

March 12, 2020

## Community Update

by Mayor John Aguilar

### COVID-19: Coronavirus Update and Special Events in Cathedral City

As mayor, I want to let the community know your city council, city manager, and city department heads, particularly our fire and police, are actively engaged in monitoring and participating in discussions related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus. We are reviewing all government protocols at every level including federal, state, and county. Our number one priority is protecting the health and safety of our residents. The Coronavirus pandemic is a very fluid situation with new developments happening daily if not by the hour.

To our knowledge, there are no known cases of the virus in Cathedral City, but that could change. Testing of the virus is becoming more available and it is possible that we may see the numbers of those testing positive to increase. So far, 39% of those infected in the United States are over the age of 65, 59% are between the ages of 18 and 64, and 2% are between the ages of 0 and 17. Locally, we have one known case in our neighboring city that tested positive due to “community spread” as the source of the transmission. “Community Spread” means that the coronavirus is out there in the Coachella Valley and so it is important that our community follow the recommended best practices to protect the health and safety of you and your family.

There are two sources of information that I encourage everyone in the public to access and learn the steps necessary to help prevent the virus from spreading, it is [www.rivcoph.org](http://www.rivcoph.org) and then click on “Coronavirus”. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the Office of Emergency Services for updated information at (951) 351-6865. The second reliable source is the California Department of Public Health’s website at [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov). These dedicated webpages provide the latest data and best practices for prevention and steps to take if you suspect that you or a loved one has been infected.

Remember, those at the highest risk for severe illness related to the virus are seniors and those who have chronic health conditions, compromised immune systems, pulmonary or breathing difficulties and related conditions. According to state guidelines, these individuals should avoid crowds, meetings, and events.

The main prevention recommendations are:

- Practice social distancing, particularly if you are in one of the vulnerable categories.
- Do not attend work, school or events if you are ill. Stay home.



- Wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizers often, that contain an alcohol content of 60% or greater.
- Stay away from anyone who is sick
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or tissue. If a tissue, immediately throw it away.

Additionally, the California Department of Public Health has released its guidelines for mass gatherings. It states that event organizers for mass gatherings and large community events in counties with evidence of community transmissions, such as Riverside County, and in particular, the Coachella Valley, that organizers should cancel or postpone non-essential events. Especially, events that are primarily for or attended by older adults and people with chronic medical conditions that are at a higher risk for contracting the virus.

After much deliberation and based on the best public health policies, the Council has decided to postpone the State of the City scheduled for March 17th and will reschedule it to May 28th. Additionally, we have determined to cancel LGBT Days for 2020 in order to protect the health and safety our residents and visitors who are at greater risk for severe illness from this virus. We are also cancelling all "City Halls at Your Corner" until further notice. However, due to being outdoors and the ability for social distancing, we will continue the Movies in the Park scheduled for this Saturday, March 14th and on Saturday, March 21st in Panorama Park.

Please know that these steps were not taken lightly, knowing the economic impact it might have on local businesses. The decision; however, was made based on the best public health policies during a time when we are grappling with a new virus that has many unknowns as it continues to spread rapidly throughout the world.

I appreciate your attention and hope that all of you remain safe and healthy during these times.

## NEWS

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### Fire Department and City Council Honor Two Heroes for Saving a Female Athlete's Life

At the City Council meeting held on March 11th, the Cathedral City Fire Department and the City Council recognized Mr. Michael Guzman and Mr. Jose Macias for their life saving CPR work conducted on a student athlete who went into cardiac arrest while playing soccer on January 24, 2020. These two gentlemen were able to provide CPR until Cathedral City ...

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## The Census Is Coming, The Census Is Coming

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, ninety-five percent or about 143 million households in the country will receive an initial invitation to respond to the 2020 Census in their mailboxes between March 12 and 20.

Households are encouraged to respond when they receive their invitation. Depending on how likely the area is to respond online, households will receive either ...

