



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 death | 15 recovered

Inyo County Testing:

- Total Tests Administered: 568 (NIHD, SIH, & Toiyabe)
- Tests Positive: 19
- Tests Negative: 542
- Tests Pending*: 7

**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:

- 34 confirmed COVID-19 case | 1 death

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

- **Short-Term Rental Update:** Inyo County Health Officer Dr. James Richardson, in consultation with the Inyo County Unified Command, has rescinded the prior Health Officer Order prohibiting short-term rentals. Following the rescission of this order, campgrounds and RV parks may now rent to customers less than 30 days. Privately operated short-term rentals (such as Airbnb's), vacation rentals, timeshares, hotels, motels, or any other facility where the business is renting the customer a physical room or structure must continue to follow Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-60-20 and the stages of reopening set out in California's Resilience Roadmap by only renting to essential workers and local residents. For more information visit: <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/press-releases/news/short-term-rental-update>
- **Inyo County Fishing Opener:** Today, May 26th, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors submitted a request to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife requesting that Inyo County's fishing opener, previously scheduled for June 1st, be moved forward and open as early as May 27th.
- **Small Business Development Center Webinar – Loan Forgiveness:** Small businesses can learn details about the SBA's Final Interim Rules released Friday that give new guidance to borrowers requesting forgiveness of their Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") loans in a free webinar hosted by the Small Business Development Center at CSU Bakersfield this week. "Managing Your Small Business during the Pandemic Crisis" will be online Wednesday, May 27, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Register online at www.tinyurl.com/BusinessRelief11 to attend.
- **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	5,652,533	1,722,855	99,357
Deaths	350,403	100,468	3,852

Global: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/> (05/26/20 –3:00 pm)

US: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/> (05/26/20 –3:00 pm)

CA: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/> (05/26/20 –3:00 pm)

- **Statewide Reopening of Places of Worship and In-Store Retail:** The California Department of Public Health today announced the statewide reopening of places of worship for religious services and in-store retail shopping. Modifications are required to keep Californians safe and limit the spread of COVID-19. Subject to approval by county public health departments, all retail stores can reopen for in-store shopping under previously issued guidelines. Under new guidance, places of worship can

hold religious services and funerals that limit attendance to 25% of a building's capacity – or up to 100 attendees, whichever is lower. An Inyo County Business Attestation form must be completed and approved prior to reopening which can be located at <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/reopening-inyo-businesses/business-attestation-form>

- **Hair Salon/ Barber Shop:** Today the State of California issued guidance (<https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hair-salons.pdf>) for hair salons and barbershops that are located in counties, including Inyo County, that have received a variance from the state to move further ahead into Stage 2 of the resilience roadmap. This guidance states that “services for [hair salon and barbershop] operations must be limited to services that can be provided with both the worker and customer wearing face coverings for the entirety of the service. For example, haircuts, weaves and extensions, braiding, lock maintenance, wig maintenance, hair relaxing treatments, and color services can be provided. Services that cannot be performed with face coverings on both the worker and customer or that require touching the customer’s face, e.g., eyelash services, eyebrow waxing and threading, facials, etc., should be suspended until those types of services are allowed to resume.”

Hair salons and barbershops that have implemented the safety measures identified in the guidance and submitted their Inyo County Business Attestation Form may be able to reopen in Inyo as early as Wednesday, May 27. <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/reopening-inyo-businesses/business-attestation-form>

According to information posted to the State of California website (<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/>) , other personal services, like nail salons, tattoo parlors, gyms and fitness studios are not permitted to open at this time.

- **Public Protests:** Public protests are now part of a phased-in restoration of gatherings. Even with adherence to physical distancing, bringing members of different households together to engage in in-person protest carries a higher risk of widespread transmission of COVID-19. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that those exercising their right to engage in political expression should utilize alternative channels, such as the many online and broadcasting platforms available in the digital age, in place of in-person gatherings. However, state public health directives do not prohibit in-person protests as long as (1) attendance is limited to 25% of the relevant area’s maximum occupancy, as defined by the relevant local permitting authority or other relevant authority, or a maximum of 100 attendees, whichever is lower, and (2) physical distancing of six feet between persons or groups of persons from different households is maintained at all times. Failure to maintain adequate physical distancing may result in an order to disperse or other enforcement action. Face coverings are strongly recommended. For more information visit: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#political>

- 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.