

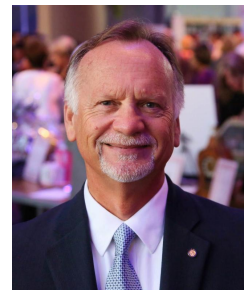


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Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter. Every Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm, we distribute this publication to provide updates on past and future events throughout our council district. Please encourage your neighbors to sign up 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):

- 51,571 total positive results
 - Seven-day positivity rate: 2.2%
 - 5.6 seven-day case rate per 100K population
- 879 fatalities
- 159 Long Beach residents hospitalized with COVID-19
- 65 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 49,184 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- 723,790 total tests conducted
- Information as of March 10



State Indicators (Updated on 3/09/21):

- Current LA County Tier: Purple Tier (Widespread)

- Seven-day positivity rate: 2.5%
- 5.2 adjusted daily new cases per 100K population
- Testing positivity in lowest-resourced areas (health equity metric): 3.6%

Vaccinations:

- Currently eligible phase(s)/tier(s): Phase 1A and Phase 1B, Tier 1
- 166,105 vaccines allocated to the City of Long Beach
- 142,219 vaccines administered citywide
- 94,662 first doses administered
- 47,557 second doses administered
- 84,670 vaccinated Long Beach residents
- 17.9% of residents vaccinated
- Information as of March 10

Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 317 are associated with long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Ages:
 - 7 were in their 20s
 - 24 were in their 30s
 - 34 were in their 40s
 - 93 were in their 50s
 - 195 were in their 60s
 - 198 were in their 70s
 - 224 were in their 80s
 - 104 were over 90
- 370 female, 509 male
- 22 individuals had no known underlying health conditions
- 42 individuals had unknown underlying health conditions

Safer at Home Order:

- View the current "Safer at Home" [Health Order](#) (3/12/21)

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 Transitions from VaxLB to My Turn

Long Beach has now completed offering appointments through VaxLB for all eligible groups and will be transitioning to a new online sign-up model. The City of Long Beach will transition to My Turn, the State's new COVID-19 vaccine notification and appointment system, starting today. My Turn is now required by the State and is intended to help manage vaccine distribution. More information is available in the City's press release at this [link](#).



My Turn



**GET NOTIFIED TO BOOK YOUR VACCINE
APPOINTMENT WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN.**



Long Beach Moves Into the Red Tier

The City of Long Beach Health and Human Services Department has issued an updated [Health Order](#), effective at 12:01 a.m. Monday, March 15, due to Los Angeles County entering the Red Tier, the second of the four-tier color-coded State system under the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). Under the revised Order, various sectors, businesses and activities, including indoor dining at restaurants and indoor gym and fitness facilities, may resume certain operations with restrictions. You can read the entire press release at this [link](#).



Past and Ongoing Events

LGB Adds Several New Flights

The Long Beach Airport (LGB) began flying to seven new destinations this week, significantly enhancing nationwide connections and providing a boost to the City's economic recovery. With four daily nonstop flights to Hawaii, LGB is now a major launching point for vacations to the islands. On March 10, Hawaiian Airlines began daily nonstop service to Maui's Kahului Airport complementing its daily service to Honolulu. Yesterday, Southwest Airlines launched daily nonstop flights to Chicago, Dallas, Honolulu, Houston, Maui, Reno and St. Louis. Southwest already serves Austin, Denver, Las Vegas, Oakland, Phoenix, Sacramento and San Jose. You can check out all the airlines and destinations at this [link](#).



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.

Digital Services Survey

In alignment with the City's Digital Inclusion Initiative and Smart City Initiative, the Technology and Innovation Department has launched a Digital Services Survey to understand barriers in accessing the City's digital services, especially in light of the COVID-19 crisis. The insights gained from this survey will inform the digital services strategy. Help the City improve its digital services! Please take 3 minutes to fill out the survey [here](#).



Council Extends COVID Relief Programs

On Tuesday, City Council approved extending business license taxes, fee waivers and the Street Sweeping Relief Program through June 30, 2021. This also included establishing a citywide COVID-19 Relief Payment Plan Program for individuals and businesses. The plan will coordinate accounts receivable collections in conjunction with the COVID-19 Relief Payment Plan Program beginning April 2nd for Parking Citations, and July 1st for most business-related and general fees, including health and fire fees. You can read the council



Upcoming Events

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event Tomorrow!

March 13th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave., Signal Hill

The last EDCO Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & E-Waste Collection Event took place on January 9th, and now they're back! The next event will be held tomorrow, March 13th, from 9 am - 2 pm at the EDCO Recycling Center in Signal Hill. Drop off your hazardous household items and old electronics safely and responsibly! For additional information, visit bit.ly/HHW_LB.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & E-Waste Collection Events and Centers Reopen March 13th



Household Hazardous Waste



Electronic Waste



Pharmaceuticals/Sharps Waste

Please Follow COVID-19 Safety Precautions:



Wear a face covering.



Place items in an unlocked trunk and stay in your car with the windows closed.



STAY HOME if you feel sick.

Reminder: Daylight Saving this Weekend!

