



INYO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

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INYO COUNTY COVID-19 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATE:

MARCH 23, 2020 - 4:00 P.M.

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

Local Numbers Update:

Inyo County Cases:

- 0 confirmed COVID-19 cases | 0 deaths

Inyo County Testing:

- Tests Administered: 34 (NIHD)
- Tests Positive: 0
- Tests Negative: 18
- Tests Pending*: 16

**Cases with pending results are monitored by medical staff ordering test; Inyo County Public Health monitors pending results identified as high probability individuals.*

Mono County Cases:

1 confirmed COVID-19 case | 0 deaths

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.

Every effort is made to ensure the timely distribution of the Daily Updates by 5:00 pm.
We appreciate your patience in the event the update is released later than anticipated.

For up-to-date information as well as previous updates please visit:

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

NEW Local Information, Action, & Recommendations

- **COVID-19 Testing Labs** – Inyo County Public Health is working with local medical community to identify alternate medical labs to send COVID-19 tests that will provide results with quicker turnaround times.
- **Inyo County Office Status Update** – On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 directing all residents to stay home, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors. Pursuant to the intent of Gov. Newsom’s Order, and in an effort to maintain continuity of operations while simultaneously ensuring that COVID-19 Social Distancing protocols are maintained, the County of Inyo has released updated office status information which can be found at the following link:
<https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/press-releases>

NEW Statewide/ Federal Information, Action, & Recommendations

| | Global | U.S. | California |
|-----------------|---------|--------|------------|
| Confirmed Cases | 332,935 | 33,404 | 1,733 |
| Deaths | 14,510 | 400 | 27 |

Global: https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200323-sitrep-63-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=d97cb6dd_2 (03/23/20 – 2pm)

US: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html> (03/23/20 – 2pm)

CA: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx> (03/21/20 – 2pm)

- **California Secures Presidential Major Disaster Declaration:** Governor Gavin Newsom announced on 03/22/2020 that President Donald Trump has approved California’s request for a presidential Major Disaster Declaration to bolster California’s COVID-19 emergency response efforts. For information on the available federal funding visit <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/22/california-secures-presidential-major-disaster-declaration-to-support-states-covid-19-emergency-response/>
- **Covered California Special Enrollment:** Effective Friday, March 20, Covered California opened the health insurance exchange to any eligible uninsured individuals who need health care coverage amid the COVID-19 national emergency. Anyone who meets Covered California’s eligibility requirements, which are similar to those in place during the annual open-enrollment period, can sign up for coverage through June 30. People who sign up through Covered California will have access to private health insurance plans with monthly premiums that may be lowered due to federal and new state financial help that became

effective in 2020. Consumers signing up through Covered California may be eligible for no-cost or low-cost coverage through Medi-Cal for which they can enroll online, providing those eligible with immediate coverage. For more information visit:

<https://www.coveredca.com/newsroom/news-releases/2020/03/20/california-responds-to-covid-19-emergency-by-providing-path-to-coverage-for-millions-of-californians/>

- The below government websites are updated constantly as updates become available. The designated COVID-19 guidance pages are provided below:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Guidance.aspx>

<https://covid19.ca.gov/>