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COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

MSWD Operations

No MSWD changes from 04.08.2020 Update:

- Per CSDA's advocacy efforts and recommendation, MSWD Board President Nancy Wright sent a letter to our DC elected officials urging them to consider including special districts in the fourth COVID-19 related relief bill.
- As a result of Riverside County's new face covering order, MSWD staff members received 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

- County Update, 04.28.2020 at 1:00pm
 - 45,417 people tested
 - 3,735 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
 - 1,303 Recovered
 - 141 deaths in RivCo
 - 220 Current Hospitalizations, 73 in ICU
 - Cases by Coachella Valley city as of 04.28.2020:
 - Bermuda Dunes – 4 cases
 - Blythe – 4 cases
 - Cathedral City – 87 cases, 1 death
 - Coachella - 122 cases, 2 death
 - Desert Edge – 3 cases
 - Desert Hot Springs - 30 cases
 - Indian Wells - 11 cases
 - Indio – 128 cases, 4 deaths
 - La Quinta - 61 cases, 1 death
 - Palm Desert - 79 cases, 5 deaths
 - Palm Springs - 91 cases, 9 deaths
 - Rancho Mirage - 24 cases, 3 deaths
- 4.28.2020 Supervisor Perez announced two (2) new task forces: County of Riverside Economic Recovery Taskforce and the Coachella Valley Economic Recovery taskforce
 - The taskforce includes members such the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, Convention of Visitors Bureau, Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP) and Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)

- These taskforces will focus on the economic and social recovery efforts as the county faces high unemployment rates
- Supervisor Perez mentioned that the current RivCo Stay at Home order expires April 30th. He will be making announcement either 4/29 or 4/30 regarding where RivCo stands
- Starting 4/29 until the end of next (5/8), he will be hosting Facebook Live Q & A Session at around 9:30 am with Coachella Valley Mayors. Desert Hot Springs Mayor will be featured, next Wednesday 5/6.

County Resources:

- RivCo Treasurer Tax Collector's Office can assist with property tax 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

- 4.28.2020 Governor Newsom announced that schools may resume as early as sometime in July or August in order to address the learning loss/gap that students have encountered this school year.
 - Newsom states that the state is “weeks away, not months” from reopening
- State officials and state health officer are cautiously optimistic, but they do not want to return to normalcy too quickly and undo all the work that has been done thus far to flatten the curve.

State resources:

- For information on how one can help: (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

- Worldwide cases: 3,113,447 & 216,857 deceased
- US Cases: 1,011,877
 - Death toll: 58,351
 - Recovered: 115,398
 - Tested: 5,795,728

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