



# 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 Information, Action, & Recommendations

- **Inyo County Modified Re-Opening:** As of Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, hair salons and barber shops can resume indoor operations. This does not apply to nail salons and other personal care services which must continue to operate outdoors. To view and track Inyo Count’s current status within the new 4-tiered process for loosening and tightening restrictions based primarily on case rates and test positivity rates, please visit: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>
- **Verily – Bishop Site:** Community-based COVID-19 testing at the Verily site in Bishop will not be available Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup>. Testing will resume on September 14th. Lone Pine testing is not affected.
- **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	25,334,339	6,023,368	708,318
Deaths	848,084	183,431	12,980

Global: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (08/31/20 –3:30 pm)

US: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (08/31/20 –3:30 pm)

CA: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (08/31/20 –3:30 pm)

- **Blueprint for a Safer Economy:** On August 28<sup>th</sup> Governor Gavin Newsom today unveiled the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, a statewide, stringent and slow plan for living with COVID-19 for the long haul. The plan imposes risk-based criteria on tightening and loosening COVID-19 allowable activities and expands the length of time between changes to assess how any movement affects the trajectory of the disease. Based on recent data, each county will fall into one of four colored tiers – Purple (Widespread), Red (Substantial), Orange (Moderate) and Yellow (Minimal) – based on how prevalent COVID-19 is in each county and the extent of community spread. That color will indicate how sectors can operate; Inyo County is currently in the “purple” category. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/08/28/governor-newsom-unveils-blueprint-for-a-safer-economy-a-statewide-stringent-and-slow-plan-for-living-with-covid-19/>
- **Guidance for In-Person Supervision of Groups of Children:** On August 25<sup>th</sup> the California Department of Public Health today released guidance regarding the in-person supervision of cohorts of children or youth in educational and childcare settings. A cohort is a stable group of no more than 14 children or youth and no more than two supervising adults in a supervised environment in which the adults and children stay together for all activities and avoids contact with people outside of their group in the setting. To view the guidance please visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR20-207.aspx>. To view the FAQs please visit: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools-cohort-FAQ.pdf>
- **COVID-19 Testing Expansion:** On August 26<sup>th</sup> Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California has signed a groundbreaking contract with a major diagnostics company, which will allow California to process up to an additional 150,000 COVID-19 diagnostic tests a day, with a contractual turnaround time of 24-48 hours. The goal is to stand up a laboratory facility and begin processing tens of thousands of additional tests by November 1 and run at full capacity by -no later than March 1, 2021. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/08/26/governor-newsom-announces-major-plan-to-more-than-double-states-testing-capacity-reduce-turnaround-time/>

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.