

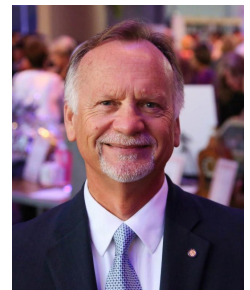


GO FOURTH! FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

February 12, 2021

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Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter. Every Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm, we distribute this publication to provide updates on past and future events throughout our council district. Please encourage your neighbors to sign up for the Go Fourth! Friday newsletter by contacting us at: district4@longbeach.gov.



- Councilman Daryl Supernaw

COVID-19 Updates

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

By the Numbers (Long Beach only):

- 50,072 total positive results
 - 150 new cases since Wednesday
 - Seven-day positivity rate: 7.3%
 - 34.6 seven-day case rate per 100K population
- 754 fatalities
- 248 Long Beach residents hospitalized with COVID-19
- 243 total COVID-19 hospitalizations in area hospitals (Long Beach Memorial Hospital, St. Mary Medical Center, College Medical Center, Lakewood Regional Medical Center and Los Alamitos Medical Center)
- Approximately 45,700 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- 684,420 total tests conducted
- Information as of Feb. 10



State Indicators (Updated on 2/10/21):

- Current LA County Tier: Purple Tier (Widespread)
- Seven-day positivity rate: 9.5%
- 31.7 adjusted daily new cases per 100K population
- Testing positivity in lowest-resourced areas (health equity metric): 13.0%

Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 299 are associated with long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Ages:
 - 5 were in their 20s
 - 20 were in their 30s
 - 31 were in their 40s
 - 77 were in their 50s
 - 161 were in their 60s
 - 170 were in their 70s
 - 204 were in their 80s
 - 86 were over 90
- 316 female, 438 male
- 21 individuals had no known underlying health conditions
- 28 individuals had unknown underlying health conditions

Safer at Home Order:

- View the current "Safer at Home" [Health Order](#) (2/10/21)

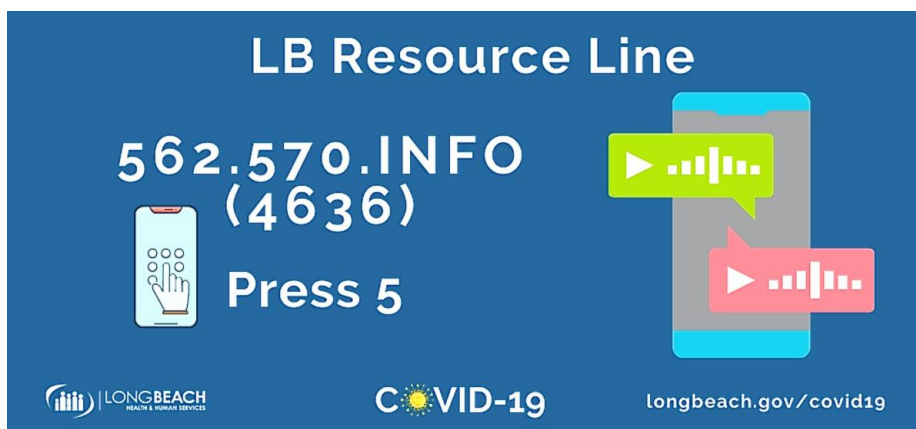
Past News Releases:

- To view past COVID-19-related press releases, visit the [City Press Release Archive](#). Releases include information about economic relief, help for people experiencing homelessness and updates regarding City operations.

The City of Long Beach continues to monitor the situation 24/7 in coordination with local, state and federal officials. For the latest updates on Coronavirus, check our Health Department's website at this [link](#).

Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services (LBDHHS)

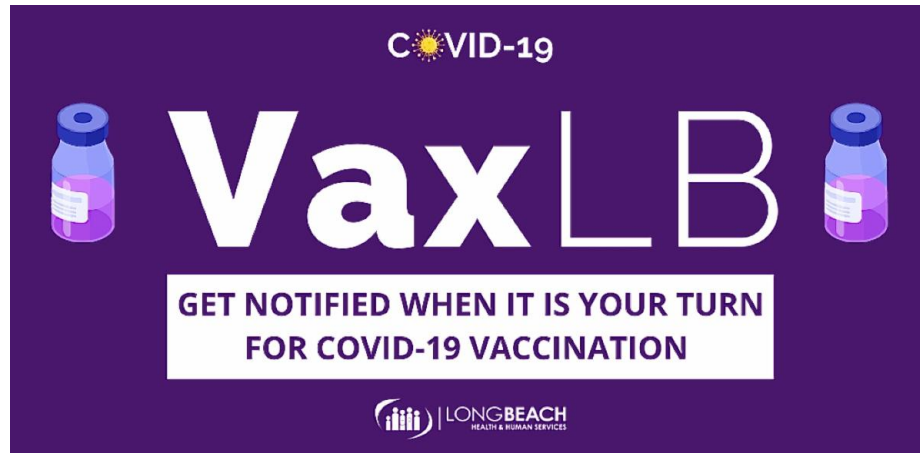
If you have been impacted by the pandemic and need mental health care, food access, housing/shelter, legal aid, children/family services and more, help is here. Call LBDHHS at 562-570-INFO (4636), select Option 5, leave a message and you will receive a call back with resources.



The graphic is a blue rectangular box with white and light blue text and icons. At the top, it says "LB Resource Line". Below that, the phone number "562.570.INFO (4636)" is displayed in large white font. To the left of the number is a white smartphone icon with a hand icon on the screen. Below the number, it says "Press 5". To the right of the number is a white smartphone icon with a green speech bubble containing a play button and a red speech bubble containing a play button. At the bottom left is the Long Beach Health & Human Services logo. At the bottom center is the "COVID-19" logo with a sun icon. At the bottom right is the website "longbeach.gov/covid19".

Vaccines for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Following State guidelines, the City is vaccinating groups based on the risk of getting COVID-19 or becoming very sick from the disease. Vaccines in Long Beach are currently being made available to individuals in two phases and multiple tiers. Please visit the City's website to learn about the distribution plan and current/upcoming groups being vaccinated. Before making an appointment through the City, residents should first contact their healthcare provider for vaccine availability. Large medical providers have access to the vaccine for older adults. Sign up for appointment links and notifications by visiting the City's new VaxLB [website](#). For additional information call: (562) 570-4636.



Past and Ongoing Events

City's 2021 State Legislative Adopted Agenda



Our office has received questions about City Council's position on State legislative bills regarding land use. There are literally hundreds of bills each year, and they can change significantly as they move through the legislative process. Annually, City Council adopts a State Legislative Agenda that is assembled by our State Legislative Committee. The 2021 Agenda specifically promotes local control over land use issues multiple times:

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1) Oppose legislation that preempts the City's existing control over local matters.

2021 FOCUS STATEMENTS:

Oppose legislation that would reduce the City's local land use authority.

Page 22 - Oppose policies and legislation that diminish the City's local control over land use, planning, zoning and development decisions, and oppose legislation in conflict with the City's adopted General Plan or other Council adopted land use policies.

Please feel free to contact our council office with any question regarding State legislation. You can also reach out to the your State elected representatives who are actually voting on the proposed bills. Their contact information is listed below.

Contacting Your State Representatives

Whether it is an issue with State legislation (such as land use) or a State agency (such as Caltrans), you can always contact your State representatives directly. All of Council District 4 is covered by Assembly District 70 (O'Donnell). However, when it

comes to the State Senate, we are divided in half by two Senate Districts, 33 (Gonzalez) and 34 (Umberg). The map below shows the dividing line that runs along Roswell, Anaheim, Clark, Stearns and Belflower. West of that line is Senate District 33, east of the line is Senate District 34. Below is contact info for all three representatives:

