



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

- **Getting Vaccinated Against Flu is More Important Than Ever:** In an effort to prevent a "twindemic" of COVID-19 and seasonal influenza, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is urging Californians to get vaccinated against the flu now to protect yourself and your loved ones. Flu vaccination is part of a comprehensive public health strategy to reduce the burden of flu, but also to preserve health care resources for care of patients with COVID-19. The Inyo County Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health and Prevention division is organizing drive through flu vaccination clinics. The first two clinics are scheduled to take place:

Bishop Tri-County Fairgrounds: Sunday, 9/27/2020 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Big Pine School: Sunday, 10/4/2020 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Additional clinics will be held in Independence, Lone Pine, Olancho, Tecopa, and Furnace Creek, details to be released once locations are finalized.

This is a no cost clinic and appointments are **not** necessary. For more information or questions please contact Public Health at 760-873-7868.

- **Inyo County Moved to a New Tier:** Effective noon September 15th, under [California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#), Inyo County officially moved to a new tier and more businesses were permitted to open.

Summary of changes:

1. Restaurants – May open indoors at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer, with modifications.
2. Personal Care Services – Nail Salons, Massage, Tattoo Parlors, Indoors with modifications
3. Gyms & Fitness Centers – Indoors with modifications, 10% of capacity, with modifications
4. Movie Theaters – Indoors with modifications, 25% of capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
5. All retail – Indoors with modifications, 50% capacity
6. Places of Worship – Indoors with modifications, 25% of capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer

7. Hotels and Lodging – may open Fitness Centers at 10% of capacity
8. Museums, Zoos and Aquariums – Indoors with modifications, 25% of capacity
9. Malls, Destination Centers and Swap Meets – Indoors with modifications, 50% of capacity, common areas remain closed

Inyo County will be required to stay at this level for three weeks; if the number of cases and percentage of positive cases stay low, Inyo County will move to the next level on October 6.

- **Verily – Bishop Site:** The temporary relocation of the Verily community-based COVID-19 testing site to the Bishop Senior Center, located at 682 Spruce St. in Bishop, has been extended through September 24th. To schedule a test in Bishop on 9/23 or 9/24, visit www.projectbaseline.com and select the site named Bishop (Inyo Mono Senior Center). Please note that the testing site is subject to closure if air quality is unhealthy.
- **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	31,180,434	6,830,209	788,640
Deaths	962,232	199,756	15,036

Global: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (09/21/20 –3:00 pm)

US: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (09/21/20 –3:00 pm)

CA: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (09/21/20 –3:00 pm)

- **Legislation to Protect California’s Workforce:** On September 17th Governor Gavin Newsom two bills as part of his worker protection package, SB 1159 and AB 685. SB 1159 expands access to workers’ compensation and makes it easier for first responders, health care workers and people who test positive due to an outbreak at work to get the support they need, including necessary medical care and wage replacement benefits. AB 685 ensures timely notification to employees and local and state public health officials of COVID-19 cases at workplaces. This notification will help workers take necessary precautions such as seeking testing, getting medical help or complying with quarantine directives. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/09/17/governor-newsom-signs-legislation-to-protect-californias-workforce-amid-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

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.