March 14th | 2 am

Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 14th at 2 am. Remember to "Spring Forward" and change your clocks! The annual change to daylight saving time is the perfect opportunity to make sure your smoke alarms are working properly. Changing the batteries in each device is the easiest way to ensure continued protection of your family and property.



Parks & Rec Day Camps During Spring Break Week

April 5-9 | 9 am - 4 pm | Registration at this [link](#)

LB Parks & Rec will offer in-person day camps during LBUSD's spring break week from April 5 through 9. LBUSD students ages 5 to 12 will enjoy crafts, physical fitness, enrichment activities and more, all while following COVID-19 safety precautions. A \$30 registration fee is required for campers attending from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and \$50 for those attending from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Financial assistance is available on a first-come, first served basis. CD4's Whaley, Stearns and Orizaba parks are included in the program. Additional information is available at this [link](#).



Nature Detectives After School Camp

Registration happening now | Online and in person

The popular Nature Detectives after school camp program at CD4's El Dorado Nature Center will continue in March and April. Registration for the four-week program for children ages 5 to 10 will begin next Tuesday. Register [online](#) or in person at El Dorado Nature Center at 7550 E. Spring Street. Camp sessions are \$80 per participant. All camp sessions will take place from 2:30 to 4 p.m., with check-in and medical screenings beginning at 2:15 p.m. each day. More information is available at this [link](#).



Blood Drive at the Long Beach Playhouse

March 16th | 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, March 16th. Click [here](#) for more information and sign up opportunities.



Next on the City Council Agenda

March 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. The Proposed Long Beach Recovery Plan is the main item on Tuesday's agenda:



- (1) Receive a presentation on the Proposed Long Beach Recovery Plan, provide input and policy direction, and approve the Long Beach Recovery Plan and its priorities to address the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic utilizing federal, State, and county relief funding, with approval subject to confirmation of compliance with American Rescue Plan Act regulations, when issued, with direction to return to the City Council if there are required material changes; (2) Adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute all Block Grant award documents on behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), and

any documents necessary including necessary amendments, to accept State Emergency Rental Assistance Program funding for the City's Emergency Rental Assistance Program; (3) Increase appropriations in the Community Development Grants Fund Group in the Development Services Department in the amounts of \$13,754,734 for the federal Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and \$14,738,989 for the State ERAP, for a total amount of \$28,493,723, to provide for costs related to assisting lower-income renters who have experienced economic impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic; (4) Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department in the amount of \$26,753,750 for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) grant from the County of Los Angeles, to support COVID-19 public health response efforts; and (5) Approve the Economic Recovery Strategy Report

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

Celebrating St. Patrick's Day in CD4

The Red Leprechaun and EJ Malloy's may be gone, but there are still plenty of ways to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Council District 4. This year, Krispy Kreme has introduced four new delicious treats: Lucky Gold Coin, Lucky Sprinkles, Lucky Unicorn and Lucky Leprechaun. You can pick them up through 3/17. The Los Altos Library is a "LBPL To-Go" location, and you can pick up a "take & make craft kit" while supplies last. You can also check out their St. Patrick's Day kids books online at this [link](#). How about a Joe Jost's 2021 St. Patrick's Day tee shirt? Finally, for a quick pick-me-up, check out Shaun the Sheep's Irish dance at the video link below.





Alzheimer's Community Forum Next Week

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

Next Thursday, the Alzheimer's Association will be hosting a virtual presentation including an overview on Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss. Please take the time to invite friends and family 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.



Save the Date: 3/20 - LBO Spring Fundraiser

March 20th | 9 am - 12 pm | 3709 E. 10th St.

Mark your calendar for the Long Beach Organic spring fundraiser: GO PLANT ME! Organic seedlings will be available with your donation. Saturday, March 20th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Zaferia Junction Community Garden, 3709 E. 10th St.

Social distancing and safety will be a priority. Volunteers are busy planting seeds for this second annual event, including rare heirlooms.



Bethany Church Food Drive for LB Rescue Mission

March 21st | 1-2:30 pm | 2250 Clark Ave.

Bethany Church will help support the Long Beach Rescue Mission as they serve those in need. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many of the mission's food donation sites have been unable to assist in stocking their pantry. Yet, the Long Beach Rescue Mission continues to provide daily meals to the public. Bethany wants to help the Mission be ready to bless our community with a big Easter meal. The items most in need are: ham, eggs, potatoes, yams, vegetables, pancake mix and syrup. Drive through the church parking lot where volunteers from the mission will be able to unload your donations. Bethany Church is located at 2250 Clark Ave. For more info email: info@bethanylb.org



And Finally

Unanimous City Council Support for Fire Engine 17

Following up on last week's "And Finally" feature, we had a very positive outcome on Tuesday's City Council agenda item. The recommendation was to direct the City Manager to apply for a SAFER Grant from FEMA. The grant of \$4.8 million will cover half the cost of operating Fire Engine 17 for a period of three years. The result of the council vote was unanimous (9-0) in support the grant application. The next step will be to identify full funding for E17's operation as a contingency to the grant not being awarded to LBFD. The photos below of Engine 17's crews were taken 68 years apart... October 1951 and October 2019. Keeping E17 in service has always been critically important to the safety of our residents. However, with call volumes continuing to rise each year, Engine 17's continued operation is more critical now than ever.





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