



# INYO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

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## INYO COUNTY COVID-19 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATE

*August 17, 2020 –4:00 P.M.*

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

### Local Information, Action, & Recommendations

- **Inyo County – Monitoring List:** Inyo County’s recent spike in COVID-19 cases has resulted in Inyo exceeding more than one of the State’s metrics used to determine whether a county is placed on the monitoring list. Inyo County’s Public Health Division of Health and Human Services was notified on Friday, August 14, 2020 of the likelihood that the County will be officially placed on the list. As of Monday, August 17, 2020, Inyo was placed on the list retroactively to Thursday, August 6, 2020 which has resulted in closure of indoor activities for the following additional industries effective at 11:59 pm on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 (modifications to operate outside or by pick-up may be made):
  - Gyms and fitness centers
  - Personal care services, like nail salons and body waxing
  - Hair salons and barbershops
  - Places of worship and cultural ceremonies, like weddings and funerals
  - Offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors
  - Shopping malls

Shops that offer tattoos, piercings and electrolysis may not be operated outdoors and must close. Also impacted are school districts, who are now required to open with distance learning. For more information visit: [https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-08/8.15.2020-Monitoring-List\\_0.pdf](https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-08/8.15.2020-Monitoring-List_0.pdf)

- **Inyo County COVID Number Updates:** Effective today, August 17<sup>th</sup>, the Inyo County COVID numbers update will not be included in the Monday situational update, but will be updated on the Inyo County COVID-19 website <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19> and issued as an independent update every weekday, excluding holidays. You can sign up to receive these updates by visiting <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/local-updates> or <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/press-releases> and registering in the COVID-19 Mailing List section.

- Non-Compliance Results in Restraining Order for Local Business:** On August 12, 2020 Inyo County obtained a judicial restraining order against Two Brothers From Italy (Big Pine, CA) prohibiting them from continuing to violate the state and local COVID-19 health orders. The County was forced to commence this action after multiple failed attempts to gain Two Brothers' voluntary compliance. The court order means that Two Brothers must suspend their operations until they are able to create, and adhere to, a business operations plan ensuring that they will no longer maintain an environment with such a high risk of COVID-19 transmission. For more information visit: <https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-08/8.11.2020-Restraining-Order.pdf>
- 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	21,799,658	5,425,545	628,156
Deaths	776,819	170,434	11,277

Global: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (08/17/20 –3:40 pm)

US: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (08/17/20 –3:40 pm)

CA: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data> (08/17/20 –3:40 pm)

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.