

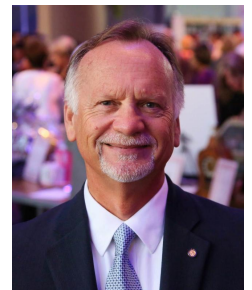


GO FOURTH! FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

February 5, 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):

- 48,824 total positive results
 - 186 new cases since Tuesday
 - Seven-day positivity rate: 9.7%
 - 55.1 seven-day case rate per 100K population
- 694 fatalities
- 287 Long Beach residents hospitalized with COVID-19
- 337 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 41,307 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- 664,274 total tests conducted
- Information as of Feb. 2



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

- Current LA County Tier: Purple Tier (Widespread)
- Seven-day positivity rate: 11.3%
- 61.2 daily new cases per 100K population
- Testing positivity in lowest-resourced areas (health equity metric): 15.0%

Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 284 are associated with long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Ages:
 - 3 were in their 20s
 - 20 were in their 30s
 - 26 were in their 40s
 - 68 were in their 50s
 - 150 were in their 60s
 - 157 were in their 70s
 - 191 were in their 80s
 - 79 were over 90
- 292 female, 402 male
- 13 individuals had no known underlying health conditions
- 27 individuals had unknown underlying health conditions

Safer at Home Order:

- View the current "Safer at Home" [Health Order](#) (1/26/21)

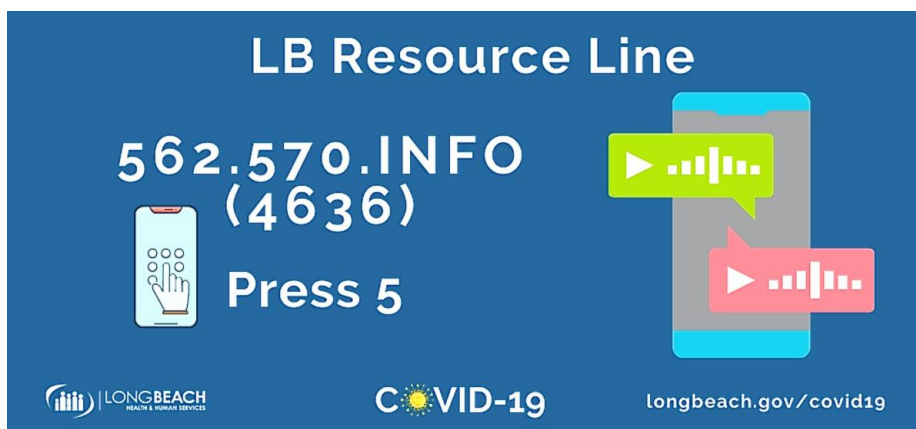
Past News Releases:

- 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)

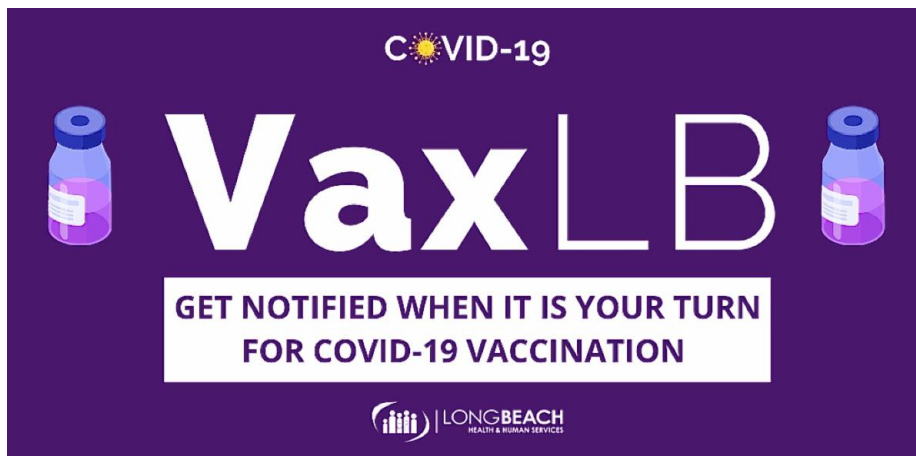
If you have been impacted by the pandemic and need mental health care, food access, housing/shelter, legal aid, children/family services and more, help is here. Call LBDHHS at 562-570-INFO (4636), select Option 5, leave a message and you will receive a call back with resources.



