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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, 05.07.2020 at 1:00pm
  - 85,304 people tested
  - 5,952 cases in Riverside County (RivCo)
  - 3,833 Recovered
  - 261 deaths in RivCo
  - 186 Current Hospitalizations, 68 in ICU
  - Cases by Coachella Valley city:
    - Bermuda Dunes – 6 cases
    - Blythe – 43 cases, 1 death
    - Cathedral City – 124 cases, 1 death
    - Coachella - 204 cases, 3 deaths
    - Desert Edge – 3 cases
    - Desert Hot Springs - 62 cases
    - Indian Wells - 13 cases
    - Indio – 214 cases, 5 deaths
    - La Quinta – 95 cases, 9 deaths
    - Palm Desert - 141 cases, 14 deaths
    - Palm Springs – 120 cases, 9 deaths
    - Rancho Mirage -32 cases, 3 deaths
- Supervisor Perez announced 5/18/2020 that he believes Riverside County will qualify for an accelerated Phase 2 process.
  - [http://www.rivco4.org/web/news/articles/news\\_0580.html](http://www.rivco4.org/web/news/articles/news_0580.html)



- <https://www.desertsun.com/story/news/health/2020/05/18/newsom-relaxes-criteria-riverside-county-could-more-favorable-position-reopen-officials-say/5216042002/>

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 laxer guidelines for counties to follow in order to move forward through Phase 2  
([https://www.desertsun.com/story/news/health/2020/05/18/newsom-relaxes-criteria-riverside-county-could-more-favorable-position-reopen-officials-say/5216042002/?utm\\_source=desertsun-News%20Alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=news\\_alerts&utm\\_term=news\\_alert](https://www.desertsun.com/story/news/health/2020/05/18/newsom-relaxes-criteria-riverside-county-could-more-favorable-position-reopen-officials-say/5216042002/?utm_source=desertsun-News%20Alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=news_alerts&utm_term=news_alert))

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**

- More than two thirds of the country have relaxed their stay at home orders.
- Worldwide cases: 4,786,672
  - Deaths: 317,695
- US Cases: 1,506,732
  - Death toll: 90,236
  - Recovered: 283,178
  - Tested: 11,834,508

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