



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 20, 2020
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COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

MSWD Operations

No changes from 03.19.2020 Update

- No water quality complaints received. There is no evidence that the COVID-19 virus is transmitted through drinking water
- Lobby Remains Closed – Please use alternate methods of payment which are listed at (<https://www.mswd.org/coronavirus>)
- 50% of MSWD staff are isolated and working from home, rotating schedule in effect
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated and is in communication with City of Desert Hot Springs and Riverside County EOCs
- All District meetings will be held telephonically. All other meetings have been cancelled or postponed.

Local – Desert Hot Springs/Riverside County

- City of Desert Hot Springs will be implementing the Governor’s Stay at Home order.
- Other DHS updates, visit (<https://www.cityofdhs.org/coronavirus-updates?hsCtaTracking=c4af97d6-9368-4031-8dcd-0e804c8d6330%7C639dbc4b-fb01-4d71-9ded-1bdd27160d44>)
- Riverside County Public health website with updates: (www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus)

State of California

- For CA Department of Public Health Updates please visit: (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>)

Governor Newsom issued a Stay at Home Order, effective Thursday evening, March 19, 2020. What does that mean?

- You can still:
 - Go to the grocery store or pharmacy
 - Go to medical appointments
 - Go to a restaurant or fast food place for take-out, delivery, or drive-through
 - Leave your home to go care for or support a friend or family member
 - Walk your pets outside
 - Enjoy leisure activities outside: Hiking, biking, walking, running, etc. (just stay 6 feet away from anyone else)
 - Help someone else get necessary supplies
 - Go to work if your workplace is an essential business
- What is an essential business?
 - Grocery stores



- Gas stations
 - Banks
 - Convenience stores
 - Pharmacies
 - Medical facilities
 - Restaurants
 - Dry cleaners & laundromats
 - Municipal operations (government/special district functions)
 - Transportation
- The State of California released a COVID-19 specific site: (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>)

National

- Since California's Stay at Home order, three other states have followed suit:
 - New York
 - Connecticut
 - Illinois
- It was announced that travel has been restricted between Canada and Mexico to essential travel only for at least 30 days.
- Tax Day has been moved to July 15, 2020 instead of April
 - Property taxes are still due in April
- A total of 141 countries affected as of the morning of 3.20.2020
- The State Department is working to get any Americans still abroad back home.

For additional Information, please visit <https://www.mswd.org> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>