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):
- 37,293 total positive results
  - 597 new cases since yesterday
  - Seven-day positivity rate: 17.8%
  - 133 seven-day case rate per 100K population
- 447 fatalities
- 248 Long Beach residents hospitalized with COVID-19
- 577 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 26,007 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- 539,832 total tests conducted
- Information as of Jan. 6

State Indicators (Updated on 1/5/21):
Current LA County Tier: Purple Tier (Widespread)
Seven-day positivity rate: 17.8%
65.8 daily new cases per 100K population
Testing positivity in lowest-resourced areas (health equity metric): 25.0%

Details Regarding Fatalities:
- 214 are associated with long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Ages:
  - 2 were in their 20s
  - 7 were in their 30s
  - 14 were in their 40s
  - 42 were in their 50s
  - 94 were in their 60s
  - 108 were in their 70s
  - 126 were in their 80s
  - 54 were over 90
- 189 female, 257 male
- 6 individuals had no known underlying health conditions
- 3 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.

PB Resource Line
562.570.INFO (4636)
Press 5

Past and Ongoing Events
Community Hospital Receives First Patient

As announced in last Friday's newsletter, Community Hospital Long Beach has been granted a license from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). On Tuesday, January 5th, CHLB received their first transfer patient, a patient coming from College Hospital in Long Beach. CHLB has opened with 11 ICU beds and space for 40 other patients with the ability to add additional capacity later in 2021. They are only taking transfer patients and non-COVID patients at this time. The emergency room and acceptance of patients from the Fire Department is expected to begin within the next 90 days. Thank you, again, to all the stakeholders who support the effort to reach this week's incredible milestone. If you would like to read a brief chronology of what has taken place over the past two years, check out Brandon Richardson's article that appeared in the LBPost on December 31st.

Passing of Sunnyside Cemetery Advocate

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Linda Meador. The longtime Los Altos resident spent years advocating for Sunnyside Cemetery, and I adjourned Tuesday's city council meeting in her memory. After her retirement in 2018, Linda devoted all her time to the cemetery, and she was instrumental in facilitating the sale of Sunnyside to the City of Long Beach. Her dream for the continued care of the cemetery was finally realized after all her diligent efforts. Linda passed away on December 29th, and she will be buried alongside her family members at Sunnyside. Our deepest condolences to Linda's family and friends. We recognize and appreciate her dedicated advocacy. Linda was quoted in a comprehensive article on Sunnyside that was published by the Signal Tribune in 2019. You can read the article 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. Last Tuesday, 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.

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 Year's Resolution to Quit Smoking?

Start your plan to quit the habit by getting help. Research shows that social support while quitting smoking can make a difference. Seeking assistance from family and friends or other smokers through online social networks is an important factor related to success in quitting. You can also contact the Long
Beach Department of Health and Human Services, Tobacco Education and Prevention Program (TEPP) at 562-570-7950 or visit the website for additional information. TEPP has worked to build a healthier community by reducing the use of tobacco and the exposure to secondhand smoke in the City of Long Beach.

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**Preferential Parking District Permit Renewals**

Renewal notices have been mailed out for PPD permits. Each household is allowed up to three residential and one guest preferential permit per year. The annual fee for each residential preferential or guest permit is $33.00. If you have not received your renewal notice, you can visit the Parking Permits Portal to purchase your yellow PPD permits for 2021. The mint green colored permits expired on 12/31/20.

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**Utility Bill Payment Assistance**

The City of Long Beach is helping residents and businesses by temporarily suspending utility service shut-offs for nonpayment, waiving penalties and interest for late payments and more. Learn more about flexible payment options by calling 562-570-5700 or by visiting the website at this link.

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**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.
Upcoming Events

Furlough Friday Today - January 8th

To help balance the City's budget during this economic downturn, some services are closed on alternating Fridays. These furloughs affect many operations in all City Departments. Emergency public response such as police, fire, animal care, public works and utility emergencies remain unaffected by furloughs. More information is available [here](#).

Treecycle Your Christmas Tree

From December 26, 2020 - January 8, 2021, you can drop off your Christmas tree for recycling at one of 12 special locations. Your nearest location may be either at Stearns Park (corner of 23rd St. and Roycroft) or Orizaba Park (corner of 14th St and Orizaba). If your trash/recycling is collected by the City's refuse and recycling service, you qualify for a FREE pick-up at your home on January 9th. Just make sure you put it out before 7 AM where you normally leave your carts. If your tree is over 12 ft. tall, make sure to cut it in half. Visit the LB Recycles [website](#) for more information.

FREE Hazardous Household Waste Event Tomorrow!

**January 9th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave., Signal Hill**

This Saturday's HHW Event will be the last event until further notice. Effective January 16th, the County will be closing all Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events and Centers until further notice. Start 2021 with a clean house by disposing of your hazardous waste. You can get rid of cleaners, paints, electronic devices, lawn products and auto products. More information and printable lists in four languages at this [link](#).
City of LB Management Assistant Program
Info Session Jan. 11th | 3:00 pm | Online

The City's Management Assistant Program offers an intense and fulfilling one-year paid apprenticeship filled with challenge, excitement and tremendous opportunities for career and personal growth - not to mention a host of work-life benefits that are hard to match. There is an online information session scheduled for January 11th, and the deadline to apply for the program is January 19th. Visit the website for additional details and to RSVP.

Next on the City Council Agenda
January 12th | 4:00 pm | Teleconference

The City Council teleconference will start at 4:00 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 approve a new list of City Council Standing Committees and request City Attorney to draft a resolution reflecting the changes as approved by the City Council.
- Recommendation to approve proposed programs and budget for the third round of emergency grant funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG CV-3) allocation; Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and other
entities necessary to receive these funds, and execute agreements necessary to implement and comply with related federal regulations; and
Increase appropriations in the Community Development Grant Fund Group in the Development Services Department by $4,585,285, offset by grant revenue. (Citywide)
- Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 21.66 relating to an Unpermitted Dwelling Unit Amnesty Program, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)

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

**State of the City**
January 12th | 6:00 pm | [Virtual Event](#)

The annual State of the City will be held virtually this year following next Tuesday’s council meeting. It will be made available on the City's Twitter, Facebook or YouTube page.

**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.

**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!](#)

**And Finally**

**Community Hospital Post Card Circa 1930**

With the reopening of Community Hospital this week, we wanted to share a 90-year-old image showing the heritage building in its original condition. Our goal is for the the hospital to return to its former glory and celebrate its 100-year anniversary in 2024. The back of the post card reads: "Community Hospital of Long Beach California. Non-Profit institution approved by American College of Surgeons. Bed capacity 125, built by city and 1184 contributors."
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