



# 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>

- **Guidance for Safer Halloween and Día de los Muertos Celebrations:** On October 13<sup>th</sup> the California Department of Public Health issued updated guidance regarding Halloween and Día de los Muertos celebrations. Some of the traditional holiday activities promote congregating and mixing of households, which increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19. For this reason, CDPH recommends that you choose a safer alternative way to celebrate Halloween and Día de los Muertos, and strongly discourages trick-or-treating. The safest way to celebrate Halloween is to spend time with people in the same household or to celebrate virtually; to protect yourself and your community, you should not go trick-or-treating or mix with others outside allowed private gatherings this Halloween season. For more information and safer celebration alternatives visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Safer-Halloween-and-Dia-de-los-Muertos-Celebrations-during-COVID-19.aspx>
- **Inyo County Flu Vaccination Clinics:** The Inyo County Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health and Prevention division continues to host drive through flu vaccination clinics. The clinic that was scheduled for yesterday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-2pm in Independence was cancelled due to unhealthy air quality and will be rescheduled to take place this **Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 3pm to 6pm**. The clinic will be held at the backside of the Court House, off of N. Jackson Street, unless weather or smoke prohibits; in which case it will be held at Legion Hall – 201 N Edwards St, Independence as a walk up/ walk in style. Please ensure that you comply with the following drive-up safety guidance:
  - Patients must remain in their vehicles
  - Children must remain restrained in car seats
  - Vehicle occupants must wear face covering or shield with drape at all times
  - Dogs or other animals should not accompany the patientAnd the following walk-in guidance:
  - Patients must maintain at least 6 foot distance from each other while waiting
  - Patients must wear face covering or shield with drape at all timesAdditional clinics will be held in Lone Pine, Olancho, Tecopa, Shoshone, and Furnace Creek. For a detailed list of all locations, visit <https://www.inyocounty.us/services/health-human-services/public-health-and-prevention-division/immunizations-and-flu-shots>. This is a no cost clinic and appointments are **not** necessary. For more information please contact Public Health at 760-873-7868.

**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	40,269,921	8,201,554	877,762
Deaths	1,116,138	220,020	16,974

Global: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (10/19/20 – 2:30 pm)

US: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (10/19/20 – 2:30 pm)

CA: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (10/19/20 – 2:30 pm)

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.