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## Long Beach Reports Three More Deaths From Coronavirus

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Three more Long Beach residents have died after testing positive for the coronavirus, officials announced Tuesday, May 12, bringing the city's death toll to 48.

The city also announced 31 more cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus. There have been 984 cases identified in the city as of Tuesday.

About 639 people have recovered, and 49 people were hospitalized with the virus as of Tuesday.

Tuesday's news came as Long Beach continued the slow process of lifting the closure orders that were intended to stem the further spread of the virus.

Last week, the city allowed car dealership showrooms, trails and golf courses to reopen. Retailers were also allowed to open — but only for curbside pickup.

On Monday, the city opened its beach bike path, tennis centers, archery courses, disc golf courses and parking lots for parks. And on Wednesday, beaches will reopen for active use, along with the city's dog parks.

While the city continues to open back up, Garcia has emphasized that Long Beach could reverse course at any point if infections, hospitalizations or deaths due to the virus begin to spike.

During a Friday afternoon, May 9, briefing, Garcia used that possibility to remind people that infection-control measures, including hand-washing, physical distancing and face coverings, are still necessary.

“There are today servers at restaurants, folks that are working in salons, that are waiting their turn also to reopen safely,” he said, “but we can’t get there unless everyone else does their job on this issue.

“I’m pleading with everyone,” Garcia said, “to please do the right thing.”