

Orange County coronavirus tests at new high



Raul Roa | Staff Photographer

COVID-19 test kits at a Huntington Beach doctor's office. The county had 1,267 tests given Friday.

BY HILLARY DAVIS

New coronavirus cases dropped while tests increased sharply day over day Friday in Orange County, according to the county Health Care Agency.

Known cases now sit at 1,845 total infections, up 33 from Thursday. No deaths were reported Friday, leaving the total at 36.

Testing, however, took a step up with 1,267 new tests given. That's the highest daily increase to date, coming a few days after the county unveiled a wider network of public clinics to test for COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus. Public and private labs have run 22,083 COVID-19 tests to date.

The Health Care Agency also said 150 people were hospitalized with the virus Friday, 63 of them in intensive care.

Over the previous week, the county averaged 62 new coronavirus cases and 696 tests per day between public and private labs.

The Health Care Agency, however, planned to step up the latter when it launched the OC COVID-19 Testing Network Tuesday with six clinics around the region. The network's initial capacity was set at 100 tests per site per day, or 600 tests per day to start, with plans to add four more sites within the next two weeks.

The testing network has clinics in Hunt-

ington Beach, Anaheim, Santa Ana and Garden Grove, among other locations, and is offering tests by appointment only to people who are symptomatic. There is no out-of-pocket cost, but insurance may be billed. Visit ocovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.com for more information.

Here are the latest case counts for select cities, with their numbers per 10,000 residents:

- Anaheim: 247 (6.9 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Santa Ana: 211 (6.2 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Huntington Beach: 162 (8 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Irvine: 120 (4.3 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Newport Beach: 91 (10.4 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Laguna Beach: 36 (15.4 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Costa Mesa: 33 (2.8 cases per 10,000 residents)
- Fountain Valley: 25 (4.4 cases per 10,000 residents)

Updated figures are posted daily at ocovid19.ocaliforniahealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc.

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One arrested after Back Bay-area crash

A man was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving and speeding after a hit-and-run collision Wednesday night near the Back Bay in Newport Beach.

According to a witness, an Infiniti sedan occupied by three people

rear-ended a parked BMW on Polaris Drive near Evening Star Lane at about 9:45 p.m., and the driver allegedly attempted to leave the scene but was stopped by witnesses.

Newport Beach police say Brandon Alonzo

Townend of Costa Mesa was arrested in the area of the collision on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without a license, unsafe speed and hit-and-run with property damage.

— Hillary Davis



THE PARKED BMW damaged in Wednesday's crash is shown.

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H.B. adjusts budget for economic slowdown, factoring in hiring freezes and cuts in anticipation of reduced tax revenues

BY JULIA SCLAFANI

Huntington Beach prepares to tighten its belt in light of projected revenue decline due to measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

City staff presented a revised budget at Monday's City Council meeting, illustrating a 7.8% reduction of revenue to the general fund and a "dramatic and gigantic decline" in total budgetary spending, City Manager Oliver Chi said.

Prior to closures designed to limit the spread of the coronavirus, Huntington Beach anticipated \$236.9 million in tax revenue. New projections put the city at earning \$218.5 million, Chi said.

Based on original expenditures for the fiscal year, the city had been planning to bank \$4 million in surplus funds — that plan would now lead to a deficit of \$14.4 million.

"This is an incredibly dire financial situation," Chi said, presenting the City Council with a new budget that he said made up for the deficit while not impacting the city's ability to perform services.

Chi outlined changes the city could make to reduce expenditures by \$16.5 million, which, he said, wouldn't impact services or operations and would leave the city with a \$2.2-million cushion.

The budget balancing strategy sets up the city finances to maintain a reserve that would rely on reduction in transfers to employee benefit funds and a hiring freeze on the

current 64 vacancies — constituting a 7% reduction in the city's workforce.

All the vacancies are for noncritical positions, Chi said.

The hiring freeze, while shifting more work to existing staff, will save the city more than \$2 million from the general fund for this fiscal year, according to the staff report.

The city already anticipates a slight drop (0.39%) in property tax revenue and any negative economic impact to property tax receipts wouldn't be felt until 2022, at the earliest, staff said.

Sales tax estimates were also reduced by over 10%, representing a more than \$4-million drop in revenue to the city.

The estimate considers a 55% drop in auto sales, 60% drop in hotel and restaurants and 50% drop in fuel and service station revenues in the second quarter of 2020.

