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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, 05.04.2020 at 1:00pm
 - 56,251 people tested
 - 4,354 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
 - 1,982 Recovered
 - 181 deaths in RivCo
 - 217 Current Hospitalizations, 78 in ICU
 - Cases by Coachella Valley city as of 05.04.2020:
 - Bermuda Dunes – 4 cases
 - Blythe – 10 cases
 - Cathedral City – 102 cases, 1 death
 - Coachella - 144 cases, 3 deaths
 - Desert Edge – 3 cases
 - Desert Hot Springs - 40 cases
 - Indian Wells - 13 cases
 - Indio – 138 cases, 5 deaths
 - La Quinta – 75 cases, 4 deaths
 - Palm Desert - 98 cases, 6 deaths
 - Palm Springs – 101 cases, 9 deaths
 - Rancho Mirage - 27 cases, 3 deaths
- The May 5, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting is expected to go 4 to 5 hours long as they discuss whether to rescind some of the County Health Officer's orders, specifically related to social distancing, masks, golf courses, and short term rentals.

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

- Governor Newsom announced that phase two of the state's reopening plan is almost here. He expects that by Friday low-impact retail stores may begin reopening, such as bookstores, flower stores, etc (https://abc7news.com/6148199/?fbclid=IwAR3NJ1PmPY-nYuE84khTNCGuxiUiYFY_EB-EY07eOF4iR2z6odo3Krlm_4c)

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: 3,578,301
 - Deaths: 251,059
- US Cases: 1,178,906
 - Death toll: 68,689
 - Recovered: 187,189
 - Tested: 7,285,178
- The US Supreme Court held its first arguments in history via telephone.
- Countries across Europe are beginning to ease restrictions and slowly reopen (Germany, Austria, Lebanon, Israel, Poland, and India)
 - Spain hopes for a "new normalcy" by late June

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