DIRECTIONS AND PARKING:

**UPDATE:** BUSES ARE ABLE TO DROP STUDENTS OFF NEAR THE AQUARIUM, THEN PARK IN LOT 4 South, UNTIL PICK-UP OF CLASS AND STUDENTS.

**CLASS DROP-OFF INFORMATION**
Aquarium exit gate under the pier bridge, in the fire lanes/delivery drop-off, before entering Lot 1 N.

a. Will have to enter Lot 1 N, then exit onto PCH South, take Ocean Ave. Exit, turn right on Ocean Ave., slight right to stay on Ocean Ave., turn right on Bicknell Ave., **park in Lot 4 South at 2030 Ocean Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90405.**

b. If the left lanes by the Aquarium exit are full with delivery trucks, pull into Lot 1 N, park to unload class and students, then follow prior directions to park in Lot 4 S.

c. We've been told verbally over the phone by parking management that it should be free for our field trip buses, but we are unsure if that communication has made it to the parking attendants. If payment is required, we will reimburse the $30 after the field trip. Please call us at (310) 393-6149 x206 if there are any questions or issues.

Bus can also drop off students at Lot 4 South when they park – but the Aquarium is 0.5 miles away, and about a 10–15-minute walk.
**PARKING INFORMATION**

For the time being, buses need to continue through Lot 1 N if they enter, exit onto PCH, take the Ocean Ave. exit, turn right, continue on Ocean Ave to Bicknell Ave, turn right, and park in Lot 4 S. Cars can park in Lot 1 N, or the “1550 parking lot,” located beach level just north of the pier and next to the Heal the Bay Aquarium. The parking fee is waived for buses bringing field trip groups to the Heal the Bay Aquarium, but not for individual cars. **You must tell the parking lot attendant that you are coming for a field trip to the Aquarium in order to have the parking fee for buses waived.** The fee for parking a car cannot be waived, and varies according to the season, ranging from $8 to $15 per car.

**No buses are allowed on the upper-level pier parking lot.** Cars may access the pier; however, pier deck parking has been mostly closed due to the pandemic.
**MAP TO THE HEAL THE BAY AQUARIUM**

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

We are located on the beach level of Santa Monica Pier, directly beneath the Carousel/Merry Go Round building, underneath the bridge, and across from Starbucks. If you should get lost call 310-393-6149 x206 to get help from a staff member.

**SOUTH-BOUND ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY:**
Move to the right lane after the traffic light at the California Incline. Keep to right and follow signs to the beach/pier parking. Make a right turn at the stop sign to enter the all-day beach parking lot.

**WEST-BOUND FROM SANTA MONICA FREEWAY (10):**
Exit the 10 Freeway at 4th St. exit and turn left onto 4th St. Turn right onto Pico Blvd. Proceed on Pico, crossing Main Street to turn right on Appian Way at the stop sign at the bottom of the hill. Proceed north to the Pier until the signs force all traffic to turn left into the parking lot.

**SOUTH-BOUND ON OCEAN AVE. FROM WILSHIRE BLVD.:**
Proceed south past the entrance to the pier and past the traffic light/intersection of Moomat Ahiko, which takes you to the Pacific Coast Highway. Turn right onto Seaside Terrace, which is the first small street just past PCH. Turn right at the stop sign at the bottom of the hill, onto Appian Way. At the next stop sign, turn left and proceed into the beach parking lot.

**NORTH-BOUND ON OCEAN AVE. (OR LINCOLN BLVD.) FROM VENICE:**
Turn left onto Pico Blvd. Proceed on Pico, crossing Main Street to turn right on Appian Way at stop sign at the bottom of the hill. Continue north toward the Pier until the signs force all traffic to turn left into the parking lot.