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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, 05.12.2020 at 1:00pm
  - 75,069 people tested
  - 5,248 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
  - 2,911 Recovered
  - 225 deaths in RivCo
  - 185 Current Hospitalizations, 69 in ICU
  - Cases by Coachella Valley city:
    - Bermuda Dunes – 6 cases
    - Blythe – 20 cases, 1 death
    - Cathedral City – 106 cases, 1 death
    - Coachella - 169 cases, 3 death
    - Desert Edge – 3 cases
    - Desert Hot Springs - 50 cases
    - Indian Wells - 13 cases
    - Indio – 163 cases, 5 deaths
    - La Quinta - 83 cases, 7 death
    - Palm Desert - 123 cases, 11 deaths
    - Palm Springs - 108 cases, 9 deaths
    - Rancho Mirage - 29 cases, 3 deaths
- 05.12.2020 – at the Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting, they voted 5-0 approving a “Readiness and Reopening Framework” which outlines different guidelines than those set by Governor Newsom in an effort to reopen RivCo's economy
  - For more details:  
(<https://www.desertsun.com/story/news/politics/2020/05/12/coronavirus-california-riverside-county-oks-reopening->)

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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 ()
- Riverside County Public health website with updates: ([www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus](http://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus))

**State of California**

- Today, Governor Newsome discussed his guidelines for counties to have an accelerated reopening in Phase Two. To view guidelines: (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>)
  - As of 6 pm, 5/12/2020 only seven (7) counties met those guidelines:
    - Amador, Butte, El Dorado, Lassen, Nevada, Placer, and Shasta Counties
    - To see list of approved counties: (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Local-Variance-Attestations.aspx>)

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: 4,256,991
  - Deaths: 291,487
- US Cases: 1,369,314
  - Death toll: 82,340
  - Recovered: 230,287
  - Tested: 9,655,039

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