



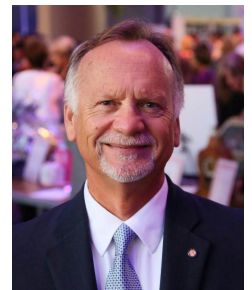
GO FOURTH! FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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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):

- 42,281 total positive results
 - 656 new cases since yesterday
 - Seven-day positivity rate: 15.9%
 - 141.6 seven-day case rate per 100K population
- 506 fatalities
- 286 Long Beach residents hospitalized with COVID-19
- 560 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 28,594 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- 581,807 total tests conducted
- Information as of Jan. 13



State Indicators (Updated on 1/12/21):

- Current LA County Tier: Purple Tier (Widespread)
- Seven-day positivity rate: 20.5%
- 77.0 daily new cases per 100K population
- Testing positivity in lowest-resourced areas (health equity metric): 26.3%

Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 235 are associated with long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Ages:
 - 2 were in their 20s
 - 7 were in their 30s
 - 18 were in their 40s
 - 46 were in their 50s
 - 106 were in their 60s
 - 124 were in their 70s
 - 143 were in their 80s
 - 60 were over 90
- 217 female, 288 male
- 6 individuals had no known underlying health conditions
- 14 individuals had unknown underlying health conditions

Safer at Home Order:

- View the current ["Safer at Home" Order](#) (12/10/20)

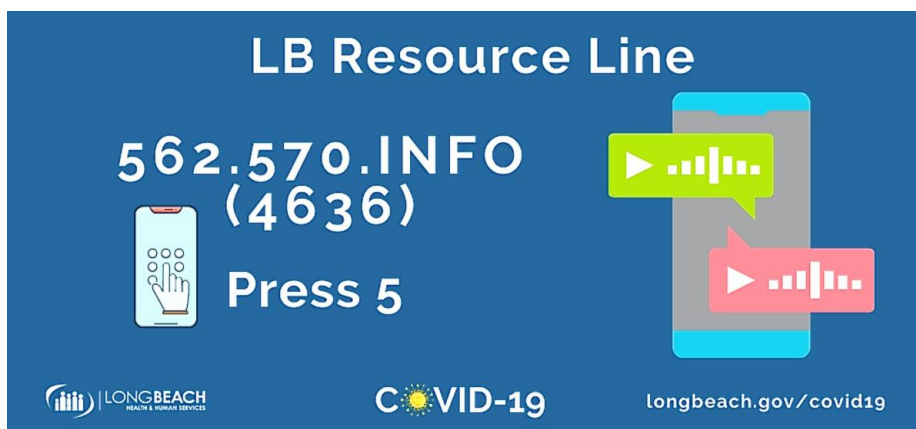
Past News Releases:

- 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 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 white icon of a smartphone with two speech bubbles (one green, one red) coming from it. 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)

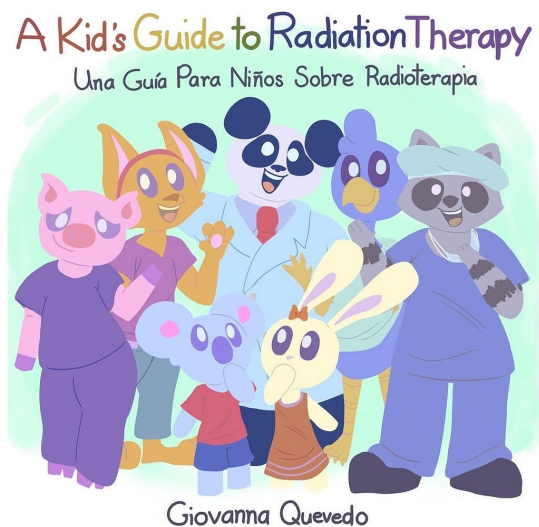
Following State guidelines, the City is vaccinating groups based on the risk of getting COVID-19 or becoming very sick from the disease. Vaccines in Long Beach are currently being made available to individuals in two phases and multiple tiers. Please visit the City's website to learn about the distribution 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. For an appointment link for a City vaccine clinic, email COVID19Vaccine@longbeach.gov or call 562.570.INFO (4636), option 6. Due to the high interest, please expect 24 - 48 hours for a response.



Past and Ongoing Events

CD4 Girl Scout Authors Bilingual Radiation Therapy Book for Kids

Fourth District resident and CSULB President's Scholar, Giovanna Quevedo, is pursuing the Girl Scout Gold Award. The service project she selected for the award was to write a bilingual book on radiation therapy. Inspired by her mother's treatments for breast cancer, Giovanna knew that she wanted to help kids and their families understand radiation therapy. Her website: <https://akidsguide.wixsite.com/radiation> has an interactive eBook and information about her Gold Award project. Giovanna's book has been distributed to hospitals and organizations internationally including Miller Children's Hospital, CHOC, Caring Bridge and the LBUSD. She is still in the process of getting the word out, and we're using this newsletter feature to assist in that endeavor. To Giovanna Quevedo, you have made our council district very proud, and you truly exemplify the GoFourth! community spirit.



Register Your New Bicycle

The City of Long Beach has partnered with 529 Garage, the premier online bike registry, to easily pass along information in case of theft. Long Beach residents are encouraged to register their bikes at www.project529.com/garage or through the [529 Garage App](#). More information is available at this [link](#).



