



# 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>

- **COVID-19 Vaccination 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose Clinic:** On Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> Inyo County Health and Human Services, in partnership with Northern Inyo Hospital, hosted a mass vaccination clinic for Inyo County residents aged 65+. If you were a recipient of one of the 1,013 doses administered, you must attend the second dose clinic being held this weekend, March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Your appointment for this clinic was scheduled at the same time your first appointment was scheduled and unless changed is for the same day and time as your first does (e.g. if your first dose appointment was for Saturday, 2/20 at 9:00am, then your second dose appointment will be for Saturday, 3/13 at 9:00am), if you need to verify your appointment day and time you can call (833) 422-4255. Please remember to bring identification, wear a mask, and wear a t-shirt under your warm layers.
- **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. Beginning March 15, individuals age 16-64 with certain severe health conditions will be eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine.

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.

**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	117,060,462	29,033,369	3,600,381
Deaths	2,597,318	525,619	54,276

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (03/08/21 – 2:00 pm)

- **State Updates Blueprint to Allow Additional Outdoor Activities:** On March 5<sup>th</sup> the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released updates to the state’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy reopening framework focused on activities that can be conducted outdoors with consistent masking, two factors that are scientifically shown to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread. The updates allow outdoor ballparks, stadiums and theme parks to open with significantly reduced capacity, mandatory masking and other public health precautions. These changes take effect April 1. For more information visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-075.aspx>
- **State Updates Guidance for Youth and Adult Recreational Sports:** On March 4<sup>th</sup> the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released an update to its outdoor and indoor youth and recreational adult sports guidance to authorize any youth or adult recreational sports team, including indoor sports, to begin practice with contact and competition at any time if they adhere to the specific requirements applicable to college sports under the COVID-19 Industry Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education, located here <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-higher-education--en.pdf>. For more information visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-074.aspx#>
- **California Leads with Public Health and Vaccine Equity to Safely and Sustainably Reopen:** On March 4<sup>th</sup> the Newsom Administration announced that California has set aside 40 percent of vaccine doses for the hardest-hit communities and established a vaccine equity metric – which seeks to increase vaccinations in those communities – as a prelude to adjusting the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. The initial goal of the vaccine equity metric is to deliver a minimum of 2 million doses in the next two weeks to the hardest-hit quarter of the state. Once that threshold is reached, the Blueprint for a Safer Economy will be updated to allow for somewhat higher case rates in each tier, with an overall effect of allowing counties to loosen health restrictions at a somewhat accelerated, but still responsible, pace. The Blueprint will be updated again when 4 million doses have been administered in the vaccine equity quartile. For more information visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-072.aspx>
- **Governor Newsom Signs \$6.6 Billion Package to Return Kids to the Classroom:** On March 5<sup>th</sup> Governor Gavin Newsom signed a \$6.6 billion package to accelerate the safe return to in-person instruction across California and empower schools to immediately expand academic, mental health and social-emotional supports, including over the summer. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/03/05/governor-newsom-signs-6-6-billion-package-to-return-kids-to-the-classroom-and-bolster-student-supports/>
- **Executive Order in Response to COVID-19:** On March 4<sup>th</sup> Governor Gavin Newsom today signed an executive order extending authorization for local governments to halt evictions for commercial renters impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through June 30, 2021. The order also extends protections against price gouging for emergency supplies and medical supplies amid the ongoing emergency response to the pandemic. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/03/04/governor-newsom-signs-executive-order-in-response-to-covid-19-pandemic-3-4-21/>