

October 1, 2020

Community Update

By Chris Parman - Communications & Events Manager



Additional Amphitheater Improvements on the Horizon

As one of four anchors located in the Downtown Arts & Entertainment District, the Cathedral City Community Amphitheater will offer Live performances, concerts, art shows, food trucks, movie nights and so much more. Ever since the groundbreaking on December 6, 2018, the park has been under construction with many of the amenities already completed including the playground equipment, food truck hook-ups, walking paths, concession stand, and park restrooms.

One of the items still being worked on is the main amenity, the amphitheater stage set-up. We are fortunate to have received a federal grant along with city funding to build this amazing music box style stage structure. The performance stage measures roughly 47 feet across and 30 feet deep offering plenty of room for a wide variety of entertainment. Most recently, Cathedral City was awarded a Proposition 68 Per Capita Funding Grant, and with City Council approval, we are working on additional improvements. This fall, we will be installing new sound towers to the sides of the stage structure to provide concert quality audio along with building a new sound and light control booth towards the back of the lawn. The addition of a permanent sound towers will allow us to arrange the array of the speakers pointing towards the grass and sound map the audio to mitigate excessive noise spilling over to adjacent properties. Furthermore, the control booth will

provide additional lighting for the front of the stage and will allow full operational control of sound and lights from a central location for a memorable performance. Finally, if costs come in as planned, it is our hope to set aside some funding for a storage container and additional restroom facilities.

Although the coronavirus has stopped all festivals and events from happening in the amphitheater park, the City Council recently approved the Coachella Valley Repertory Playhouse (CVRep) to offer special performances outdoors if allowed by state and county officials. Beginning on December 12th, CVRep plans to offer a one-afternoon holiday show and then return on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturdays in January, February, and March for special performances centered on Jazz, Cabaret, Latinx, and Shakespeare in the Park. The shows would allow up to 225 patrons to spread out among the amphitheater's 109,000 square foot outdoor facility that normally seats over 2,900 people, which is less than a 10% capacity. The organizers have also developed a rigid Health and Safety Plan utilizing the best practices available to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We know these are challenging times and our health officials must delicately balance the physical health and safety aspects with the mental health and safety of all residents. However, our live performing arts are just as beneficial as motion picture arts. Being able to enjoy this form of art in an outdoor setting, spread out among 2.51 acres, for 225 or less people, once a week, and following the latest health and safety guidelines, is a step worth pursuing.

Please do not forget that each of us plays a role in these activities and our local businesses reopening. To stop the spread of the coronavirus, we must wear a facial covering when around others outside of our household, social distance, and disinfect touched items often, especially smartphones. Stay safe and stay healthy as we are in this together!

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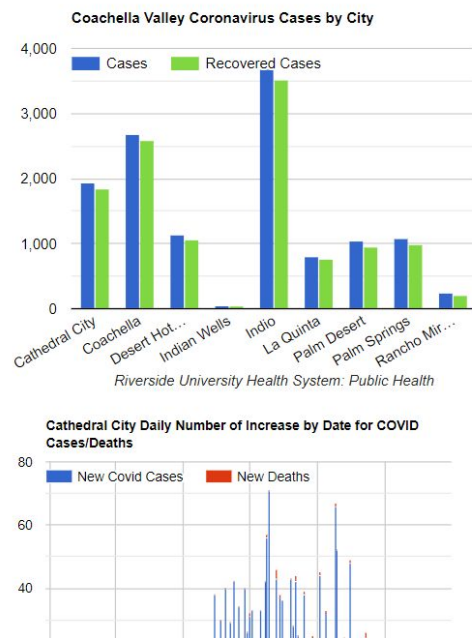


By the Numbers:

As of October 1, 2020, Cathedral City had a total of 1,933 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 32 reported deaths. Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella - 2,689 cases, 27 deaths
 Desert Hot Springs - 1,133 cases, 27 deaths
 Indian Wells - 46 cases, 3 death
 Indio - 3,690 cases, 74 deaths
 La Quinta - 808 cases, 19 deaths
 Palm Desert - 1,035 cases, 56 deaths
 Palm Springs - 1,080 cases, 52 deaths
 Rancho Mirage - 245 cases, 24 deaths

Riverside County has reported 5 COVID-19 cases, 1,179 deaths, and 53,257 recovered cases.



