REGIONAL MESSAGE ON COVID-19 THREAT
Alert South Bay Cities
Joint Information Center

April 3, 2020

KEY MESSAGES

- **Safer at Home Directive Still in Effect:** With warm weather forecasted for Los Angeles, please remember the Safer At Home directives are still in effect including the closure of all beaches, parks, and trails in Los Angeles County. Please be aware that "behavioral fatigue" may set in, especially when it is tempting to go outside. Help stem the spread of COVID-19 by remaining in your homes, unless it is absolutely necessary to leave in order to perform an essential function.

- **Palos Verdes Estates Bluff Area Closure:** The Palos Verdes Estates Bluff Areas will be closed starting April 4, 2020 at 7:30am between the roadway and cliff along Paseo Del Mar. For more information, please click here.

- **Updated Infection Timeline:** The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) has revised the time period that a patient with COVID-19 is considered infectious to begin 48 hours before symptom onset (updated from the first day of symptom onset). This is based on new recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

- **Infected Party Notification Requirement:** The recent Health Officer orders have been revised to require that individuals with presumed or confirmed COVID-19 notify all persons with whom they had close contact beginning 48 hours before their symptom onset.
LACDPH COVID-19 TESTING
AT SOUTH BAY GALLERIA

Beach Cities Health District has been working with the LACDPH and the City of Redondo Beach to support COVID-19 testing efforts in the South Bay and our community during this unprecedented time. The LACDPH is now leading COVID-19 testing efforts at the South Bay Galleria in Redondo Beach.

All tests at the South Bay Galleria will be for eligible residents and by appointment only. Tests are free of charge. The LACDPH has established a website with the City of Los Angeles to schedule appointments.

For the moment, tests throughout LA County are strictly limited to residents of LA County who are in the most high-risk categories and most vulnerable.

Click here to determine eligibility and schedule a COVID-19 test.

Note: If you are experiencing acute symptoms such as severe shortness of breath or are in distress related to COVID-19 symptoms, contact your physician. If it is an emergency, dial 911.

FACE COVERING GUIDANCE

The CA Department of Public Health and the CDC recently indicated that wearing face coverings while out in public may help reduce the frequency of asymptomatic transmissions, particularly by those who do not yet know they are infected. They are therefore recommending that people use non-medical face coverings when completing essential tasks outside of the home. The LACDPH requests that residents wear homemade face coverings to protect the supply of medical facemasks for hospital workers and those in essential fields. The LACDPH emphasizes that whether you wear a face covering or not, it is extremely important to follow social distancing guidelines. Face coverings may increase risk if users reduce their use of strong defenses, such as physical distancing and frequent hand washing, when using face coverings. Please see their FAQs for more information.
Remember, our best community and individual defenses against COVID-19 are washing our hands frequently, avoiding touching our eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands, avoiding contact with those who are sick and staying at home except for essential needs.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

RELIEF

If you or a loved one has lost your job, or need assistance, the County of Los Angeles has several ways to help. For help with accessing food, cash, health or in-home care programs, apply online at www.dpss.lacounty.gov.

For assistance over the phone, call (866) 613-3777.

BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT

If you or someone you know in the Beach Cities needs assistance with errands, health-related information or referral, please call our Assistance, Information & Referral line at 310-374-3426, ext. 256, seven days a week, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. You can also visit us online at bchd.org/resources.

CITY OF EL SEGUNDO:

The City of El Segundo established an information line for their residents as part of the City’s Joint Information Center for COVID-19 related questions. For further information or to contact the El Segundo JIC, please call 310-692-1699.

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLOSURES

- **Inglewood Unified School District:** In alignment with the recommendations from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Los Angeles County Office of Education, Inglewood Unified School District campuses will remain physically closed for the remainder of the school year. While campuses are closed, remote instruction and meal distributions will continue through the remainder of the school year. Check district website for updates: inglewoodusd.com

- **El Segundo Unified School District:** The El Segundo Unified School District has extended the physical school closure through June 30, 2020 for the safety of all students and staff. Spring Break will begin Monday, April 6th. Teachers and administrators will not be on duty during that time.
• **Hawthorne School District:** All schools in the Hawthorne School District will remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, but continuous instruction will be delivered to all students through our online learning model. Free "grab and go" breakfasts and lunches continue to be offered at select sites, visit [https://www.hawthorne.k12.ca.us/](https://www.hawthorne.k12.ca.us/) for more information.

