



INYO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

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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 will be 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>

- Current Statistics as of: March 21 2020

	Global	United States	California	Inyo County	Mono County
Confirmed Cases	274,164	15,219	1,224	0	1
Deaths	11,354	201	23	0	0

Global: [CDPH/Cal OES Joint Report](#)

US: [CDPH/Cal OES Joint Report](#)

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

- Inyo County Test Results as of: March 21, 2020 @ 2:00 pm

Total Tests Taken	Pending Results	Negative	Positive
32	23	9	0

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- **Mono County Presumptive Positive COVID-19 Case:** March 21, 2020 – 8:00am: Mammoth Hospital has identified a patient who is presumptively positive for COVID-19. The patient is a male who was hospitalized March 15, 2020, and has been maintained in isolation while receiving treatment. The patient is in good condition.
Mono County Public Health Department has been actively identifying contact history for the patient. Individuals who have had contact are self-isolating at home with Health Department supervision. The investigation and monitoring is ongoing. To read the complete press release visit:
https://webapps.mono.ca.gov/COVIDDocs/PressReleases/Press%20Release_COVID19%20Test%20Positive%20Case_3-21-2020_FINAL.pdf
- **Inyo County Public Health Order:** Inyo County Public Health Officer issued a Public Health Order reinforcing Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-33-20 by explicitly prohibiting any non-essential professional, social, or community gathering, and specifically ordering the temporary closure of non-essential businesses. This Order applies within the County of Inyo, beginning March 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and continues until rescinded by the Health Officer. To read the complete Order please visit:
https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-03/ORDER_3.20.20.pdf
- **Inyo County SAR – Do Not Take Part in High-risk Outdoor Activity:** The Inyo County Sheriff's Office, on behalf of Inyo County Search and Rescue (SAR), requests that people do not take part in high risk outdoor activities at this time. Activities include backpacking, climbing, peak bagging, backcountry skiing, or anything that puts you at risk for potential rescue. If you get sick, lost or injured and require SAR assistance, the responding team of volunteers will have to break social distancing and State mandated isolation by sharing rescue equipment, radios, and vehicles. You will be potentially taking those rescuers out of service for weeks due to post-mission quarantine protocols. In addition, many SAR teams, including ours, are operating at a diminished capacity due to many members practicing social distancing and not responding to operations due to age or other risk factors. Your preventable backcountry injury will also stress ambulance and emergency room services. It is highly unlikely helicopters are available to assist in your rescue. Inyo County Sheriff's Office DOES NOT own or operate any air assets, and our allied agency helicopters are currently operating at a very limited capacity.

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- **Shelter in Place Order:** Effective March 19th, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an order to all individuals living in the State of California to stay home except as needed to maintain

continuity of operations of critical infrastructure sectors, and to conduct essential activities like shopping for food or seeking medical care. When people need to leave their homes or places of residence to facilitate authorized necessary activities, they should at all times practice social distancing.

Essential services will remain open, such as:

- Gas stations
- Pharmacies
- Food: Grocery stores, farmers markets, food banks, convenience stores, take-out and delivery restaurants
- Banks
- Laundromats/laundry services
- Essential state and local government functions will also remain open, including law enforcement and offices that provide government programs and services. In order to practice social distancing, many government offices will be closed to walk-in traffic, but will provide service by phone or other means.

What's closed?

- Dine-in restaurants
- Bars and nightclubs
- Entertainment venues
- Gyms and fitness studios
- Public events and gatherings
- Convention Centers
- Hair and nail salons

This order is in place until further notice. Further details regarding the Governor's Executive order and information on critical services can be located at <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>

- The California Department of Public Health website is updated constantly as updates become available. The designated COVID-19 guidance page is provided below:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>