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COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

MSWD Operations

- Per CSDA's advocacy efforts and recommendation, MSWD Board President Nancy Wright sent a letter to our DC elected officials (Congressman Ruiz, Senator Harris, and Senator Feinstein) urging them to consider including special districts in the fourth COVID-19 related relief bill. For more information on this letter, please contact: vlort@mswd.org

No MSWD changes from 04.01.2020 Update:

- After RivCo's face covering order, MSWD staff received masks for their protection
- MSWD Board declared local emergency at a special board meeting, 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 communicating with City of Desert Hot Springs and Riverside County EOCs
- All MSWD meetings are held telephonically.

Local – Desert Hot Springs/Riverside County

- After staff failed to show for a second day at a skilled nursing in facility in Riverside (Magnolia Rehabilitation & Nursing Center), the 84 patients were evacuated to other skilled nursing facilities or hospitals, due to their health condition.
 - 15 of those patients were moved to the ManorCare Health Services in Palm Desert
 - Some others were brought to the federal medical station at the Indio Fairgrounds.
 - RivCo has stated that there were 34 known coronavirus cases found among the residents and an additional five cases reported among employee
 - More information: (<https://nbcpalm Springs.com/2020/04/08/several-ambulances-arrive-at-manorcare-health-services-in-palm-desert/>)
- County Update, 04.08.2020 at 1:00pm
 - 1,179 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
 - 74 Recovered
 - 32 deaths in RivCo
 - Cases by Coachella Valley city:
 - Bermuda Dunes – 3 cases
 - Blythe – 2 cases
 - Cathedral City – 37 cases, 1 death
 - Coachella – 40 cases
 - Desert Edge – 2 cases
 - Desert Hot Springs -11 cases
 - Indian Wells - 9 cases

- Indio – 58 cases, 2 deaths
- La Quinta - 28 cases
- Palm Desert – 51 cases, 2 death
- Palm Springs – 60 cases, 8 deaths
- Rancho Mirage - 18 cases, 3 deaths

County Resources:

- 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
- 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

No significant CA changes from 04.01.2020

State resources:

- For information on how one can help, CA has launched: (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

- New York state alone now has more cases than Italy, nearly 150,000 cases
- Total US Cases: 429,052
- US COVID-19 death toll: 14,695
- The Cook County jail in Chicago has emerged as the largest-known source of U.S. coronavirus infections: As of Wednesday, at least 238 inmates and 115 staff members had tested positive.

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