



# INYO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

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## INYO COUNTY COVID-19 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATE

*March 1, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.*

<https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19>

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Update:** Information and updates regarding vaccine roll out continue to be posted to the Inyo County Vaccine Information webpage, <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/vaccine-information>. Inyo County is currently receiving 500 1st dose vaccines per week, which is being divided between the groups of individuals who are currently eligible for the vaccine: Phase 1A medical workers; Phase 1B Tier 1 emergency responders, teachers and childcare workers, food and agriculture workers, and people aged 65 and over. Please make sure to register for your vaccine appointment at <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/vaccine-information> and you will be contacted when an appointment is available. Residents without access to a computer can receive registration assistance by leaving their name and phone number on 760-873-3232, a member of our team will return your call the following Tuesday or Thursday from 8 am to 12 noon. For those who have computer access and have vaccination related questions please email them to [vaccineinfo@inyocounty.us](mailto:vaccineinfo@inyocounty.us). Email is strongly preferred over phone and will be answered more quickly.
- **COVID-19 Community Testing Change:** The free community COVID-19 testing in Inyo County is transitioning to a new test provider as of February 28, 2021. Under the new contract, testing days and times in Bishop and Lone Pine will change. Updated community-based testing information:
  - Testing site information:
    - **Bishop:** Tri-County Fairgrounds, Tallman Pavilion  
Monday and Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm
    - **Lone Pine:** Statham Hall  
Tuesday and Friday 8:00am – 4:00pmResidents can register for testing at <https://www.lhi.care/covidtesting>. There will not be a phone-assisted registration option, but walk-ups will be accepted. As of February 28, the former website and testing company, Verily/ProjectBaseline, will no longer hold the State testing contract for community-based testing in Inyo County. Starting today, March 1, OptumServe will be responsible for operating the community-based testing sites in Bishop and Lone Pine.
- **Metabolic Studio Expands Inyo County Nonprofit Grant Program:** Inyo County was recently notified that the Metabolic Studio has awarded the county a grant for \$100,000 in support of the Community Resiliency Grant Program. The additional funding will allow the county to accept applications for a second round of grant awards. The deadline for applications for the second round of grants has been set for March 9, 2021. For more information including applications visit: <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/reopening-inyo-businesses/community-resiliency-grant>

**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	114,391,317	28,652,953	3,570,849
Deaths	2,536,905	514,253	52,313

<https://coronavirus.ihp.edu/data> (03/01/21 – 3:00 pm)

- **State Outlines Equity-Centered Plan to Accelerate Access to COVID Vaccines for Education Workers:** Beginning March 1, at least 10 percent of California’s vaccine supply will be dedicated to education workers – including teachers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, child care workers and site-based administrators. The State will be directing vaccines to counties and school communities weighted by equity, including the proportion of students from low-income families, English learners and homeless youth. In turn, education workers will qualify for vaccine prioritization based on occupational health exposure – whether they are currently reporting or will imminently report in person. *As of January 2021, Inyo County has been and continues to vaccinate education workers, placing us ahead of the state in vaccination rates for education workers.* For more information visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/02/25/working-to-get-kids-back-to-school-state-outlines-equity-centered-plan-to-accelerate-access-to-covid-vaccines-for-education-workers/>