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 small icon of a smartphone with a hand touching the screen. Below the number, it says "Press 5". To the right of the number is a larger icon of a smartphone with two speech bubbles (one green, one pink) coming from the screen, each containing a play button and a signal strength indicator. At the bottom left is the Long Beach Health & Human Services logo. At the bottom center is the "COVID-19" logo with a sun-like icon. At the bottom right is the website address "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

Ralphs at the Traffic Circle is Not Closing

Contrary to social media postings and television news reports, the Ralphs grocery store in the Ralphs Circle Center will not be closing. We're not sure how the rumor got started, but the confusion may have been related to a headline that stated "Ralphs on Los Coyotes Diagonal will close". The problem is there are two Ralphs on Los Coyotes Diagonal. One is near the traffic circle (1930 Lakewood Blvd) and the other is three miles north on Wardlow Rd.(3380 Los Coyotes Diag). We spent Monday evening correcting the misinformation and assuring residents that the CD4 still does a robust business. Ralphs remodeled the store in 2018, and our office participated in the grand re-opening and ribbon cutting ceremony.



FREE Hotspots & Computers for Qualified LB Residents!

While supplies last, free tablets with keyboards and mobile hotspots with one-year paid

internet service plans are available on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified, low-income Long Beach residents with proof of income eligibility. To apply for the [Free Internet Services and Computing Devices Program](#), contact the City's [Digital Inclusion Resources Hotline](#) at (562) 570-7000. Digital inclusion navigators will be available by phone to facilitate the application process. Proof of qualifying income of 200% below the Federal Poverty Guidelines will be required for all applicants. For additional information, residents can email or text digitalinclusion@longbeach.gov

Get a Free Hotspot and Computer for your Household Now!
#LBdigitalinclusion



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Aquarium of the Pacific Has Reopened

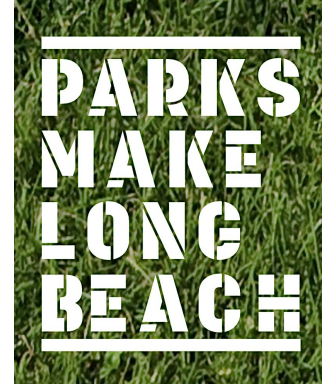
The Aquarium of the Pacific resumed its outdoor operations Saturday, Jan. 30th following the city's announcement to lift the state's regional stay-at-home order. Visitors are able to enjoy the outdoor exhibits with safety protocols in place with a reduced admission price. The aquarium is also limiting the number of visitors and requiring advanced timed reservations to help staff manage traffic flow and ensure social distancing. Masks are required for everyone 2 years of age and older and temperature checks are administered at the entrance. Hours are 9 am to 6 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 8 pm weekends. Admission is \$19 and free for children younger than 3. For information or to make a reservation, call 562-590-3100 or go to aquariumofpacific.com.



PRM & ACS Want to Hear From You!

The **Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine** is seeking

your input on how to prioritize work, organize staff and decide where to invest in our Long Beach parks and beaches for the next 10 years. This is the second round of community outreach where stakeholders have been asked to share their vision. Residents are invited to participate in the official Strategic Plan Survey by visiting LB PARKS.ORG



Long Beach Animal Care Services and the Mayor's Animal Care Visioning Task Force have drafted a strategic plan which is available for review. There are several ways to provide feedback including survey, email, and public comment at two upcoming presentations. Please visit <http://longbeach.gov/acs> to learn more.

City Council Standing Committee Assignments



Tuesday night, city council approved the list of council committees and appointments. There are now a total of nine council committees, and each council member serves on three committees as chair, vice chair or member. I will now be serving as Chair of the Government & Elections Oversight Committee, Vice Chair of Federal Legislation Committee and as Member of Public Health & Housing Committee. You can read the full list of committees and appointments at this [link](#).

Upcoming Events

Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program

Application window: Feb. 2nd through Feb. 8th

The second round of the CA Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program is now accepting applications. Businesses and eligible non-profit organizations may qualify for grants between \$5,000-\$25,000 based on their eligible annual revenue. The application period is open now but will close on Monday, February 8th at 6:00 pm. Selection notifications will be sent out from February 11-18. Please visit this [link](#) for more information or to apply for a grant.

