# **City of Huntington Beach COVID-19 Response Update**

City Council Meeting March 31, 2020

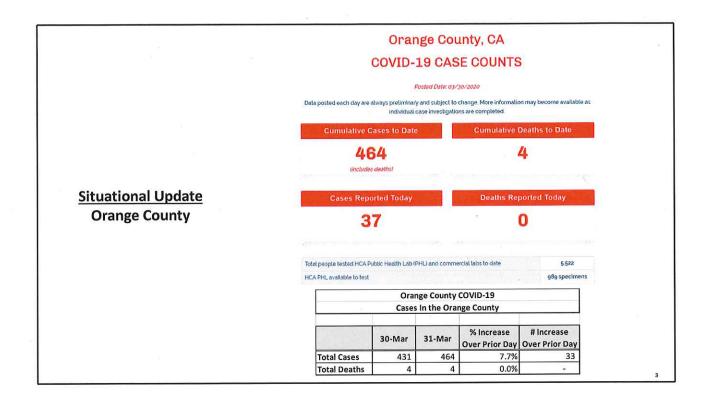


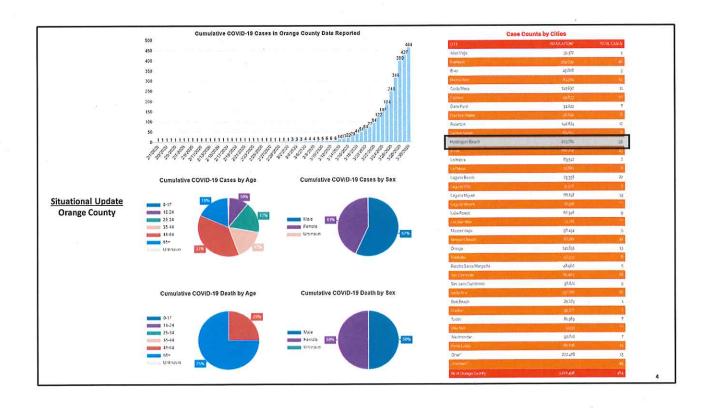
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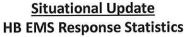
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# **Situational Update US Totals** Total Confirmed 3,606 180 Johns Hopkins Coronavirus - COVID-19 Resource Center Cases In the U.S. % Increase #Increase Over Prior Day Over Prior Day 144,672 177,452 Total Cases 22.7% 32,780









# **Transitioning To Phase III Operating Model**

### March 17 / 18, 2020

- Orange County issued their initial and then follow-up health care orders

### March 19, 2020

- Governor Newsom issued a Statewide "Stay at Home" Executive Order

### • March 18, 2020

- City began transition operations to our COVID-19 Response Plan Phase III Operating Level
- This involves the closure of City facilities to the public, while also maintaining revised operational models across every
   City department

### • March 23, 2020

- Daily Executive Briefing Sessions started with Mayor & City Council to discuss City's ongoing COVID-19 response

### **Maintain Vital City Operations**

### Phase III Operating model

- Scaled-down service delivery model, however, every department continues to provide public services
- Police and Fire have instituted new operational models to respond to COVID-19
- Vital Public Works, utility operations, maintenance activities, and capital projects continue to be functional
- Plan check, permitting, and inspection services are continuing to operate with the use of digital technologies
- Senior Care programs are continuing to function
- Digital library services being offered to the public
- Internal service functions (finance, IT, legal) continue to operate
- Telework options deployed Citywide to allow our team to work offsite
- Day care program for essential personnel developed and instituted

### Social Distancing and Pandemic Response Changes for Staff

- Moved operations briefing to Zoom meetings to protect / isolate operational leadership
- Developed and implemented a leadership continuity plan for essential operations
- Updated in person meetings to comply with social distancing standards
- Developed Situational Status Report for daily information to Incident Commander and City Council

### **Outreach To Our At-Risk Communities**

- · City has made contact with 150 at-risk facilities located throughout town, including skilled nursing facilities
- Phone Survey designed to assess conditions, PPE supply and compliance with CDC guidance documents used at all atrisk facilities
- 12 informational boards distributed to all Vons, Albertsons, Costco and Target refreshed twice per week
- Initiated the Senior Pen Pal Program designed to connect children with seniors
- Senior at risk email group sent Quick Guide instructions for FaceTime, Facebook, and Skype Virtual connection
  opportunity with no visitors due to restrictions
- Focused messaging on fraud and scams related to Covid-19 incident

### Fire / EMS Operational Update

### Fire Operations

- Made continual updates to our operating and response model
- > Developed a plan for implementation of two designated COVID-19 ambulances—program begins April 1st
- > Daily evaluation of staffing levels in order to maintain operational readiness
- > Completed contingency plans for service delivery modifications based on available suppression staffing
- > Current algorithm focuses on responder safety by directing the proper risk assessment and appropriate level of PPE for the situation
- Integrated Dr. Sam Stratton, former OCEMS Medical Director and current HB resident, as a medical advisor to provide guidance and medical oversight
- Average daily calls for service from March 15 March 30 was 48, compared to 54 during same time period in 2019