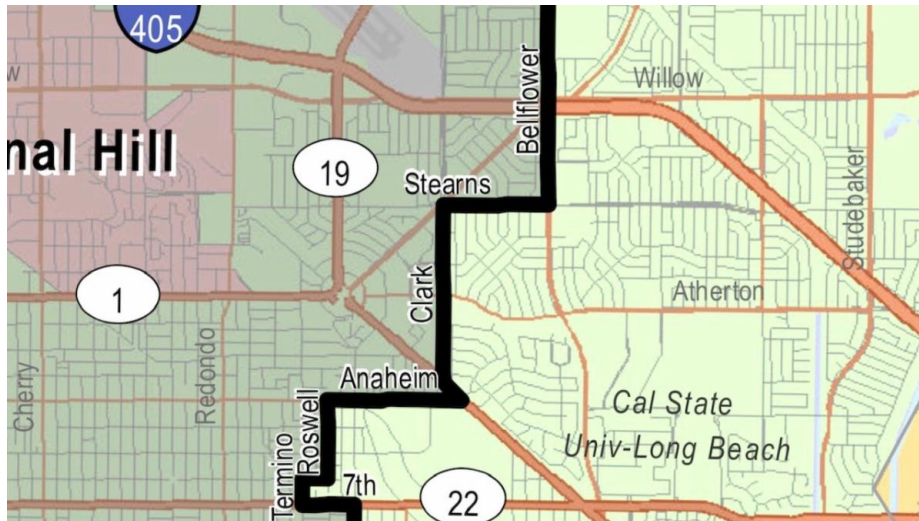


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O'Donnell: Assemblymember.ODonnell@assembly.ca.gov | 562-429-0470

Lena Gonzalez: Senator.Gonzalez@sen.ca.gov | 562-256-7921

Tom Umberg: Senator.Umberg@sen.ca.gov | 714-558-3785



Library Lovers & Black History Month Celebration

February 17th | 3:30 PM | Online



FREE VIRTUAL LIBRARY LOVERS' & BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

featuring debut YA author
ELISE BRYANT

February 17, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Visit [LBPLfoundation.org/hea](https://lbplfoundation.org/hea) for the live stream and to submit a question for Elise. One student who submits a question by 2/15 will win a signed copy of *Happily Ever Afters*.

Donations encouraged to support the Library Foundation's Fund for Race, Equity, and Justice Resources at the Long Beach Public Library.



Event made possible by



"Thank You Thursdays" from McDonald's

From February 4th thru 25th, McDonald's franchisees will offer COVID-19 responders a free small coffee and Egg McMuffin every Thursday (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25) with their new "Thank You Thursdays" program at drive-thru and takeout locations. Medical workers (to include paramedics, hospital and vaccination site staff), firefighters and police officers are eligible to redeem the offer during breakfast hours from 5:30 am - 10:30 am. The Fourth District has two McDonald locations: 3302 E. Anaheim St. & 2290 N. Bellflower Blvd.



FREE Tax Return Preparation by CSULB Students Through March 26th | M-Th: 10 am to 8 pm & Fri: 9 am to 3 pm



The CSULB VITA site is available to qualifying taxpayers with an income level of \$57,000 or less. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing for federal and state tax returns. Preparers can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled. CSULB VITA refunded over 1 million in taxpayer dollars last tax season. Due to COVID-19 protocols, VITA is not meeting with clients face-to-face, but you can schedule an online appointment. You will meet over zoom and complete the tax return through a virtual setting. More information at this [link](#) or contact Briana Martin, VITA Coordinator, at vita.csulb@gmail.com or (562) 726-2331.

Presidents' Day Closures on Monday

February 15th | All Day | Citywide

In observance of Presidents' Day, the City of Long Beach offices and services will adhere to the following schedule on Monday, February 15th. Closures include Animal Care Services, City Hall, El Dorado Nature Center, libraries and street sweeping. Refuse and recycling collection will occur on their regular schedules. Parking meters with holiday exemptions will NOT be enforced. Visit this [link](#) for a full list of closures.



