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COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

MSWD Operations

No others changes from 03.23.2020 Update:

- MSWD Board declared local emergency at a special board meeting, held Monday, March 23, 2020
- 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

- A temporary federal medical station (FMS) will be set up at the Riverside County Fair Grounds in Indio
 - National Guard to set up FMS on 3.25.2020
- Property taxes deadline remains the same, due in April. Switching this deadline is under state purview, not county. However, RivCo Treasurer Tax Collector's Office can assist with late fees on a case by case basis. For more questions on your property taxes: 951.955.3900
- Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin has set up a price gauging hotline: 951.955.0764
- Southwest Church Indian Wells is a drive through test area, by appointment only 1.800.945.6171, Tuesday – Saturday, goal is to schedule an appointment within 24 hours
- Desert Aids Project has also set up a COVID-19 Testing Center, by appointment only – 760.992.0407
- Riverside County Housing Authority is providing emergency temporary housing to homeless individuals, only available during the Governor's stay at home order is in place, for more information or enroll in program call:1.800.498.8847
- Per Supervisor Perez' update, as of 12 pm noon, 3.24.2020:
 - 58 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
 - 28 of those cases are in Coachella Valley (CV)
 - 6 deaths in RivCo (all in CV)
- City of Palm Springs and La Quinta have ordered golf courses to close
- Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage have temporarily banned any short-term rentals



Updates from 03.20.2020 remain the same:

- 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

Updates from 03.23.2020 remain the same:

- For CA Department of Public Health Updates please visit: (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>)
- On March 20, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-34-20.
 - The timeframe for conducting hearings for moving from an at-large election to a district-based election, as set forth in Elections Code section 10010, are **suspended** for any subdivision until social distancing and emergency measures have ceased.
 - Therefore, all public hearings for the transition from at-large to district elections for MSWD must be postponed.
- The Governor has mobilized the National Guard in order to assist food banks and other essential service. Locally, the national guard was helping at FIND Food Bank in Indio.
- The State of California released a COVID-19 specific site: (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>)

National

- President Trump announced that he would like the US and its economy to reopen by Easter (April 12)
- US Navy Hospitals are being deployed; one is set to land in Los Angeles
- Over 370,000 tests have been conducted
 - 220,000 of those tests within the last eight (8) days
- A stimulus bill is still under talks within the Senate, as two previous attempts have failed to move out of Capitol Hill.
- The majority of cases are in New York. The thought is that the virus must have been there for a few weeks before it was detected.
 - Approximately 56% of the cases within the US have originated from the New York metropolitan area with approximately 31% of the national mortality rate
 - New York City alone has 15,000 cases
 - It was announced today that anyone having been to New York metro area within the last few weeks, should self-isolate for two weeks.
- The Summer 2020 Olympics have been postponed until 2021
- India ordered its entire population (1.3 billion people) to stay at home for 3 weeks

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