for testing for COVID-19 that will open in L.A. County on Friday. The other two are at the Pomona Fairplex and the Antelope Valley Mall in Palmdale. Beach Cities Health District, the City of Redondo Beach, L.A. County Fire Department and L.A. County worked together to bring the drive-up testing site to the South Bay. The testing is limited to the most vulnerable LA County residents and by appointment only. Walk-up appointments are not available. For more information, please see the [County's testing guidance](#).
- **New Guidance on Face Masks:** Public health experts today shifted their recommendations regarding face masks, saying everyone should now wear a covering over their mouths when going grocery shopping, to the pharmacy or on other essential trips outside the home. They had previously said only people who were sick should wear face masks. They are encouraging people to wear cloth masks, rather than using surgical or N-95 masks that should be reserved for health care workers. They noted that handwashing and social distancing are still the two primary ways to avoid spreading the disease but said cloth face masks can be helpful in reducing transmission from asymptomatic individuals. For more information, please see the [L.A. County Department of Public Health briefing](#).
- **County Health Order:** [L.A. County Department of Public Health's updated guidance](#) revised the time period that a patient with COVID-19 is considered infectious, saying that they are infectious for at least 48 hours before symptoms begin, rather than at the onset of symptoms. The department now requires individuals with presumed or confirmed COVID-19 to notify all persons with whom they had close contact for up to 48 hours before the onset of symptoms.

State & Federal Updates

- **State Utility Assistance:** With most Californians staying at home in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated increase in energy consumption and utility bill costs, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) urges customers who have lost their income to call their utility today to receive a 20-35% discount on their bills through the [California Alternate Rates for Energy \(CARE\) program and/or the Family Electric Rate Assistance \(FERA\) program](#). The CPUC also has a similar program for telecommunication customers, [California LifeLine](#).
- **State Resources for Small Businesses and Employees:** Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled a [series of new resources](#) to aid small businesses and help California workers who have lost work due to COVID-19, including first-come, first-serve loans of up to \$10 million for small employers and \$50 million in loans for businesses that may not be eligible for federal relief. The program also allows small businesses to defer payment of sales and use taxes of up to \$50,000 for up to 12 months. The Governor also joined Bitwise Industries in announcing [OnwardCa.org](#), a platform connecting COVID-19 displaced workers with over 70,000 job opportunities in critical industries. For more information, see the [Governor's announcement](#).
- **Executive Order Protects Homes and Small Businesses:** Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an [executive order](#) today that restricts water shutoffs to homes and small businesses while the state responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. The order also restores water service to occupied residences that had their water shut off as of March 4, 2020, which is when the governor proclaimed a state of emergency due to COVID-19.
- **Individual Stimulus Payment Update:** The Treasury announced late Wednesday that Social Security beneficiaries who typically do not file a tax return will automatically get a \$1,200 payment as part of the [\\$2 Trillion COVID-19 Relief Package](#). The legislation is designed to help ease the financial burden of the COVID-19 pandemic and provide relief for American workers and businesses, and includes direct payments of \$1,200 to most individuals making up to \$75,000, or \$2,400 for couples making up to \$150,000.
- **Unemployment Update:** According to the the Department of Labor's [latest report](#), the number of Americans filing claims for unemployment benefits surged to more than 6.6 million last week, breaking a record high for the second week in a row as more states and cities continue to enforce strict stay-at-home measures in an attempt to stop the coronavirus pandemic.

Latest Facts & Figures

Area	Reported COVID-19 Diagnoses	Reported Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	Source
United States	213,144	4,513	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html
California	9,191	203	https://public.tableau.com/views/COVID-19PublicDashboard/Covid-19Public?:embed=y&:display_count=no&:showVizHome=no
L.A. County	4,045	78	http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/
Hermosa Beach	15	N/A*	http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/media/mediapubhpdetail.cfm?prid=2292

*Los Angeles County doesn't provide the hometowns of people who have died from COVID-19.

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 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
LA County Business & Worker Disaster Help Center	LACountyHelpCenter.org
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 is offering help to people in need. Please call 310-374-3426, ext. 256.	https://www.bchd.org/coronavirus