



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 31, 2020  
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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

- County Update, 3.31.2020 at 3pm
  - 371 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
  - 30 Recovered
  - 13 deaths in RivCo
  - Cases by Coachella Valley city as of 3.3.2020:
    - Bermuda Dunes – 2 cases
    - Cathedral City - 10 cases
    - Coachella - 1 case
    - Desert Edge – 1 case
    - Desert Hot Springs - 7 cases
    - Indian Wells - 2 cases
    - Indio – 20 cases
    - La Quinta - 14 cases
    - Palm Desert - 21 cases, 1 death
    - Palm Springs - 31 cases, 2 deaths
    - Rancho Mirage - 13 cases, 2 deaths

#### *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
- 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**

- 3.31.2020 Governor Newsom launched a new hotline, in partnership with AARP, targeting older residents that are feeling isolated. This hotline will help individuals stay connected. The campaign is called "Stay Home. Save Lives. Check In."
  - Hotline #: (833) 544-2374
- The Governor's call to action for healthcare students or retired professionals was greatly heard.
  - In a 24 hours period, over 25,000 individuals signed up at ([www.healthcorps.ca.gov](http://www.healthcorps.ca.gov))
- In the next couple of days, Governor Newsome and the Superintendent of Public Health will make announcements regarding the school year
  - He talked about new distance learning guidelines that county superintendents will be implementing

### ***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 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 State of California released a COVID-19 specific site: (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>)

### **National**

### ***Updates from 03.30.2020 remain the same:***

- Over the weekend, President Trump signed the \$2-trillion stimulus bill into law. For more information, visit: (<https://www.nytimes.com/article/coronavirus-stimulus-package-questions-answers.html>)
- President Trump extended social distancing guidelines until April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - They expect the peak of the virus to occur within two weeks
- Over 1 million American have been tested for coronavirus
- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is first Western Leader to contract the virus.

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