Next on the City Council Agenda

February 16th | 5:00 pm | Teleconference

The City Council teleconference will start at 5:00 pm. The civic chambers will be closed, but the public can use eComment to provide comments on agenda items. Comments can also be submitted by email to: CityClerk@longbeach.gov. Items on Tuesday's council meeting agenda include:

- Recommendation to receive and approve appointments and reappointments to Non-Charter Commissions.
- Recommendation to forward a request from community members to the Government, Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee to consider naming the Long Beach Performing Arts Center the "Beverly O'Neill Arts Center" in honor of her contributions to Long Beach.
- Recommendation to receive and file the Fiscal Year 2020 Year-End Budget Performance Report and increase appropriations in several funds across several departments for various purposes to reflect final expenditures and carryover clean-up.

The entire agenda can be found [here](#). To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click [here](#).

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View Council Meetings Live on YouTube

In an effort to create easier ways for residents to access Council meetings on their smart devices and smart TVs, the Technology & Innovation Department (TID) is now live streaming City Council meetings on the LBTV YouTube channel. In the future, the

team also plans to live stream Council Committee meetings. In addition to the YouTube channel, viewers can watch LBTV on Spectrum channel 3, Frontier FiOS channel 21, AT&T U-verse channel 99 and online at LBTV3.com. To view the LBTV YouTube channel, please click [HERE](#).



POLB High School Scholarship Program



The Port of Long Beach high school scholarship program is an annual award for Long Beach high school seniors who plan to pursue careers in international trade, goods movement or other port-related industries. The program is open to students attending a LBUSD service area high school. **Deadline to apply is Monday, March 1, 2021** and applications must be submitted online. The scholarship application and additional criteria and information are available online at www.polb.com/scholarships.

Valentine's Day

Krispy Kreme Valentine's Dough-Notes

Through February 14th | 6 am - 10 pm | 4760 E. Los Coyotes Diagonal

Like a love-letter, but better! Introducing Valentine's "Dough-Notes" filled with sugar-cookie, caramel and cake batter. Enjoy them through February 14th.



Hof's Hut Valentine's Weekend Special

February 12th - 14th | 10 am - 9 pm | 2147 Bellflower

Valentine's Day is this weekend! You and your sweetie can enjoy a Hof's Surf & Turf meal for two for only \$59.99. Available for take-out and dine in on 2/12, 2/13 & 2/14. For take out, place your pre-order on the Hof's [website](#).



Ecco's Valentine's Heart Rose Pizza

11 am - 9 pm | 2123 Bellflower Blvd | [Order online](#)

Love is in the air at Ecco's Pizza with Valentines Day on Sunday & heart-shaped pizza.



See's Candies for Valentine's Day

2129 Bellflower Blvd. | Open 7 days a week

See's is reminding us to shop early for Valentine's Day for the best assortment. New for 2021 is the limited-edition tin with classic favorites and new heart-shaped sweets celebrating See's 100th year. It's a nostalgic nod to the memorable '50s. See's in Los Altos is open Mon-Sat from 10 am to 6 pm and Sun from 11 am to 5 pm.



Happy Lunar New Year 2021! - Year of the Ox

Today is Lunar New Year's Day, also known as Chinese New Year, and the official start of the Year of the Ox. While Cambodian New Year is celebrated in the spring (this year on April 13th), Lunar New Year is also embraced by our local Cambodian community. New Year's images can be seen everywhere including today's Google "doodle" below.



Oxen are the hard workers in the background, intelligent and reliable but never demanding praise. In Chinese culture, the Ox is a valued animal because of its role in agriculture and positive characteristics such as being hardworking and honest. The Ox is the second of all zodiac animals behind the rat. According to Chinese zodiac legend, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which the animals arrived at his party. The Ox was about to be the first, but Rat tricked Ox into giving him a ride. Just as they arrived, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox. Thus, Ox became the second animal in the zodiac.



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