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## COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

### MSWD Operations

- As a result of Riverside County's new face covering recommendation (see County section below for press release), MSWD staff members will receive masks for their protection throughout the community.

### ***No other 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

- The DHS Library groundbreaking has been **postponed** and rescheduled for Spring 2021
- County Update, 04.01.2020 at 1:30pm
  - 429 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
  - 40 Recovered
  - 13 deaths in RivCo
  - Cases by Coachella Valley city as of 04.01.2020:
    - Bermuda Dunes – 2 cases
    - Blythe – 1 case
    - Cathedral City – 12 cases, 1 death
    - Coachella - 1 case
    - Desert Edge – 1 case
    - Desert Hot Springs - 6 cases
    - Indian Wells - 6 cases
    - Indio – 23 cases, 2 deaths
    - La Quinta - 17 cases
    - Palm Desert - 24 cases, 1 death
    - Palm Springs - 30 cases, 3 deaths
    - Rancho Mirage - 13 cases, 2 deaths
- 3.31.2020 - Riverside County Public Health issued a new health recommendation for residents to **cover their nose and mouth when leaving their homes.**

- These coverings do not have to be hospital grade, a scarf, bandana or fabric of some kind suffices. To view their release, visit: (<http://ow.ly/YqI250z1yKC>)

#### *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 a COVID-19 Testing Center, by appointment only – 760.992.0407
- Indio Fairground testing site – by appointment only – 1.800.945.6171
- 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](http://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus))

#### **State of California**

- Last night (03.31.2020) the California Dept. of Education released a letter to all superintendents that school would not be returning before the end of the school year.
  - Governor Newsom has emphasized that although school is *out*, class is still *in session*.
    - Distance learning/homeschooling will still be taking place
    - A private public partnership with Google has allowed for 100,000 points of access throughout the state to improve internet access
      - Google will also be providing chrome books to students who do not have the specific hardware
- The State hotline for senior check-in is: (833) 544-2374
- For CA Department of Public Health Updates please visit: (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>)
- The State of California released a COVID-19 specific site: (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>)

#### **National**

##### **Updates from 03.30.2020 remain the same:**

- 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 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 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>