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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, 04.17.2020 at 1:00pm
  - 32,779 people tested
  - 2,457 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
  - 544 Recovered
  - 69 deaths in RivCo
  - 216 Current Hospitalizations, 72 in ICU
  - Cases by Coachella Valley city as of 04.17.2020:
    - Bermuda Dunes – 5 cases
    - Blythe – 1 case
    - Cathedral City – 56 cases, 1 death
    - Coachella - 82 cases, 1 death
    - Desert Edge – 2 cases
    - Desert Hot Springs - 26 cases
    - Indian Wells - 10 cases
    - Indio – 103 cases, 2 deaths
    - La Quinta - 40 cases
    - Palm Desert - 70 cases, 5 deaths
    - Palm Springs - 74 cases, 8 deaths
    - Rancho Mirage - 23 cases, 3 deaths
- All RivCo residents are now eligible for testing, even if they show no symptoms
  - This will give experts a better idea of the extent of the illness in Riverside County

#### **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 the formation of an economic taskforce with four (4) former CA governors (Pete Wilson, Gray Davis, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Jerry Brown)

#### **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**

- Worldwide cases: 2,224,109 & 153,379 deceased
- US Cases: 692,169
  - Death toll: 36,721
  - Recovered: 58,469
  - Tested: 3,541,368

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