



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 Vaccine Update:** As of March 15th, individuals aged 16-64 with certain health conditions are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine. 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, people aged 65 and over, and individuals with certain health conditions.

If you believe you are eligible for the vaccine, visit <https://myturn.ca.gov/>. Vaccination appointments are currently available on the MyTurn site in the Bishop area for this week. Enter zip code 93514 to see available appointments. Eligible individuals in the Lone Pine area may make an appointment for vaccine by calling Southern Inyo Clinic at 760-876-1146. Additional appointments may open up via different appointment links and be announced when available to people on the Inyo County registration list. You can sign up for the Inyo County registration list here: <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/vaccine-information>.

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	123,541,704	29,861,457	3,641,816
Deaths	2,720,169	542,845	57,539

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (03/22/21 - 4:00 pm)

- **Updates to Reopening In-Person Instruction Guidance for K-12 Schools:** On March 20th the California Department of Public Health updated the COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework and Guidance for K-12 Schools to reflect physical distancing guidance under "Classroom Space" which states: "Distance teacher and other staff desks at least 6 feet away from student and other staff desks. Maintaining a minimum of 3 feet between student chairs is strongly recommended." For more information visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID19-K12-Schools-InPerson-Instruction.aspx>

- Updates to Youth Sports Guidance:** On March 16th the California Department of Public Health updated the Youth Sports Guidance to include sideline cheer and flag football as moderate-contact sports, which is permitted in Red Tier counties. Inyo County is currently in the Purple Tier and low-contact sports are permitted. For more information on sports permitted visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/outdoor-indoor-recreational-sports.aspx>
- Supplemental Paid Sick Leave:** Building on the state’s action to expand paid sick days protections for California’s workforce during the pandemic, on March 19th, Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 95, legislation to ensure access to up to 80 hours of COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for eligible employees, including those advised to quarantine or isolate and those caring for COVID-impacted family members. SB 95 extends protections through September 30, 2021 and is retroactive to sick leave taken beginning January 1, 2021. Small businesses employing 25 or fewer workers are exempt from the legislation, but may offer supplemental paid sick leave and, if eligible, receive a federal tax credit. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/03/19/governor-newsom-signs-legislation-to-ensure-access-to-supplemental-paid-sick-leave-for-workers-impacted-by-the-pandemic/>
- Let’s Get to ImmUnity Campaign:** On March 17th the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced a new public education campaign under its Vaccinate ALL 58 effort to ramp up the connections being made with Californians who have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and address questions and concerns they have with the vaccine. The "Let's Get to ImmUnity" integrated media campaign is one part of the state's Five Part Plan for Vaccination Equity. The goal is to offer answers and reassurance that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and our greatest tool to end the pandemic and move all of our lives forward again. For more information visit: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-091.aspx#>
- Tax Day for Individuals Extended to May 17:** On March 17th and March 19th respectively, the Internal Revenue Service and California Franchise Tax Board announced that the federal and California state income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. Individual taxpayers can also postpone income tax payments for the 2020 tax year due on April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. Penalties, interest and additions to tax will begin to accrue on any remaining unpaid balances as of May 17, 2021. For more information visit: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-day-for-individuals-extended-to-may-17-treasury-irs-extend-filing-and-payment-deadline> and <https://www.ftb.ca.gov/about-ftb/newsroom/2020-tax-year-extension-to-file-and-pay-individual.html>