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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, 04.16.2020 at 1:00pm
    - 29,571 people tested
    - 2,264 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
    - 472 Recovered
    - 59 deaths in RivCo
    - 207 Current Hospitalizations, 70 in ICU
    - Cases by Coachella Valley city as of 04.16.2020:
        - Bermuda Dunes – 5 cases
        - Blythe – 1 case
        - Cathedral City – 55 cases, 1 death
        - Coachella - 73 cases
        - Desert Edge – 2 cases
        - Desert Hot Springs - 26 cases
        - Indian Wells - 10 cases
        - Indio – 96 cases, 2 deaths
        - La Quinta - 38 cases
        - Palm Desert - 69 cases, 5 deaths
        - Palm Springs - 73 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)

State of California

- Governor Newsom signed an executive order that will increase sanitary measures and give 2 weeks of supplemental paid sick leave for those in those in the **food sector**

State resources:

- For information on how one can help: (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 his three phase plan in order to reopening of schools/business
  - **Phase one**: strict social distancing for all people in public. Gatherings larger than 10 people are to be avoided and nonessential travel is discouraged.
  - **Phase two**: people are encouraged to maximize social distancing where possible and limit gatherings to no more than 50 people unless precautionary measures are taken. Travel could resume.
  - **Phase three**: a return to normalcy for most Americans, with a focus on identification and isolation of any new infections.
- 22 million new unemployment claims have been made in the last four weeks

- Worldwide cases: 2,152,647 & 143,802 deceased
- US Cases: 667,801
  - Death toll: 32,917
  - Recovered: 54,703
  - Tested: 3,401,064

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