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## COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

### **MSWD Operations**

#### ***No MSWD changes from 03.23.2020 Update:***

- 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**

- Per Supervisor Perez' update, as of 12 pm noon, 3.26.2020:
  - 107 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
  - 41 of those cases are in Coachella Valley (CV)
  - 8 deaths in RivCo (7 in CV)
- Supervisor Perez announced starting 3/27 RivCo will provide case breakdown by city.
- Mobile Hospital was constructed and built at the Indio Fairgrounds on March 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Provide low/mid level acuity care and make sure that local hospitals do not get overwhelmed with patients once CV surge hits.
- City of Desert Hot Springs reinforcing that nonessential business needs to close.

#### *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
- Southwest Church Indian Wells is a drive thru test area, appointment only 1.800.945.6171, Tuesday – Saturday
- Desert Aids Project is also a COVID-19 Testing Center, by appointment only – 760.992.0407
- 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**

#### ***Updates from 03.23.2020 remain the same:***

- For CA Department of Public Health Updates please visit: (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>)
- On March 20, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-34-20.
  - The timeframe for conducting hearings for moving from an at-large election to a district-based election, as set forth in Elections Code section 10010, are **suspended** for any subdivision until social distancing and emergency measures have ceased.
    - Therefore, all public hearings for the transition from at-large to district elections for MSWD must be postponed.
- The Governor has mobilized the National Guard in order to assist food banks and other essential services.
- The State of California released a COVID-19 specific site: (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>)

### **National**

- The \$3 trillion stimulus bill has passed the Senate and is now in the US House of Representatives.
- The US has surpassed both China and Italy for amount of current COVID-19 cases. The US has the most cases in the world.
- 3.3 million Americans filed for unemployment last week. California saw 1 million people file for unemployment in the last couple weeks.

#### ***Updates from 03.24.2020 remain the same:***

- President Trump announced that he would like the US and its economy to reopen by Easter (April 12)
- US Navy Hospitals are being deployed; one is set to land in Los Angeles
- The majority of cases are in New York. The thought is that the virus must have been there for a few weeks before it was detected.
  - It was announced today that anyone having been to New York metro area within the last few weeks, should self-isolate for two weeks.
- The Summer 2020 Olympics have been postponed until 2021

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