



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 Numbers Update:

Inyo County Cases:

- 18 confirmed COVID-19 cases | 0 deaths | 10 recovered

Inyo County Testing:

- Tests Administered: 202 (NIHD, SIH, & Toiyabe)
 - Tests Positive: 18
 - Tests Negative: 168
 - Tests Pending*: 16
- *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:

23 confirmed COVID-19 case | 1 deaths

Local Information, Action, & Recommendations

- **Inyo County 18th Positive:** Inyo County's Public Health Officer, Dr. James Richardson, received notification this afternoon from Northern Inyo Healthcare District regarding one new positive COVID-19 case for an Inyo County resident. Inyo County Public Health is working to determine the source of the infection, and is conducting investigations to identify potential exposures and notify contacts. For more information visit:
https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-04/18_Total_COVID_Positive.pdf
- **Inyo County asks CDFW for Fishing Opener Postponement:** On Wednesday April 15, California Fish and Game commission granted authority to the Director of Fish and Wildlife to take emergency actions related to the fishing opener in the Eastern Sierra Region. Inyo

County Unified Command fully anticipates that authority will be approved by the Administrative Office of Law and the Secretary of State early next week. In anticipation of that approval, the County of Inyo expects the fishing opener will be postponed until the Governor rescinds his executive order barring non-essential travel and the Stay at Home Order. For more information visit: <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/press-releases/news/fishing-season-opener-postponement>

- **COVID-19 Prevention** – Remember that you can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 by staying home as much as possible, washing your hands frequently, by practicing social distancing, and using a cloth face covering when in public.
- **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).** Additional actions may be taken by the Health Officer, including civil detention or requiring one to stay at a health facility or other location, to protect the public’s health if an individual who is subject to a Health Order violates or fails to comply with Health Officer orders. The best enforcement tool we have is social pressure, so if you see inappropriate behavior, say something! Current Orders issued by the Health Officer can be viewed at <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/press-releases>.

Statewide/ Federal Information, Action, & Recommendations

	Global	U.S.	California
Confirmed Cases	2,235,370	699,850	28,887
Deaths	153,818	37,242	1,021

Global: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/> (04/17/20 –3:00pm)

US: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/> (04/17/20 – 3:00pm)

CA: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/> (04/17/20 – 3:00pm)

- **Paid Sick Leave Benefits for Food Sector Workers Impacted by COVID-19:** Governor Gavin Newsom today signed an executive order to support California workers from large employers in the food sector industry impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with two weeks of paid sick leave. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/04/16/governor-newsom-announces-paid-sick-leave-benefits-for-food-sector-workers-impacted-by-covid-19-additional-protections-for-consumers/>
- **Executive Order on Actions in Response to COVID-19:** Governor Gavin Newsom today signed an executive order addressing a variety of issues in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including adjusting admissions requirements for the California State University

system, providing flexibility for 60 days on background checks for critical infrastructure sectors, federal stimulus checks to flow directly to custodial parents owed back child support payments and will additionally allow for commercially licensed food trucks to be able to temporarily operate in roadside rest areas for a period of 60 days. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/04/16/governor-newsom-signs-executive-order-on-actions-in-response-to-covid-19/>

- The below government COVID-19 guidance pages are updated constantly as new information becomes available:

<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/>

<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>

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.