



# 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>

### **Local Numbers Update:**

#### **Inyo County Cases:**

- 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases | 0 deaths

#### **Inyo County Testing:**

- Tests Administered: 130 (NIHD & Toiyabe)
- Tests Positive: 11
- Tests Negative: 107
- Tests Pending\*: 12

*\*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:**

19 confirmed COVID-19 case | 1 deaths

### **Local Information, Action, & Recommendations**

- **Face Mask Guidance:** Inyo County's Health Officer recommends that each person, when outside your home, maintain physical distancing and cover your face with a homemade mask.
  - Individuals can be contagious several days before the onset of symptoms. You may be contagious and do not know it. If you have covered your face, it can limit COVID-19 from escaping and infecting others and surfaces.

- We touch our face less when our face is covered. Touching your face after touching something contaminated with COVID-19 increases your chances of getting sick with COVID-19.
  - While scientists continue to research the effects of covering your face during a COVID-19 outbreak, Inyo County HHS- Public Health believes that there is value in covering your face during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - **DO NOT USE N95 or surgical masks.** These medical-grade masks must be reserved for those who are on the frontline as healthcare professionals, first responders, and other moderate to high risk essential service providers. Acceptable, reusable face covering options for the general public include:
    - Bandana
    - Neck gaiter
    - Homemade face covering
    - Scarf
    - Tightly woven fabric, such as cotton t-shirts and some types of towels
    - Individuals are encouraged to source face coverings from things they may already have in their homes.
  - Remember to wash hands before and after touching your face covering.
  - There are many resources on the internet that provide face cover (fabric masks) patterns. Below are a few options.
    - Design Specifications for a pocketless non-medical masks provided by Kaiser Permanente: [https://about.kaiserpermanente.org/content/dam/internet/kp/comms/import/uploads/2020/03/02\\_COVID\\_Mask-Instructions\\_v9.pdf](https://about.kaiserpermanente.org/content/dam/internet/kp/comms/import/uploads/2020/03/02_COVID_Mask-Instructions_v9.pdf)
    - How to Make Your Own Face Covering in 45 Seconds from U.S. Surgeon General, CDC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPx1yqvJgf4>
    - Sew and No Sew Instructions per CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
- **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).** Additional actions may be taken by the Health Officer, including civil detention or requiring one to stay at a health facility or other location, to protect the public's health if an individual who is subject to a Health Order violates or fails to comply with Health Officer orders. The best enforcement tool we have is social pressure, so if you see inappropriate behavior, say something! Current Orders issued by the Health Officer can be viewed at <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/press-releases>.

### [Statewide/ Federal Information, Action, & Recommendations](#)

	Global	U.S.	California
Confirmed Cases	1,339,972	362,995	15,823
Deaths	74,412	10,735	372

Global: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/> (04/06/20 –3pm)

US: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/> (04/06/20 – 3pm)

CA: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/> (04/06/20 – 3pm)

- The below government COVID-19 guidance pages are updated constantly as new information becomes available:

<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/>

<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>

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.