



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:

- 19 confirmed COVID-19 cases | 1 deaths | 15 recovered

Inyo County Testing:

- Tests Administered: 363 (NIHD, SIH, & Toiyabe)
- Tests Positive: 19
- Tests Negative: 335
- Tests Pending*: 9

**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:

- 28 confirmed COVID-19 case | 1 deaths

Inyo County Demographics

Ages	COVID-19 Cases
Ages 0-18	0
Ages 19-49	12
Ages 50-64	2
Ages 65+	5
Unreported or Missing Data	0
Gender	
Gender	COVID-19 Cases
Male	12
Female	7
Gender ID or Missing Data	0

Local Information, Action, & Recommendations

- **Stage 2 Reopening UPDATE:** At today's special Board Meeting to discuss COVID-19 response, the County Board of Supervisors heard an update from Health and Human Services officials and the County Health Officer about modifications to the Governor's statewide Stay-at-Home Order, which will allow lower risk retail including: bookstores, clothing stores, florists, and sporting goods stores, to reopen for curbside pick-up beginning Friday, May 8. The Board was also updated about the County's plans to submit an attestation to the California Department of Public Health that certifies that necessary metrics have been met for accelerating Stage Two of the California Resilience Roadmap, and expediting the reopening Inyo County's lower risk retail establishments. This may include modified seating at dine-in establishments and some retail shopping. The County hopes to fast-track work on the attestation and have it completed on or before May 19. To view the recorded meeting visit: <https://inyococa.civicclerk.com/Web/Player.aspx?id=3035&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0> For more information visit: <https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-05/Inyo-County-Updated-COVID-19-Response.pdf>
- **Inyo County Universal Cloth Face Covering Health Order:** Effective May 8th, the Inyo County Public Health Officer issued a Public Health Order mandating the universal use of cloth face coverings by the general public when leaving their homes to access essential and non-essential services, especially when unable to maintain 6' social distancing. For more information visit: <https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-05/05.08.2020-Inyo-HO-Order-re-Face-Coverings.pdf>
- **Inyo County Health Order Revisions:** As the Governor modifies the State's Stay-at Home Order, the County seeks to not be more restrictive, unless local conditions require it. To that end, Local Health Officer Orders that will be rescinded are:
 - Order issued 3/20/2020 - Temporary Prohibition of Non-Essential Public Gatherings, Required Social Distancing Measures, Closure and Limitations of Certain Businesses.
 - Order issued 3/31/2020 - Businesses Operating During COVID-19

Note: Despite the rescission of these local orders, many of their provisions remain in effect statewide pursuant to the Governor's current executive orders and guidance. The public is advised to review those orders & to contact state or local health departments with questions.

Those that remain in effect are:

- A May 8, 2020 revision of the Order issued March 27, 2020 that requires self-isolation and quarantine for individuals who are diagnosed with COVID-19, and their close contacts.
- Order issued on April 23, 2020, amended and superseded the Health Officer order issued on March 31, 2020 and prohibits certain short-term rentals.
- Order issued on April 27, 2020 provides for universal use of face masks at all residential, long-term care, and skilled nursing facilities and provides guidance as to the types of masks that can be used under certain conditions.

For more information on the Revised Inyo County Health Order visit:

https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-05/Rescind-Certain-Local-Health-Orders_5.8.20.pdf

For more information on the Revised State of California Health Order visit:

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/5.7.20-EO-N-63-20.pdf>

- **Parking Lot or Drive-in Gatherings:** The California Department of Public Health indicated that as of May 7th services held by churches or school graduations, can occur using a “drive-in” model in which each vehicle is occupied by only common household members, appropriate 6 foot social distancing between vehicles is maintained and masking orders are followed.
- **REOPEN INYO PLANNING** – Reopening past Stage 2 hinges on the Governor. California State orders have been modified, moving us into Stage 2 of the four-stage reopening process effective May 8th.

What can each of you do to help make the transition to stage 2 successful?

- Continue to maintain social distance – when you enter a business, when you encounter someone in the community, when you engage in any activity outside of your immediate home environment, make sure you keep 6’ of distance between yourself and others
 - Wear a cloth face covering when leaving your home to access essential and non-essential services, especially when unable to maintain 6' social distancing.
 - Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds frequently
 - Use hand sanitizer in the absence of soap and water
 - Stay at home and isolate when you are experiencing cold and flu-like symptoms
- **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
Confirmed Cases	4,006,561	1,319,434	63,699
Deaths	275,755	78,505	2,611

Global: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/> (05/08/20 –4:00 pm)

US: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/> (05/08/20 –4:00 pm)

CA: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/> (05/08/20 –4:00 pm)

- **Executive Order-General Election Mail Ballots:** Governor Gavin Newsom today signed an executive order to ensure that Californians can exercise their right to vote in a safe and accessible manner during the General Election this November. The order requires that each county’s elections officials send vote-by-mail ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election to all registered voters. Californians who may need access to in-person voting opportunities – including

individuals with disabilities, individuals who speak languages other than English, individuals experiencing homelessness, and others – will still be able to access in-person voting opportunities. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/05/08/governor-newsom-issues-executive-order-to-protect-public-health-by-mailing-every-registered-voter-a-ballot-ahead-of-the-november-general-election/>

- 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.