

# County of Inyo



## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Beginning March 17, 2020 only new updates will be provided below, for previous updates please visit <https://www.inyocounty.us/coronavirus-covid-19-response/press-releases-and-daily-updates>

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 is the lead authority for all public health emergencies in our County. Please visit <https://www.inyocounty.us/coronavirus-covid-19-response> for up-to-date information as well as previous updates.

- Current Statistics as of: March 18, 2020

	Global	United States	California	Inyo County	Mono County
Confirmed Cases	191,127	7,038	598	0	0
Deaths	7,807	97	13	0	0

Global:

[https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200318-sitrep-58-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=20876712\\_2](https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200318-sitrep-58-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=20876712_2)

US: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>

CA: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

- Inyo County Test Results as of: March 18, 2020

Total Tests Taken	Pending Results	Negative	Positive
23	19	4	0

### **NEW Local Information, Action, & Recommendations**

- School guidance: To provide additional measures of protection for the health of our community, the Inyo County Public Health Officer, Dr. James Richardson, is recommending the temporary closure of all Inyo County Schools. Dr. Richardson is recommending schools close in two week blocks, with the first block occurring from March 18 – April 1. An

opportunity exists to renew the closure at the end of each two week block. There are no current confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Inyo County however, if a positive case arises Dr. Richardson will re-assess the situation and make adjustments to his closure recommendations as necessary.

- **Travel Guidance:** Effective March 18, 2020, Inyo County Public Health Officer, Dr. James Richardson is strongly advising that all residents of Inyo County reconsider and postpone any recreational, leisure, or non-essential work-related travel that will take them outside of our community. This advisory is an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout the state, decrease strain on limited healthcare and essential services, and decrease the impact of COVID-19 on our local population, particularly our older adult residents. Additionally, Inyo County Department of Public Health is requesting that visitors that are not here on essential business return to their home and non-essential visitors planning to come to Inyo County cancel their travel plans and remain home. Again, this request is being made not only to decrease the spread of COVID-19 throughout the state but to also preserve vital resources in our small communities.
- **Panic Buying:** The California Department of Public Health has reinforced that the food distribution chain is critical to the public's health and grocery stores should remain fully open and operational. Please continue to buy normal quantities of the items you need on the same schedule you normally do. This will ensure that there is enough for everyone and that essential goods are not taken out of the hands of people who need them the most.
- **NIHD's Rural Health Clinic** began drive-in testing for coronavirus. Eligibility to be seen at the drive-in starts with a pre-screening telephone interview with a clinical staff member. A determination of the patient's risk status follows and then scheduling an appointment slot for the parking lot if indicated. Patients will be greeted outside of the clinic at the appropriate time by the provider and care team in personal protective equipment (PPE), interviewed briefly, and a nose or mouth swab obtained. Contact the RHC at (760) 873-2849 for questions.

### **NEW Statewide Information, Action, & Recommendations**

- California State Parks temporarily closed all campgrounds in the State Park System to support state and local efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Non-campground outdoor areas of parks, including trails and beaches, remain open.
- Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order taking action to ensure that California's most vulnerable residents can continue to receive health care, food assistance and in-home supportive services in a timely manner during the COVID-19 outbreak, the executive order

will extend the eligibility period for important safety net services. Eligibility re-determinations will be waived for 90 days for Californians who participate in:

- Medi-Cal health coverage
  - CalFresh food assistance
  - CalWORKS
  - Cash Assistance for Immigrants; and
  - In-Home Supportive Services
- California launched a new website to boost COVID-19 awareness: [www.covid19.ca.gov](http://www.covid19.ca.gov)
  - The California Department of Public Health's designated COVID-19 guidance page is provided below: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>