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Huntington Beach City Hall to Temporarily Close January 4, 2022 Due to COVID-19 Surge

Effective Tuesday, January 4, 2022, Huntington Beach will join other coastal cities in temporarily closing City Hall due to the substantial increase of COVID-19 cases in Huntington Beach and Orange County. Orange County is reporting a 400% increase in COVID-19 cases since mid-December, primarily due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant. With the exponential growth of new cases, it is critical for the City to enact this closure to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 among City staff and to ensure adequate staffing levels across all departments, including Police and Fire.

Most City services will remain in place, but in-person City Hall services will be temporarily unavailable beginning Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Residents and businesses are encouraged to make use of the [City's online services and tools](#) during this period. The City will continue to monitor the number of COVID-19 cases in Huntington Beach and Orange County over the next 10-14 days and determine whether reopening City Hall is appropriate at that time.

Anticipated impacts to City services are as follows:

- **Permit Center:** The in-person permit center will be temporarily closed. Residents and businesses can utilize the [online Permit Center](#) available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or call (714) 536-5241.
- **Passports:** Passport services will be temporarily unavailable until City Hall reopens.
- **Payment Center:** In-person payments will not be accepted during the closure. Please utilize the [online payment center](#) or payment drop box located near the Police Department temporary parking lot. For questions or additional information relating to payments, please call (714) 536-5630.
- **Huntington Beach Police Station Lobby:** The Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) will continue to provide critical public safety services (patrol, custody, and investigations) at normal staffing levels. The HBPD will be closing its front lobby and stations to the public to help limit the spread of COVID-19 among first responders and maintain current staffing levels. Many police services are available [online](#). Reports may be taken over the phone at (714) 960-8811.
- **Beach Parking Pass Sales:** The sale and distribution of beach parking passes will be temporarily unavailable.
- **Public Meetings:** All in-person board and commission meetings will be conducted via Zoom.



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The City's parks and beaches remain open, but physical distancing and face masks are encouraged. The City's community centers, libraries and other community facilities remain open for contract classes, but face masks are required indoors.

The City will be releasing additional details relating to the closure and service impacts on www.SurfCityBreak.com and through the City's [Nextdoor](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).