



# INYO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

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## **INYO COUNTY COVID-19 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATE:** **MARCH 24, 2020 - 4:00 P.M.**

<https://www.inyocounty.us/coronavirus-covid-19-response>

### **Local Numbers Update:**

#### **Inyo County Cases:**

- 0 confirmed COVID-19 cases | 0 deaths

#### **Inyo County Testing:**

- Tests Administered: 54 (NIHD & Toiyabe)
- Tests Positive: 0
- Tests Negative: 20
- Tests Pending\*: 34

*\*Cases with pending results are monitored by medical staff ordering test; Inyo County Public Health monitors pending results identified as high probability individuals.*

#### **Mono County Cases:**

2 confirmed COVID-19 case | 0 deaths

Inyo County Health and Human Services- Public Health Division, Board of Supervisors, and County Administration are actively monitoring the situation involving the infectious disease outbreak of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). The Inyo County HHS Public Health division is the lead authority for all public health emergencies in our County.

Every effort is made to ensure the timely distribution of the Daily Updates by 5:00 pm. We appreciate your patience in the event the update is released later than anticipated.

For up-to-date information as well as previous updates please visit:

<https://www.inyocounty.us/coronavirus-covid-19-response>

## NEW Local Information, Action, & Recommendations

- **Mono County Second Confirmed Case** – A positive COVID-19 test result was received late March 23, a specimen collected seven days earlier from a young Mammoth Lakes area woman with an influenza-like illness (fever, body aches and cough). She is Mono County’s second confirmed COVID-19 case and she has fully recovered. Since the onset of her illness she has been appropriately self-isolating, minimizing the risk of transmission to others. This case has no apparent link to our first case and demonstrates again that community transmission of COVID-19 is occurring.
- **Return to Work Guidance** – The linked interim guidance below may help employers plan and prevent workplace exposures to acute respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, in non-healthcare settings. CDC recommends not requiring a healthcare provider’s note for employees who are sick with respiratory illness to validate their illness or to return to work, as healthcare provider offices and medical facilities are extremely busy and not able to provide such documentation in a timely way. Symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses include cough, fever and shortness of breath. Follow the linked guidelines below for any employee who has experienced these symptoms and is requesting to return to work:  
<https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-03/Criteria%20for%20Return%20to%20Work%20COVID.pdf>  
<https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-03/Interim%20Guidance%20for%20General%20Industry%20Employers%20COVID.pdf>

## NEW Statewide/ Federal Information, Action, & Recommendations

|                 | Global  | U.S.   | California |
|-----------------|---------|--------|------------|
| Confirmed Cases | 372,757 | 44,183 | 1,955      |
| Deaths          | 16,231  | 544    | 35         |

Global: [https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200324-sitrep-64-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=703b2c40\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200324-sitrep-64-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=703b2c40_2) (03/24/20 – 2pm)

US: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html> (03/24/20 – 2pm)

CA: [CHHS/ Cal OES Joint Report](#) (03/23/20 – 7pm)

- **FEMA Rumor Control Page:** On March 20, FEMA has established a COVID-19 rumor control page on their website to clear up misconceptions about the virus. Visitors to the page will also find fact sheets and archived news releases. The COVID-19 response pages can be found at: ENGLISH: <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus> SPANISH: <https://www.fema.gov/es/coronavirus>
- **Federal Student Loans:** The U.S. Department of Education is temporarily waiving interest on all federally held student loans and has directed federal lenders to suspend student loan

payments for 60 days. To view complete press release visit:

<https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/delivering-president-trumps-promise-secretary-devos-suspends-federal-student-loan-payments-waives-interest-during-national-emergency>

- The below government websites are updated constantly as updates become available. The designated COVID-19 guidance pages are provided below:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>

<https://covid19.ca.gov/>