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Community Update

by Paul S. Wilson, Fire Chief

Bucket and Swimming Pool Safety

As the weather warms, we start spring cleaning and begin to use swimming pools. Please make the spring cleaning and swimming season a safe one, for your family. Drowning is the fifth leading cause of unintentional injury, related deaths in the home. Drownings occur in buckets filled with only a few inches of water and in backyard swimming pools.



Never leave a bucket filled with water:

- Empty the bucket of water, when a cleaning task is finished.
- Do not leave water in an unattended bucket.
- Store unused buckets turned over, so water cannot collect inside them.
- A toddler can fall into a bucket, filled with a small amount of water, and drown.

Safety around the pool is critical to avoid an injury or death:

- Swim with a partner or observer, so if you encounter a medical situation someone can call for help.
- Always practice constant “touch supervision” around the pool.
Touch supervision means that you are close enough to your child, grandchild or great grandchild to reach out and touch him/her.
- Older children should not be left in charge of younger children, while in or around the pool.
- Teach children that pool fittings, drains and grates are not toys and they should never stick their fingers or toes in them.
- Inflatable toys and rafts can deflate. Non-swimmers should not use them in water over their heads.

Safety Precautions:

- If you own a pool, install perimeter fencing to surround the pool and a self-latching locking gate or a secured pool cover.
- Keep a cordless or cellular telephone when you are out by the pool.
- Instruct babysitters about potential pool hazards and emphasize the need for constant supervision.
- If your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren visit yours’ or a friends’ pool, be sure they are watched by an adult and know the pool safety rules.
- Insist that anyone who cares for your child, grandchild or great grandchildren knows CPR.
- Learn and practice basic lifesaving techniques, including CPR and first aid.

- In the event of a drowning, get the person out of the pool, Dial 9-1-1, and start CPR, if the person is not breathing and doesn't have a pulse.

Drowning prevention is everyone's responsibility. Please insure the spring cleaning and swimming season is a safe and enjoyable one.

For Emergencies Dial 9-1-1

Safety tips shared by The Home Safety Council®

NEWS



COVID-19 Information

Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development



Pandemic
Unemployment
Assistance for Self-
Employed Page Now
Available

As part of the federal CARES Act, the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program helps unemployed Californians who are business owners, self-employed, independent contractors, have limited work history, and others not usually eligible for regular state UI benefits who are out of business or services are significantly reduced as a direct result of the pandemic. The provisions of the program once ...[Read more.](#)



Initial COVID-19 Case and Death Data Similar to State's Diversity

The California Department of Public Health released the initial data of COVID-19 cases and death rates based on racial and ethnic percentages. The data shows that the disease affects Californians in line with the state's diverse population. Latinos: 30% of cases and 29% of deaths (39% of the state's population) Whites: 37% of cases and 43% of deaths (37% ...[Read more.](#)

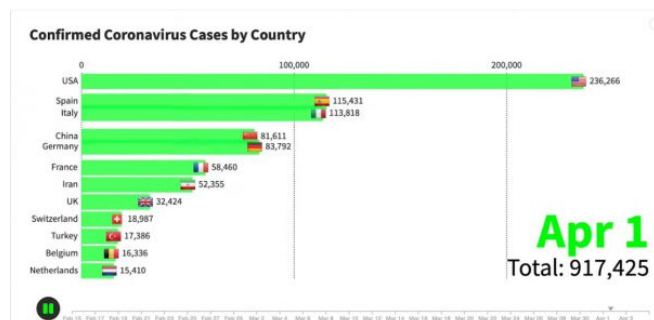


Mayor John Aguilar Shows You How to Make a Mask Without Sewing

The Riverside County Public Officer has mandated the use of face masks when going out in public. Mayor John Aguilar informs you on the importance of wearing a mask to slow the spread, but also shows you how to make a mask with three common household items. [Read more.](#)

New Graph Shows Coronavirus Rates Over Time

To better understand the speed of the Coronavirus spread and the significance of social distancing, staying home, and wearing mask while out in public, then take a look at the recent graph: [Read more.](#)





Riverside County Public Health Officer Amends Order for Public to Stay Home and Cover Face When Leaving

The amended order released on April 6, 2020 makes exceptions to government operations, essential businesses, and public utility work. Read the amended order here: [Download amended order...Read more.](#)

Riverside County Public Health Officer orders public to stay home and cover face when leaving

In response to the rapidly rising number of COVID-19 cases, Riverside County Public Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser today ordered that no gatherings of any number of people may take place outside of family members residing in the same home. Dr. Kaiser also ordered everyone to wear a face covering when leaving home, including essential workers...[Read more.](#)

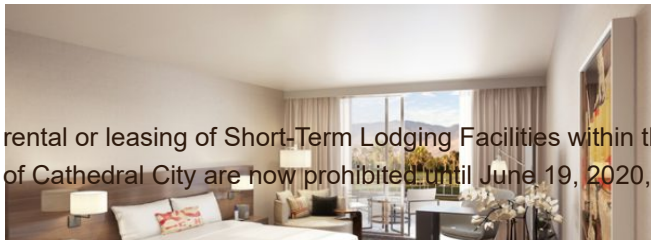
Chamber of Commerce and City Working Together as Information Hubs

The Cathedral City Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, is expanding their Visitor Center operations in this time of need to assist our community. They are available Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, to answer general questions and direct the community to resources available to them during this state emergency. There ...[Read more.](#)



New Orders Restrict Short Term Rentals thru June 19

In accordance to the April 2, 2020 order issued by the Riverside County



rental or leasing of Short-Term Lodging Facilities within the County of Riverside including the City of Cathedral City are now prohibited until June 19, 2020, except for the following ...[Read more.](#)

Public Health Officer and an April 3, 2020 order by the Cathedral City Director of Emergency Services, the

EVENTS



Cathedral City Postpones April Special Events

Public audience at council meetings limited to no more than 10 people

The Riverside County Public Health Officer has issued a countywide order mandating all venues to have no more than 10 people at any given time, with exceptions of essential personnel, through the end of April. The City of Cathedral City will suspend all ... [Read more.](#)



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