  • Grab and Go meals through Spring Break as follows:
    • Monday - pick up four meals (2 breakfast, 2 lunch) per child;
    • Wednesday - pick up six meals (3 breakfast, 3 lunch) per child.
    • Participating sites are: Eucalyptus, Kornblum, Washington/HMS. and PVMS.

• **Manhattan Beach Unified School District:** Currently MBUSD schools are scheduled to resume May 4 (staff) and May 5 (students). Dr. Matthews made this announcement on March 23. Our schools are on spring break April 6-13 and in his [letter to parents and staff yesterday](https://www.mbusd.org/) he acknowledged Governor Newsom’s and Superintendent Duardo’s recommendation to remain physically closed for the rest of the school year and said that our Board of Trustees will discuss the matter at their next meeting on April 15. Information can be found on the [COVID-19 Updates](https://www.mbusd.org/) webpage.

• **Hermosa Beach Unified School District:** State health officials have made it clear that the safest place to be is home during the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, our campuses will remain physically closed for the remainder of the school year. Our decision aligns with the recommendation from Governor Newsom, State Superintendent Thurmond and Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo that **schools remain physically closed for the rest of the 2019-20 academic year.**

• **Redondo Beach Unified School District:** Spring Break April 6-10, 2020 RBUSD students will not return to their campus this school year. Distance learning model to continue until the end of the 2019-2020 school year. More information can be found here: [https://www.rbusd.org/](https://www.rbusd.org/)
  • Meals: Adams Middle School parking lot (2600 Ripley Avenue) on Mondays and Thursdays to pick up meals between the hours of 8:00am and 11:00am.
  • No meals during Spring Break (April 6th - 10th).

• **Torrance Unified School District:** The District will be closed until further notice. After Spring Break, April 6-10, 2020, beginning on April 13th, teachers will begin implementing a virtual learning plan that although will not replicate school, will provide a more stable schedule.
  • Meals: During School Closures (COVID-19) Free Breakfats and Lunches Are Available from: 8am - 1pm at the following school locations:
• Carr, Edison, Torrance El, Magruder and Hull;
• ANYONE 18 and Under Can Receive Free Meals
  *Serving meals during Spring Break*

• **Palos Verdes Peninsula School District:** School Closure extended through April 30, 2020. Meals provided in partnership with Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) during the school closure, free breakfast and lunch will be available daily at several TUSD schools. For more information, please visit [https://www.pvpusd.net/](https://www.pvpusd.net/)

**RESIDENT SURVEY**

The Alert SouthBay cities want to hear from you about your COVID-19 concerns and what kind of information you need and care about most. Take a moment to fill out a quick survey at the following link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMLPVKX](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMLPVKX)

**COMMUNITY ALERT KEYWORDS**

Residents are encouraged to register to receive emergency alerts. They can do so by visiting us at [http://www.alertsouthbay.com/](http://www.alertsouthbay.com/) or by texting your city-specific keyword (listed below) to 888777.

- Regional Alerting: ALERTSB
- Inglewood: CV19ING
- El Segundo: CV19ES
- Manhattan Beach: CV19MB
- Hermosa Beach: CV19HB
- Redondo Beach: CV19RB
- Hawthorne: CV19HAW
- Torrance: TorranceAlerts
- Gardena: CV19GAR
- Lomita: CV19L0M
- Palos Verdes Estates: CV19PVE
- Rancho Palos Verdes: CV19RPV
- Rolling Hills: RHCOVID19
- Rolling Hills Estates: COVID19RHE

**CITY SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

Information can be found for each local municipality by selecting your city below:

- Redondo Beach
- Manhattan Beach
- Torrance
- El Segundo
- Hawthorne
- Hermosa Beach
- Gardena
- Rolling Hills Estates
- Rolling Hills
- Rancho Palos Verdes
- Lomita
- Palos Verdes Estates
- Inglewood
- Lawndale
For more information on how you can protect yourself, please visit:

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
California Department of Public Health
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)