

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – April 3, 2020
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COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

MSWD Operations

No MSWD changes from 04.01.2020 Update:

- 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.
- 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

- Riverside County Sheriff Bianco announced that two (2) deputies have passed away from Coronavirus
 - 25 employees tested positive
 - 11 inmates, positive
- County Update, 04.03.2020 at 1:00pm
 - 638 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
 - 50 Recovered
 - 15 deaths in RivCo
 - Cases by Coachella Valley city as of 04.01.2020:
 - Bermuda Dunes – 2 cases
 - Blythe – 2 cases
 - Cathedral City – 17 cases, 1 death
 - Coachella - 7 cases
 - Desert Edge – 1 case
 - Desert Hot Springs - 6 cases
 - Indian Wells - 8 cases
 - Indio – 33 cases, 2 deaths
 - La Quinta - 17 cases
 - Palm Desert - 36 cases, 1 death
 - Palm Springs - 43 cases, 3 deaths
 - Rancho Mirage - 15 cases, 2 deaths

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)

State of California

No significant CA changes from 04.01.2020

State resources:

- For information on how one can help, CA has launched: (www.serve.ca.gov)
- 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 COVID-19 specific site: (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>)

National

- At the 04.03.2020, President Trump announced that the CDC is recommending that **ALL Americans voluntarily wear non-surgical face masks** in public
 - This comes after the County of Riverside made the same recommendation earlier this week

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