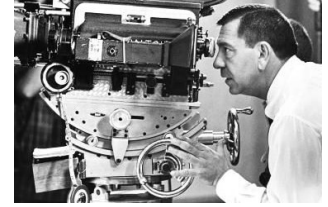
California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program



Filming in the Fourth

February 9th | 2 pm - 10 pm | Two Locations

First location - filming will take place at 1720 Termino Ave., Long Beach Community Hospital. Filming will consist of interior/exterior shots consisting of drive up to front entrance with picture motorcycle, talent lays motorcycle down and enters hospital with simulated gun shot wound with fake blood and water based atmospheric smoke. Second location - filming will take place on Anaheim St. from Termino Ave. to Alamitos Ave. Filming will consist of exterior driving shots in flow only of talent on a picture motorcycle using a process trailer.



CA Property Tax Postponement Program

Application deadline: February 10, 2021

Assessor Jeff Prang is alerting eligible homeowners to an important, fast-approaching deadline regarding a state-run property tax deferment program. Eligible homeowners, which include seniors who are at least 62, are blind, or have a disability and meet income, equity, and other requirements, may be able to postpone payment of property taxes on their primary residence. It's important to file an application by February 10, 2021. Details are at this [link](#), and questions can be answered at postponement@sco.ca.gov or (800) 952-5661.



"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.



Next on the City Council Agenda

February 9th | 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 request City Attorney to prepare an ordinance (1) amending Chapter 5.81 of the Long Beach Municipal Code ("Tobacco Retail Permit") to prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, except for those products sold at hookah lounges and premium cigars under certain conditions, within the City, and (2) repeal Chapter 5.94 of the Long Beach Municipal Code ("Sale of Certain Flavored Tobacco Products") temporarily prohibiting the sale of certain flavored tobacco products within the City of Long Beach. (Citywide)
- Recommendation to receive a report and confirm the proposed citywide Strategic Plan for Youth and Emerging Adults. (Citywide)
- Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP PW20-084 and award contracts to Bitech Construction, Inc., of Buena Park, CA, EBS General Engineering, Inc., of Corona, CA, and Sully-Miller Contracting Company, of Brea, CA, for design-build services for curb ramps, in an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into contracts including any necessary amendments

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

Rain Barrel Event

February 8-12 delivery | Pre-order [here](#)

The Long Beach Office of Sustainability is partnering with Rain Barrels Intl. to host a five-day rain barrel distribution event February 8-12! Pre-order a rain barrel and it will be delivered directly to your home with contactless delivery included in the price. The cost of the rain barrel is \$65 plus tax, and \$35 rebates are available through SoCal Water\$mart (up to 2 per household). Rain barrels can be pre-ordered [here](#).



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.



Save the Date: Alzheimer's Community Forum

Thursday, March 18th | 10:00 - 11:30 am | Online

Next month, the Alzheimer's Association will be hosting a virtual

presentation including an overview on Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss. We'll have details in upcoming newsletters, but we wanted to announce the date, March 18th, so you'd have time to invite friends who have been affected by the disease. It will be a great opportunity to share your thoughts about how we can help people in our community. [Registration](#) is requested.



And Finally

Cantarito Molito Grill Owner's Video Goes Viral

Oscar Rodriguez owns Cantarito Molito Grill at 2300 E. PCH in CD4. He purchased the restaurant last year just before COVID-19 shut down all the restaurants. He's had a very tough time making ends meet, so he posted a video online stating that he would likely have to close permanently. The reaction was immediate and overwhelming! Customers poured in to support the restaurant, and a Go Fund Me account was started. They have already collected over \$21,000 of a \$25,000 goal. Local media coverage included KTLA's live remote at this [link](#).

Cantarito Molito Grill location at 2300 E. PCH has a long restaurant business history. The vintage photo/ad of Ralph's Drive-In below is from the 1951 Wilson High School yearbook. The restaurant was right next to the section of the Pacific Electric Railway right-of-way that was transformed into Rotary Centennial Park in 2005.





Home of the famous Double Deck Hamburgers

Where shall we go to eat?" The answer is Ralph's of course, where fine food and good service always prevail. The friendly atmosphere adds just the right touch to a wonderful evening.

Dale Drum, Ann Hazelhurst, Jeane Andrews, Bill Flanders, Bill Wood, Jere Smith, Patsy Hoeven, Bill Ridgeway

Ralph's Drive-In

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