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COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

MSWD Operations

- No water quality complaints received. 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

- City of Desert Hot Springs declared a local emergency 03.18.2020
- City of Desert Hot Springs has limited access to their lobby.
- City of Desert Hot Springs staff has been placed on a rotating schedule
- City of Desert Hot Springs has limited gatherings to 10 people, have urged restaurants to close dine-in capabilities and only provide take-out or delivery
- Other 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

- For CA Department of Public Health Updates please visit:
(<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>)

Governor Newsom recently took the following actions in response to the coronavirus:

- Easing of restrictions on commercial drivers and suspension of labor codes regarding layoffs and terminations (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-EO-motor.pdf>)
- New guidance for K-12 schools regarding distance learning and school meals (https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/guidance.asp?utm_content=122131850)
- California National Guard placed on alert to protect local communities and fight the spread of COVID-19
- Signed emergency legislation that allocates \$1B to:
 - Increase hospital bed capacity and purchase medical equipment to combat the coming surge in COVID-19 patients;
 - Protect hospitals, nursing homes, and other facilities most vulnerable to COVID-19 spread;
 - Provide lifesaving services to Californians isolating at home;



- Support local government to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in homeless populations and provide safe beds for people experiencing homelessness; and
- Provide funding to clean child care facilities that remain open.

National

- 3.18.2020 – US Senate passed and President Trump signed into law House bill H.R. 6201, Families First Coronavirus Response Act which responds to the COVID-19 pandemic by:
 - providing paid sick leave, free coronavirus testing, expanding food assistance and unemployment benefits, and requiring employers to provide additional protections for health care workers.
- 3.18.2020 President trump declares FEMA Level 1 emergency
- 3.19.2020 The State Department issues a level 4 travel advisory to citizens not travel outside continental US. (this is highest travel alert level)

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