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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, 04.14.2020 at 1:00pm
  - 1,961 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
  - 376 Recovered
  - 50 deaths in RivCo
  - 247 Hospitalizations
  - 66 ICU patients
  - Cases by Coachella Valley city as of 04.14.2020:
    - Bermuda Dunes – 4 cases
    - Blythe – 1 case
    - Cathedral City – 51 cases, 1 death
    - Coachella - 66 cases
    - Desert Edge – 2 cases
    - Desert Hot Springs - 22 cases
    - Indian Wells - 10 cases
    - Indio – 90 cases, 2 deaths
    - La Quinta - 33 cases
    - Palm Desert - 63 cases, 5 deaths
    - Palm Springs - 72 cases, 8 deaths
    - Rancho Mirage - 23 cases, 3 deaths

#### 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**

- Governor Newsom announced six (6) key points that will help determine when California will lift its stay-at-home order:
  - The ability to monitor and protect our communities through testing, contact tracing, isolating, and supporting those who are positive or exposed;
  - The ability to prevent infection in people who are at risk for more severe COVID-19;
  - The ability of the hospital and health systems to handle surges;
  - The ability to develop therapeutics to meet the demand;
  - The ability for businesses, schools, and childcare facilities to support physical distancing; and
  - The ability to determine when to reinstitute certain measures, such as the stay-at-home orders, if necessary.
- Newsom mentioned that some of these measures are proactive incase, once the stay in place order is lifted, there is a resurgence, the state would already have a system in place to handle it.

### **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**

- President Trump announced that he will be halting the United States funding and support of the World Health Organization (WHO) until an investigation regarding the WHO's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Worldwide cases are near 2 million with over 120,000 deceased
- US Cases: 547,627
  - Death toll: 23,134
  - Recovered: 43,482
- The Census Bureau announced that it would be asking the US Congress for a four-month delay in reporting population data

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