### **Police Department Operational Update**

### Police Operations

- The PD has developed a Department Operations Center to manage the crisis
  - > We have altered our methods of taking police reports and responding to citizens by:
    - Encouraging online reporting
    - Established telephone reporting unit
    - Having officers call complainants asking them to step outside when we do respond
- PD operations have been reorganized into critical functions
  - > All specialty sworn positions have been put back into patrol
  - > Patrol group has been divided up into platoons on 13 hour shifts to avoid any cross contamination of each other
  - > The schedule is built to minimize officer exposure and prevent the virus from afflicting too many officers at one time
  - > A decontamination areas has been established in the parking lot
- Enforcement posture on Governor's Order
- We are educating business by handing out the order and asking for compliance
- Thus far, we have gained compliance, but many stores operate in a gray area

# **Key Operational Adjustments**

- Beach Access Management Plan
- Pier closed
- Beach parking lots closed
- Traffic reader boards deployed on PCH and Beach Boulevard
- Social distancing signage installed
- Instituted enhanced police patrols
- Hourly social distancing reminders from Tower Zero
- Additional response mechanisms being considered

### Active Recreational Facilities Closed

- While parks remain open, all active recreational facilities are all closed
- > Meadowlark Golf Course closed
- > Disc Golf closed
- > Tennis and pickleball courts closed
- Social distancing / safe hygiene practices signage being deployed at all park facilities
  - > Over 700 signs have been put out throughout the City to provide notification of the closures

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# Do you need help?



If you are a senior at home and in need of essential assistance, please call our Senior Center in Central Park at 714-536-5600.





# Want to help?

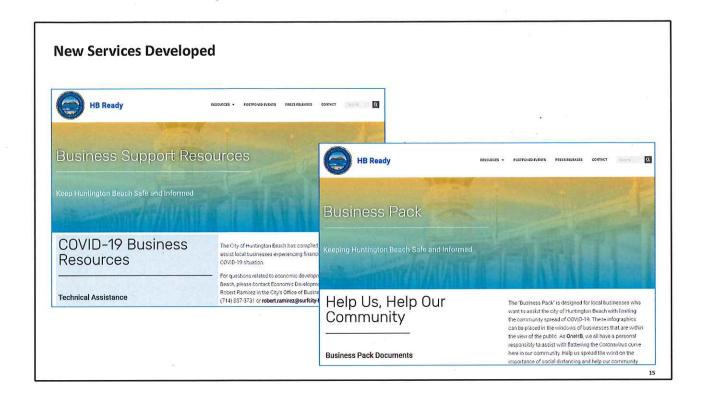


Get involved today by calling 714-752-0406, or send an email to hbresponds@gmail.com





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# Public Information Operation Statistics Since March 12th

- Hbready.com website
- 121,297 unique views since website launch
- 276,000 post clicks
- Over 180k impressions across all social media accounts
- Nearly 38,000 engagements across all social media accounts

# Instagram Launches 'Stay Home' Story & Co-Watching Feature Amid COVID-19 Outbreak



257 27K SHARES READS

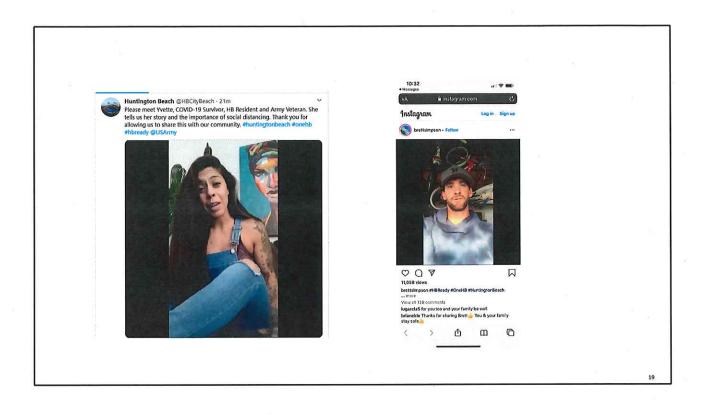


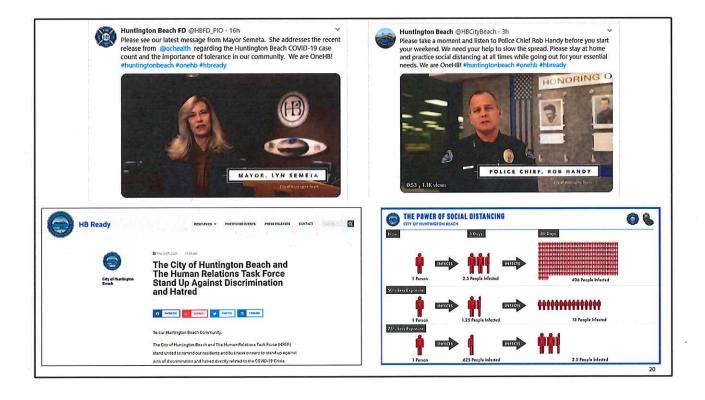




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# **Working To Stay Ahead of the Situation**

- Advance Planning Team developed to continue looking ahead to help us anticipate what's to come
- Emerging issues we're currently monitoring include
- Other community support programs / service needs
- Homeless related issues
- City financial situation

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