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):
- 51,691 total positive results
  - Increase in 25 cases since Tuesday
  - Seven-day positivity rate: 1.9%
  - 5.0 seven-day case rate per 100K population
- 887 fatalities
- 119 Long Beach residents hospitalized with COVID-19
- 48 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 49,417 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- 729,314 total tests conducted
- Information as of March 16

State Indicators (Updated on 3/16/21):
Current LA County Tier: Red Tier (Substantial)
- Seven-day positivity rate: 2%
- 4.1 adjusted daily new cases per 100K population
- Testing positivity in lowest-resourced areas (health equity metric): 2.8%

Vaccinations:
- 188,615 vaccines allocated to the City of Long Beach
- 163,690 vaccines administered citywide
- 108,097 first doses administered
- 55,593 second doses administered
- 98,054 vaccinated Long Beach residents
- 20.8% of residents vaccinated
- Information as of March 16

Details Regarding Fatalities:
- 319 are associated with long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Ages:
  - 7 were in their 20s
  - 26 were in their 30s
  - 34 were in their 40s
  - 95 were in their 50s
  - 196 were in their 60s
  - 200 were in their 70s
  - 224 were in their 80s
  - 105 were over 90
- 372 female, 515 male
- 22 individuals had no known underlying health conditions
- 45 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 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.
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.

Past and Ongoing Events

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.
After a long absence, the advertising vans and trailers have returned to Ximeno Ave. near Los Coyotes Diagonal. A couple of years ago, the vehicles were cited over continued violations of our Municipal Code. That got the vehicles off the street, but the owner then sued the City in Federal Court alleging that our Ordinance was unconstitutional and a content-based restriction of free speech. In January, the Federal trial court ruled against the City’s ordinance and found that the Ordinance constitutes a content-based restriction in violation of the First Amendment. The bottom line is that we cannot allow companies like FedEx or UPS to advertise with logos on their vehicles while prohibiting other companies to advertise based on content. The City will continue to look at ways to craft an ordinance that will pass Constitutional muster.

Financial Outlook and FY 22 Budget Approach

Prior to Tuesday's City Council meeting, we had a budget kick-off study session. This annual presentation serves as a preview to the upcoming budget sessions. A 25-page PowerPoint covered three categories: financial context and impact of the pandemic; budget outlook update; strategies for a budget balancing and budget process. You can view the entire presentation at this link.

Upcoming Events

Filming in the Fourth - Two Locations

March 19th | 3 pm - 3 am | 1720 Termino Ave.
Filming will take place at 1720 Termino Ave, Long Beach Community Hospital. Filming will consist of interior dialogue in
the physical therapy area. Talent breaks window to get inside of clinic. Production to dress area as a veterinary clinic, with live dogs and stuffed animals. Talent dresses wounds of seriously injured man, filmed from inside with blue screen in front parking lot, leaving a fire lane at all times. Filming will also consist of exterior filming in emergency room parking lot with picture car drives up with sick child, driver carries her inside. Intermittent pedestrian control. Production to have a condor for lighting aimed at the emergency room parking lot. Production to wet down property with water truck.

March 21st | 7 am - 10 pm | 1217 Newport Ave
Filming will take place at 1217 Newport Ave., Belmont Motor Clinic. Filming will consist of interior with talent addressing the camera. Production to also have an exterior establishing shot of the location with camera on the sidewalk in front of location leaving 4-feet pedestrian access at all times. Production may not have camera, equipment or persons in the street at anytime. Production must leave a 4-foot pedestrian access on sidewalks/walkways at all times. There will be a full closure of alleyway adjacent to 1217 Newport Ave. from 7 am to 10 pm.

F/A-18 Operations at LGB This Weekend
Sat., March 20th - Mon., March 22nd | Long Beach Airport

The U.S. Marine Corps has informed us that two F/A-18 aircraft will be conducting training operations at Long Beach Airport from Saturday, March 20 through Monday, March 22. We anticipate these aircraft will arrive late in the afternoon on Saturday and conduct a few training operations on Saturday and Sunday evenings prior to departing in the morning on Monday, March 22. All times are tentative and subject to change. LGB will be informing the community via WebTrak, social media and their website. Included in the messages to the community will be a reminder that these aircraft are exempt from our noise regulations; however, the military has demonstrated a desire to assist us in being a good neighbor and they have been very responsive to community concerns within their mission and safety of flight constraints. The aircraft will use noise abatement procedures when operating in the vicinity of Long Beach. These procedures include modified arrival and departure flight profiles and minimum use of afterburners.

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](#).

**LB Organic Spring Fundraiser Tomorrow!**

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

Get ready for tomorrow's 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

**LBPL Teen Volunteer Opportunity**  
March 23rd | 4:00 pm | Zoom meeting

The Long Beach Public Library is looking for teen volunteers for the new Young Readers Club. Volunteers will read with first graders to help them build confidence in their reading skills. Join the information session on Tuesday, March 23rd at 4:00 pm by using the Zoom meeting code: 865 4298 9405

**Next on the City Council Agenda**  
March 23rd | 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. Below are three items that appear on Tuesday's agenda:

- Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by $1,000, offset by $500 from the Third Council District One-time District Priority Funds and $500 from the Fourth District One-
time District Priority Fund transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide donations to Wilson High School Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PSTA) for the Sweatshirt Fund; and Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by $1,000 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

- Recommendation to respectfully request City Council approval of the 2021 Federal Legislative Agenda as recommended by the Federal Legislation Committee.
- Recommendation to confirm the City Manager's promulgation of the revised Safer at Home Health Order, issued on March 12, 2021, and the revised Quarantine Order issued on March 10, 2021, by the City of Long Beach Health Officer as a regulation. (Citywide)

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

And Finally

**Duck, Duck, Goose (actually great white egret)**

The photo below with the very exotic looking location was taken in our 4th council district. Long Beach Post photographer, Brandon Richardson, captured the image at the Nature Center on March 7, 2021. It was part of a photo essay titled, "Where flowers bloom, so does hope". LBPost photographers set out to capture the dawn of 2021's new spring, finding its spirit in birds, blossoms and other trappings of the season. The photo caption reads, "A great white egret and a pair of ducks stand on a branch a couple yards above the water..." We weren't sure where the second duck was in the shot, but Brandon assures us it is standing behind the duck facing the egret. It's webbed foot is barely visible on the lower branch. You can read the entire Long Beach Post article and see all the photos at this link.

![Image of a great white egret and ducks](image-url)