

August 20, 2020

Community Update

By Blake Goetz, Interim Fire Chief



CHILDHOOD DROWNING IS 100% PREVENTABLE

It could happen in your neighborhood or at your next gathering. Please don't wait. Read the following information. It could change your life.

THE FACTS:

- Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional or accidental injury-related death to children ages 1-4 years old in Riverside County.
- Over 80% of all drowning and near-drowning incidents occur in backyard pools.
- There are over one million backyard pools in California without safety features because they were built before the Swimming Pool Safety Act of 1998. One could be in your neighborhood.
- Drowning is a quiet event. There is no splashing, no screaming, and no noise at all.
- A submerged child can lose consciousness in less than two minutes – the time it takes to answer a phone – and sustain permanent brain damage in only 4 to 6 minutes.
- Shimmering and sparkling water is a magnet for toddlers and young children.
- Children under the age of five have no fear of water and no concept of death. Water is associated with play.
- Remember, it takes very little water for a child to drown. Less than one inch of water is all it takes to cover the mouth and nose of a toddler.

- Fence the pool
- Shut the gate
- Have life saving hook
- Learn how to swim
- Take a CPR class
- Adults should always supervise children
- Install GFI on pool pump

MAKE YOUR POOL, SPA & FOUNTAIN SAFE:

- **FENCING:** Enclose your pool with four-sided, non-climbable fencing at least 5 feet high. Isolation fencing around a pool or spa is the best protection.
- **FENCE GATES:** All gates to the pool or spa must be self-closing and self-latching (latch should be on the inside of gate).
- **DOOR & WINDOW ALARMS:** All windows and doors that lead to the pool area should have alarms that alert adults when they are opened.
- **POOL COVERS:** If a pool cover is used, make sure it has been approved as a safety device.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT DROWNING:

- **SUPERVISE!** Never leave a child alone near a pool or spa, bathtub, pond, toilet, bucket of liquid, or any standing water.
- Assign an adult “Water Watcher” to keep their eyes on the water at all times.
- Do not allow children to play near the pool or spa.
- Keep toilets lids down. Install safety latches on the toilet lids to prevent toddlers from opening and playing in the toilet.
- Empty wading pools immediately after use and store upside-down.
- Bath rings are only bathing aids, not personal flotation devices.
- Never rely on devices or swimming lessons to protect children without supervision.
- American Academy of Pediatrics advises against swim lessons until the 4th birthday.
- Never drink alcoholic beverages before or during swimming or supervising children.

MORE WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY:

- Learn CPR & First Aid
- Know your neighborhood and the homes your child visits. Is there a pool? Is it properly protected? If the children will be swimming, who will be supervising them?
- Learn how to swim and learn proper rescue techniques.
- Keep rescue equipment at near the pool. Do NOT use air-filled swimming aids (such as water rings) in place of life preservers. These devices can give parents and children a false sense of security, which may increase the risk of drowning.
- Keep a cellphone nearby, **CALL 9-1-1** in emergency.

Information provided by our partners at:

Riverside County Children’s Injury Prevention Network
National Drowning Prevention Alliance

[SafeKids.org](https://www.safekids.org)

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission



COVID-19 INFORMATION

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By the Numbers:

As of August 20, 2020, Cathedral City had a total of 1,710 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 27 reported deaths. Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella - 2,342 cases, 23 deaths

Desert Hot Springs - 977 cases, 20 deaths

Indian Wells - 42 cases, 2 death

Indio - 3,250 cases, 65 deaths

La Quinta - 705 cases. 16 deaths

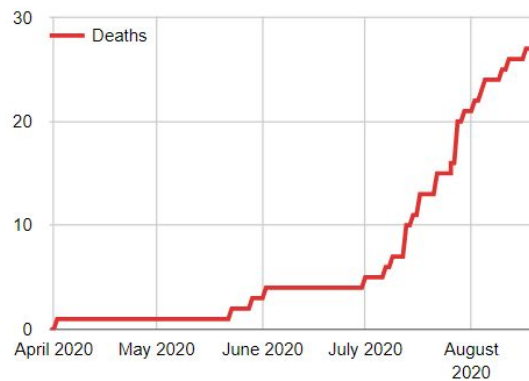
Palm Desert - 906 cases, 48 deaths

Palm Springs - 944 cases, 42 deaths

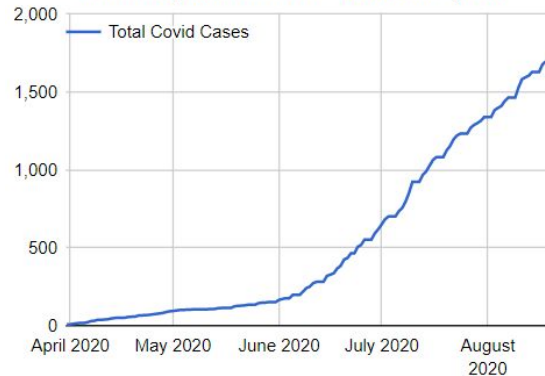
Rancho Mirage - 220 cases, 19 deaths

Riverside County has reported 48,956 COVID-19 cases, 922 deaths, and 26,382 recovered cases.