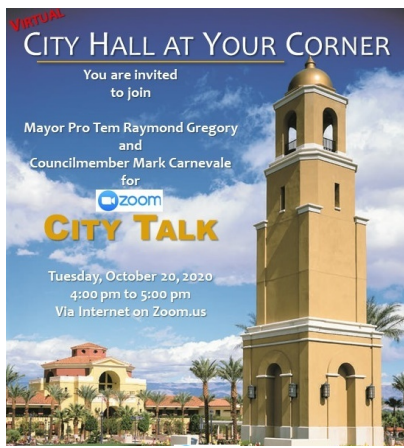
NEWS



Cathedral City Extends Face Coverings and Social Distancing Mandate through the End of the Year

The City Council has authorized the Director of Emergency Services to issue Emergency Order 3B which extends the requirement of facial coverings and social distancing in public settings. Enforcement of this order may include a fine of \$100 for the first offense and up to \$500 for repeat offenses. Emergency Order 3B will be in place through December 31, 2020, ... [Read more.](#)

“City Hall at Your Corner” Happens



Tuesday, October 20th – Register Now

Register now for October's virtual "City Hall at Your Corner" as Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory and Councilmember Mark Carnevale host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance ... [Read more.](#)

Roadwork on Dinah Shore Drive and Ramon Road in Rancho Mirage May Cause Traffic Delays in Cathedral City

The City of Rancho Mirage has notified the City of Cathedral City that it will begin street resurfacing projects on major traffic arteries such as Ramon Road and Dinah Shore Drive during the month of October. Lanes at times will be reduced and potentially cause delays on the same named roads in Cathedral City as you near the city limits ... [Read more.](#)



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Play It Safe

Due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19 in our communities, please follow these simple steps to help keep our outdoor playgrounds safe, open and fun.

- ✓ **WEAR A MASK**
Everyone 2 years and older should wear a mask covering their face.
- ✓ **MAINTAIN DISTANCE**
Maintain physical distance of 6 feet between individuals from different households and prevent crowding of children.
- ✓ **NO FOOD OR DRINK**
Do not eat or drink in playground to ensure face masks are worn at all times.
- ✓ **WASH HANDS**
Wash or sanitize your hands before and after you visit.
- ✓ **PLAN AHEAD**
Visit the park at different times or days to avoid crowds and waits.
- ✓ **KNOW WHEN TO STAY HOME**
Elderly individuals and people with underlying medical conditions should avoid playgrounds when others are present.
- ✓ **SHARE OUR SPACE**
To avoid crowding and allow everyone to use this space, please limit your visit to 30 minutes when others are waiting.

Visit COVID19.CA.GOV for more information

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Actúe con Precaución

Debido a la propagación continua de Covid-19 en nuestras comunidades, siga estos pasos sencillos para ayudar a mantener nuestros parques infantiles al aire libre seguros, abiertos y divertidos.

- ✓ **USE UNA MASCARILLA**
Todas las personas mayores de dos años deben usar una mascarilla que cubra su cara.
- ✓ **MANTENGA DISTANCIA**
Mantén una distancia física de 6 pies entre personas de diferentes hogares y evite que se amontonen los niños.
- ✓ **NADA DE COMIDA NI BEBIDA**
No coma ni beba en el parque infantil para asegurarse que se usen mascarillas en todo momento.
- ✓ **LAVE MANOS**
Lávese y desinfecte sus manos antes y después de su visita.
- ✓ **PLANEA CON ANTICIPACIÓN**
Visite el parque en diferentes horarios o días para evitar demasiadas personas y esperas.
- ✓ **SEPA CUANDO QUEDARSE EN CASA**
Las personas mayores y las personas con condiciones médicas subyacentes deben evitar parques infantiles cuando hay otros presentes.
- ✓ **COMPARTÉ EL ESPACIO**
Para evitar aglomeraciones y permitir que todos usen el espacio, por favor limite su visita a 30 minutos cuando otros están esperando.

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State of California Orders New Guidelines for Public Playgrounds

Getting outdoors and enjoying our neighborhood parks are important to families in Cathedral City. It's a place for adults and kids to exercise, breathe fresh air, and see neighbors absent from our lives during this COVID-19 pandemic. The State of California released new guidelines for public playgrounds to keep your family safe and help slow the coronavirus. Visitors to ... [Read more.](#)

COACHELLA VALLEY REPERTORY AND THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY COLLABORATE TO OFFER OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMING

(September 25, 2020 – Cathedral City, CA) This week, Riverside County entered the Red Tier of businesses reopening. Yet, theaters, production companies, dance companies and many other art organizations throughout the valley remain closed. Most art institutions remain uncertain as to when they may be allowed to reopen indoors; and, they remain cautious as to their capacity with social distancing. ... [Read more.](#)



EVENTS

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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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