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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, 05.26.2020 at 1:00pm
  - 106,529 people tested
  - 7,139 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
  - 4,285 Recovered
  - 303 deaths in RivCo
  - 193 Current Hospitalizations, 63 in ICU
  - Cases by Coachella Valley city:
    - Bermuda Dunes – 6 cases
    - Blythe – 93 cases, 1 death
    - Cathedral City – 147 cases, 2 death
    - Coachella - 284 cases, 3 death
    - Desert Edge – 4 cases
    - Desert Hot Springs - 147 cases, 2 deaths
    - Indian Wells - 13 cases
    - Indio – 323 cases, 6 deaths
    - La Quinta - 118 cases, 9 death
    - Palm Desert - 177 cases, 20 deaths
    - Palm Springs - 137 cases, 9 deaths
    - Rancho Mirage - 38 cases, 3 deaths
- As of Friday, May 22, Riverside County qualified for an accelerated phase 2, meaning that in-dining can resume.
  - As of noon 05/26, the Governor announced that those counties that have qualified for an accelerated phase may also open **hair salons and barber shops** as of today, 5/26.
  - Places of worship and all retails (instore and malls) may also reopen

- The City of Desert Hot Springs has updated their Coronavirus Regulations and FAQ – you can view the page here: ([https://www.cityofdhs.org/news/coronavirus-regulations-update-faqs?utm\\_content=129323406&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&hss\\_channel=fbp-1832794950084003](https://www.cityofdhs.org/news/coronavirus-regulations-update-faqs?utm_content=129323406&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&hss_channel=fbp-1832794950084003))
  - Face coverings and social distancing are still ordered within city limits

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](http://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus))

**State of California**

***See above for State Changes that affected Riverside County.***

State resources:

- For information on how one can help: ([www.serve.ca.gov](http://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**

- The New York Stock Exchanged reopened its trading floor since being close for two months
- Worldwide cases: 5,584,091
  - Deaths: 349,894
- US Cases: 1,680,301
  - Death toll: 98,875
  - Recovered: 384,902
  - Tested: 14,907,041

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