Cathedral City COVID-19 Deaths by Date



Cathedral City Total Number of COVID Cases by Date



NEWS



Cathedral City

Councilmember Carnevale Showcases the Cathedral City Nighttime Cooling Center

Watch the following video as Councilmember Mark Carnevale interviews Coachella Valley Rescue Mission's Mark McGowan about the Cathedral City Nighttime Cooling Center located at the Elk's Lodge in Cathedral City. This facility provides those facing homelessness with a refuge from the summer heat and a safe space to shower, get nourished, and sleep. The cooling center has taken all the ... [Read more.](#)

General Election Voting Ballots to Be Mailed Starting on October 5th



Starting on October 5, 2020, Riverside County Registrar of Voters will begin mailing out 1.2 million ballots to every registered voter in the county. Voters have the choice of filling out their ballots and returning the ballots in a postage paid envelope that will accompany the ballots being mailed; OR voters can decide to deposit their ballots at one of ... [Read more.](#)

Register Now for the Virtual "City Hall at Your Corner" Scheduled for Tuesday

Register now for this month's virtual "City Hall at Your Corner" as Councilmembers Rita Lamb and Mark Carnevale host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance at <https://bit.ly/3k98djR>. ... [Read more.](#)

S.C.R.A.P. Gallery in Cathedral City Designated as Lead Agency to Engage Youth on National Days of Service



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S.C.R.A.P. Gallery has been designated as a Youth Service America Lead Agency, mobilizing Coachella Valley's young people to lead volunteer service projects that help meet community needs on 9/11 Day of Service & Remembrance (September 11, 2020) and Global Youth Service Day (April 23-25, 2021). The 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance is officially designated as a National Day of ... [Read more.](#)



2020 Census Bureau Needs Hundreds of Workers at \$17 per Hour – Right Now!

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring hundreds of workers for temporary jobs available in the greater Palm

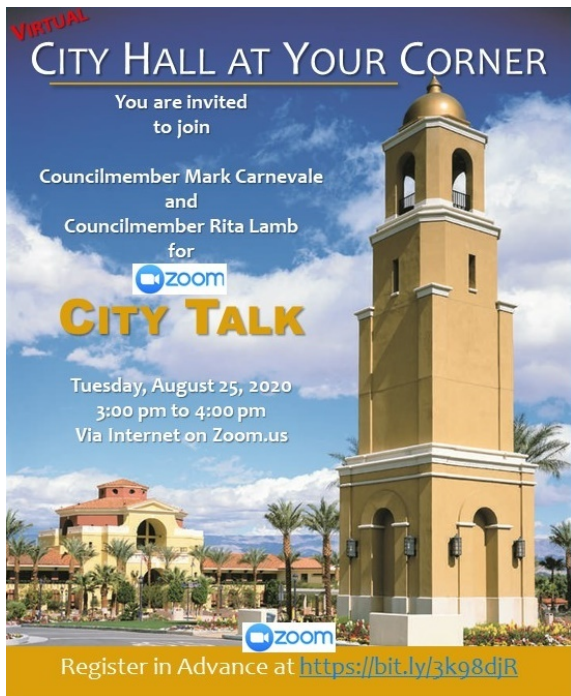
Springs area for the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census Jobs website is now accepting applications for Census Takers at pay of \$17 per hour. Census takers will visit the households that have not responded to the census, speaking with residents, and using electronic devices (such as smartphones ... [Read more.](#)

Census 2020 Workers Will Be Knocking on Doors through September 30

Census takers will begin fanning out in Cathedral City to make sure that the thousands of area residents who have not yet responded to the 2020 U.S. Census are counted. Just under two-thirds of all California households have responded online, by phone or by mail, but the response rates are significantly lower in many parts of Southern California. On ... [Read more.](#)



EVENTS



Virtual "City Hall at Your Corner"

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread in the community, it is necessary to conduct this month's "City Hall at Your Corner" – virtually. Please Join Councilmembers Rita Lamb and Mark Carnevale for an informal discussion of issues of importance in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 4:00

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Cathedral City Postpones Special Events Until Further Notice

On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom signed an [Executive Order \(PDF\)](#) and [Public Health Order \(PDF\)](#) directed all Californians to stay home except to go to an essential job or to shop for essential needs.

The City of Cathedral City will suspend all special events until further notice.



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