LA County Eviction Moratorium Extension

The Long Beach Citywide Eviction Moratorium due to the COVID-19 emergency expired on September 30th. At that point, the City came under the County of Los Angeles eviction moratorium jurisdiction applicable to charter cities effective 9/1/20. In November, the County Board of Supervisors extended the County moratorium until 1/31/21. On January 5th, the County moratorium was extended until February 28th. The moratorium is also subject to further extensions by the County Board of Supervisors. Additional information can be found on the County's [website](#).



Report on NYE PD Activity & Fireworks Enforcement

City Manager, Tom Modica, issued a report this week on the City's New Year's Eve fireworks enforcement efforts. Those efforts began with LBPD seizing over 12,000 pounds of fireworks in the weeks leading up to NYE. Both LBPD and the City Prosecutor's Office responded to reports of illegal fireworks. City Council allocated funding in the FY21 budget for a Fireworks Enforcement Team pilot program. You can read the City Manager's memo at this [link](#).



Contacting State Representatives on Caltrans Issues

In the November 6th edition of our newsletter, we reported that the City of Long Beach and Caltrans could not come to an agreement on the State agency's responsibilities. Caltrans did not agree to address the many complaints regarding trash on their freeway easements. For that reason, we are asking residents to contact their State representatives with Caltrans complaints:



Patrick 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

You can also contact Caltrans directly via their website: <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/>. If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact the Caltrans District 7 office at 213-897-3656 or via email at: D7inquiries@dot.ca.gov

New Go Long Beach App!

Report graffiti, potholes, sign damage, dumped items and more on the NEW Go Long Beach app. The app has been updated to provide more transparency, language access and more frequently request updates. You can download the app at this [link](#).



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



Upcoming Events

MLK, Jr. Virtual Day of Celebration & Service

January 18th | 10 am to 1 pm | Online event

Join an online event featuring music, art and community and

civic voices celebrating the legacy and lessons of Dr. King. Watch on the City's Facebook (@LongBeachCity) or YouTube (@LongBeachCityCA)



'Courageous Conversations About... Bias' Forum | 11am - 1 pm

A facilitated conversation pairing community members to discuss the topic of bias in the Long Beach community. Community members must apply online to participate.

Virtual Service Projects

Three virtual service projects are available this year for community members to talk part in independently.

For more information and to sign up to participate call (562) 570-6816, Leadership Long Beach at (562) 997-9194 or visit www.leadershiplb.org/mlk

Next on the City Council Agenda January 19th | 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. The entire agenda can be found [here](#). To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click [here](#).

Blood Drive at the Long Beach Playhouse January 19th | 9 am - 3 pm | 5021 E. Anaheim St.



The Long Beach Playhouse is working with the Red Cross as a blood drive location on Tuesday, January 19th. Click [here](#) for more information and sign up opportunities.

LBDP Prepares for Possible Protests



On Wednesday, Chief Robert Luna issued an email on LBDP's planning for potential protests surrounding next Wednesday's Inauguration Day. While protests are planned at state capitol buildings across the nation, there are no known/credible threats of violence or any planned protest activities scheduled for Long Beach. However, the department is aware of unconfirmed reports being shared of possible protests targeting courthouses and other government facilities. You can read the Chief's entire email at this [link](#).

Data Privacy: Virtual Community Meeting January 20th | 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm | [Register here!](#)



Data privacy and security are core values at the City of Long Beach. As new civic technologies become more commonplace, the City and its vendors will inevitably collect data that, if not managed properly, may put certain communities and individuals

at risk. The City has worked with the resident-led Technology & Innovation Commission to develop a set of draft Data Privacy Guidelines ([available here](#)) which assert our values on protecting the privacy and information security of our constituents. Join via Zoom on **Wednesday, January 20 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM** for an interactive conversation with City staff and members of the Technology & Innovation Commission about these Guidelines and how they can be improved! [Register here!](#)

Long Beach Parks & Rec Extend Free Low Cost Youth Programs Through Feb. 26th | Register [Online](#) Now!

After school camps for children ages 5 to 12 years old will continue on weekdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. through Feb. 26 (closed Jan. 18 and Feb. 5) at three CD4 parks: Orizaba, Whaley and Stearns. Campers can enjoy fun new games that follow COVID-19 safety guidelines. In addition, the Community Learning Hubs will continue to offer free sessions in Feb. for distance learning and after-school activities for kindergarten to eighth grade Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) students at Orizaba Park. [Online](#) registration for both programs is now open. For additional information about these programs please call 562-570-3150.



Composting at Home Virtual Workshop January 23rd | 10:00 - 11:00 am [online event](#)

Learn how to turn your food scraps and yard debris into a valuable soil amendment for your garden or landscape. You'll learn how to set up and maintain a backyard compost bin and vermicompost (worm) bin, see what materials can or cannot be placed in your compost bin and how to effectively use finished compost. Register at this [link](#).

LOVE TO GARDEN?



JOIN US!

COMPOSTING AT HOME

Virtual Workshop

Saturday, 1/23 | 10 am-11 am

Learn how to turn your food scraps and yard debris into a valuable soil amendment for your garden or landscape.

Sign up: longbeach.gov/LBRecycles

And Finally

See's Centennial Celebration

We had a lot of fun celebrating See's 60th anniversary in Los Altos Back in 2018. As shown in the photos below, that milestone was tied to a grand reopening and ribbon cutting ceremony. Now, in 2021, See's is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the company. They are promoting a special candy of the month from January through November. You can check out their [website](#) for additional information or stop by the store at 2129 Bellflower Blvd. in Council District 4. It's the only See's Candies in the City of Long Beach.



Below are photos of 2100 block of Bellflower Blvd. taken in 1958 and 2018



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