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**APRIL 1, 2020 IS  
U.S. CENSUS DAY!**  
**BE COUNTED, CATHEDRAL CITY!**

**Information is confidential for 72 years**  
Each resident counted equals an estimated \$2,000 per year for health care, schools, roads and bridges, parks and much more...

**All residents must be counted every 10 years**

**Everyone counts.**  
The census counts every person living in the U.S. and, only once, in the right place.

**CA CENSUS 2020**  
**BE COUNTED, CATHEDRAL CITY!**

**¡EL 1 DE ABRIL DE 2020 ES  
DÍA DEL CENSO DE EE. UU.!**  
**¡SÉ CONTADO, CATHEDRAL CITY!**

**La información es confidencial por 72 años**  
Cada residente que es contado equivale a un estimado de \$2,000 anuales para el cuidado de la salud, escuelas, carreteras y puentes, parques y mucho más...

**Todos los residentes deben ser contados cada 10 años**

**Todos cuentan.**  
El censo cuenta cada persona que vive en los EE. UU. una vez, solo una vez y en el lugar correcto.

**CA CENSO 2020**  
**CATHEDRAL CITY, DEJATE CONTAR**



## City Hall To Be Open Five Days a Week Starting March 30

One of the goals of the city council was to have City Hall open five days a week. Starting Monday, March 30, 2020, City Hall will be open Mondays

through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please know that only select services will be available on Fridays such as business ...

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## Movies in the Park Features “Wonder Park” this Saturday, March 14 – Panorama Park

When everything else is being canceled due to coronavirus concerns, one event still happening is "Movies in the Park" at Panorama Park. Being outdoors and located at a large park where everyone can spread out allows this event to continue. So come enjoy a family fun event, free to the public. Be aware with the recent COVID-19 concerns, many events have been canceled or postponed. [Read more.](#)



## Several Cathedral City Events Postponed or Canceled Due to COVID-19 Concerns

Determination based on best public health policies. During the City Council meeting, Mayor John Aguilar announced that after much deliberation and based on the best public health policies, the Council has decided to postpone the State of the City scheduled for March 17th and will reschedule it for May 28th. Additionally, the council has decided to cancel LGBT Days ...[Read more.](#)



## Mayor Aguilar Provides the Following Statement on the Coronavirus Pandemic and Special Events at Last Night's Council Meeting



As mayor, I want to let the community know, those who are here, those watching at home, and those who maybe following us on social media and our website; that your mayor, city council, city manager, and city department heads, particularly our fire and police, are actively engaged in monitoring and participating in discussions related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus...[Read more.](#)



## COVID-19: Coronavirus Update - March 9th

March 9, 2020 Riverside County health officials announce three new novel coronavirus cases (COVID-19) in Coachella Valley. Riverside University Health System-Public Health is announcing three new cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Coachella Valley. Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Riverside County public health officer, said health investigators believe the three infections were either the result of travel ...[Read more.](#)

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## EVENTS

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### Movies in the Park - Wonder Park

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## Buildings H & I, Perez Road, Cathedral City



**THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH!**

## 9 CONTEMPORARY GALLERIES & 3 HOME DÉCOR STORES First Friday Art Walk - Perez Plaza H and I

Go Where ART Lives! Cathedral City is the place for wonderful art and design galleries. Every First Friday of the month, the galleries in Perez Plaza Suites H & I will host the First Friday Art Walk along Perez Road from 5 pm to 8 pm between Date Palm Drive and Cathedral Canyon Drive. You can meander in and out ...[Read more.](#)

## Two for Tuesday

Cathedral City residents can ice skate for half-price on the first Tuesday of every month (excluding holidays) at Desert Ice Castle. Just bring proof of being a Cathedral City resident, such as an Driver's license, copy of a utility bill, or any other form of residential proof. Ages 3

years and up. The Time for Public Skate  
Available for "Two ...

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## 2020 State of the City

The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Cathedral City, invites you to the Cathedral City State of the City and Expo. The event will be held on May 28, with the expo starting at 10:00 AM, event registration beginning at 11:30 AM, the State of the City beginning at 12:00 and the program is scheduled to conclude at 2:00 PM...[Read more.](#)



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