



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 30, 2020
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COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

MSWD Operations

No MSWD changes from 03.23.2020 Update:

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

- County Update:
 - 291 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
 - 9 deaths in RivCo (7 in Coachella Valley)
 - Cases by Coachella Valley city as of 3.30.2020:
 - Cathedral City - 5 cases
 - Coachella - 0 cases
 - Desert Hot Springs - 4 cases
 - Indian Wells - 2 cases
 - La Quinta - 8 cases
 - Palm Desert - 13 cases, 1 death
 - Palm Springs - 22 cases, 2 deaths
 - Rancho Mirage - 11 cases, 2 deaths
- Beginning Tuesday, March 31, the Southwest Church testing site in Indian Wells will be moved to the mobile hospital site at the Indio Fairgrounds, 1.800.945.6171 Tues-Sat.

County Resources:

- 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's office price gauging hotline: 951.955.0764
- Desert Aids Project is also a COVID-19 Testing Center, by appointment only – 760.992.0407



- Riverside County Housing Authority has emergency temp housing to homeless individuals, effective while the Governor's stay at home order remains in place. 700 rooms have been secured. For more information or enroll in program call: 1.800.498.8847
- Other City of 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

- Governor Newsom is calling on all medical professionals to aid in the COVID-19 response. This call is going out to recent retirees or those pursuing a medical degree/license.
 - New website launched: (www.healthcorps.ca.gov) where one can sign up and see types of professionals are needed
 - Governor Newsom announced that in the last 4 days the number of hospitalizations doubled and the number of COVID-19 ICU related patients tripled
 - All school county superintendents and the Governor would be having a meeting at 2 pm to discuss food distribution, special education and distance learning for students. He will report out at 3.31.2020 conference.

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 services.
- The State of California released a COVID-19 specific site: (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>)

National

- Over the weekend, President Trump signed the \$2-trillion stimulus bill into law. For more information, visit: (<https://www.nytimes.com/article/coronavirus-stimulus-package-questions-answers.html>)
- President Trump extended social distancing guidelines until April 30th
 - They expect the peak of the virus to occur within two weeks
- Over 1 million American have been tested for coronavirus
- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is first Western Leader to contract the virus.

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