



INYO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

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INYO COUNTY COVID-19 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATE

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

Local Information, Action, & Recommendations

- **Blueprint for a Safer Economy:** As of Tuesday, September 8, 2020, Inyo County remains in Tier 1 (Widespread), which is the most restrictive tier. However, case rates and test positivity rates have declined enough to qualify Inyo for a move to Tier 2 (Substantial) as of September 15, 2020. To view and track Inyo County’s current status within the new 4-tiered process for loosening and tightening restrictions based on case rates and test positivity rates, please visit: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>
- **Verily – Bishop Site:** The Verily community-based COVID-19 testing site in Bishop has temporarily been moved to the Bishop Senior Center, located at 682 Spruce St. in Bishop, to accommodate parking lot repairs at the Nazarene Church. To schedule a test in Bishop on 9/9, 9/10, 9/14, 9/16, or 9/17, visit www.projectbaseline.com and select the site named **Bishop (Inyo Mono Senior Center)**.
- **CRITICAL REMINDER - Failure to comply with Health Officer Orders places individuals and our community at increased risk of infection. Violation of Health Officer Orders may also result in a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine, or both (Health and Safety Code §120295).**

Statewide/ Federal Information, Action, & Recommendations

| | Global | U.S. | California |
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| Confirmed Cases | 27,437,294 | 6,324,042 | 743,848 |
| Deaths | 894,796 | 189,538 | 13,794 |

Global: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (09/08/20 –4:40 pm)

US: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (09/08/20 –4:40 pm)

CA: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (08/31/20 –3:30 pm)

- **Unhealthy Air quality in Wildfire Areas:** The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is urging residents in fire-stricken regions and surrounding areas to be aware of poor air quality and the effect it can have on their health. Air quality in many parts of the state may be unhealthy due to the increasing number of wildfires. The following tips can help Californians reduce smoke inhalation during wildfires:
 - **Stay Indoors:** Stay inside with the doors and windows closed to reduce exposure to smoky air. If you have power, run an air conditioner if you have one. If the air conditioner has a recirculate option, use it. Smoke levels can change throughout the day, so try to stay indoors during smokier times.
 - Remember that gathering with others indoors increases the risk of COVID-19 transmission. To reduce the risk of transmission when indoors, physically distance yourself 6 feet from individuals outside your immediate family, wash your hands frequently and wear a cloth face covering.
 - **Reduce Activity:** Reduce physical activity to reduce inhalation of smoky air. During exercise, people can increase their air intake as much as 20 times from their resting level.
 - **Be Prepared:** Monitor wildfire activity in your area and be prepared to evacuate if advised. Make sure you have all prescribed medications, including inhalers.

For information on air quality in your area and how to protect your health during wildfires, please visit <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/EPO/Pages/Wildfire%20Pages/Wildfires--.aspx>

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.