



INYO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

e-mail: cquilter@inyocounty.us



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Carma Roper, Public Information Officer
croper@inyocounty.us

Inyo County COVID-19 Reopening Plan

INYO COUNTY, April 23, 2020 – Inyo County residents are advised that an Inyo County COVID-19 Reopening Team is in place and developing a plan with objectives of reviewing regional statistics, analyzing local resources and assets, and keeping a pulse-check on our ability to effectively and safely handle a potential surge in COVID-19 cases. The Team consists of three “Task Forces” and includes the following: Medical Task Force; Local Business Task Force; and County Government Task Force. The goal of the Team is to be ready to execute the plan consistent with Federal guidance as well as in conjunction and in coordination with Governor Newsom lifting or modifying the California Stay at Home Order.

Inyo County’s Unified Command partners, Inyo County, and the City of Bishop recognize the vital importance of reopening our local commerce beyond the scope of essential workers. However, Unified Command also understands that this must be done in a manner that minimizes the chance of another uptick in COVID-19 cases that may result in an unsustainable surge in our local healthcare infrastructure, and another closure of non-essential businesses.

“We recognize that COVID-19 has impacted our rural community, and we recognize that reopening is a complex process that must take into account a variety of factors including coordination with Federal and State guidelines and Orders which is why we have developed our Inyo County COVID-19 Reopening Team to prepare a thoughtful, cohesive, and timely plan,” stated Inyo County Administrative Officer and Emergency Director, Clint Quilter. “However, as always, the health of Inyo County citizens and the preservation of our rural healthcare assets are of highest priority.”

Local business owners who may have suffered economic hardship due to COVID-19 can find resources for assistance at the following link: <https://www.inyocounty.us/covid-19/local-resources/local-businesses>.

Preventative measures should continue to be followed, such as wearing a cloth or fabric face mask when conducting essential activities outside the home, avoiding contact with sick individuals, wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, practicing social distancing, and adherence to State and County Orders.

#####