City staff conservatively estimates that sales tax revenue will total \$37 million.

Restaurants and hotels have been hit hard by the economic freeze of the COVID-19 response, and the city speculates that the lag in tourism-related activity will continue as health concerns linger and belt-tightening by consumers and potential visitors causes a drop in transient occupancy tax receipts.

The city is budgeting for TOT revenues to drop by 95% to 99% for April through June, according to the staff report.


Chi called the projections "realistic numbers that are probably more conservative than what we've heard, but obviously it's been devastation on the travel and leisure industries."

The city also implemented a rent holiday for city concessionaires and zeroed out expected revenue for metered and city-owned parking.

"The council should be commended for the conservative way we've managed our finances over the years," Chi said.

The city has nearly \$73 million in unrestricted reserve funds in the bank and the budget doesn't rely on the use of any reserve funds.

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, May 07, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Planning Commission of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Extension of an amortization period for nonconforming signs – Amendments to Section 20.42.140(A) of Title 20 (Planning and Zoning) and Section 21.30.065(E) of Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) to extend an amortization period for nonconforming signs. NBMC currently requires nonconforming signs to be removed by October 27, 2020. These amendments would extend the deadline for the removal to October 27, 2025.

The project is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15305 under Class 5 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3.


All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19
Given the Declaration of a State Emergency and Proclamation of Local Emergency related to COVID-19, we recommend that you submit your questions and comments in writing for Planning Commission consideration by sending them to the Community Development Department at PlanningCommissioners@newportbeachca.gov. To give the Planning Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. In addition, members of the public will have the ability to participate in this meeting telephonically. Please review the Planning Commission Agenda for further instructions. The Agenda, staff report and corresponding documents will be posted to the City's website at www.newportbeachca.gov/planningcommission, by end of business day on Friday, May 1, 2020. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the City will post the information as soon as possible to the City's website. The City of Newport Beach thanks you in advance for continuing to take precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are unable to participate in the meeting via the process set forth in the agenda, please contact the Planning Division at (949-644-3200 or CDD@newportbeachca.gov) and our staff will attempt to accommodate you.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact David Blumenthal, AICP, Planning Consultant, at 949-644-3200 or dblumenthal@newportbeachca.gov.

Project File No.: PA2019-184 **Activity No.:** CA2019-007 and LC2019-005
Location: Citywide **Applicant:** City of Newport Beach

Lee Lowrey, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach


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Residential Design Standards Code and LCP Amendments – Amendments to Title 20 (Zoning Code) and Title 21 (Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) revising development standards applicable to single- and two-unit residential development. Specifically, the proposed amendments would reduce bulk and mass associated with future residential development as follows:

- **Revisions to Third Floor Standards.**
 - Third floor step backs would apply to covered deck areas (currently applies only to enclosed floor area).
 - Third floor side step backs would apply to lots 30 feet wide or greater (currently applies to lots wider than 30 feet).
 - Maximum covered third floor area (enclosed or unenclosed) limited to 50 percent of buildable area. Uncovered deck area would remain unrestricted.
 - Third floor step back standards (front and rear) would apply to 25-foot wide or less lots zoned R-2 (currently exempt).
- **Clarification of Gross Floor Area**
 - Unfinished attics with a ceiling height of 6 feet or higher would count as floor area (currently only finished attics count).
 - Covered patios, decks, and balconies above the first floor would count as floor area unless completely open on at least two sides, rather than one side.
 - Carports only open on one side would count as floor area.
- **Single-Unit and Two-Unit Dwellings in the R-B1 and RM Zones**
 - Third floor and open volume standards applicable to R-1 and R-2 zones would now apply to single- and two-unit dwellings in Two-Unit Residential, Balboa Island (R-B1) and Multiple Residential (RM) zones.

Pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the amendments are statutorily exempt from the CEQA in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378. The proposed action is also exempt from the CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 21.64. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Jaime Munillo, Principal Planner, at 949-644-3200, jmunillo@newportbeachca.gov.

Project File No.: PA2019-070 **Activity No.:** CA2019-004 and LC2019-006
Zone: Various **General Plan:** Various
Coastal Land Use Plan: Various **Filing Date:** May 14, 2019
Location: Citywide **Applicant:** City of Newport Beach

Lee Lowrey, Secretary, Planning Commission, City of Newport Beach

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