

November 19, 2020

Community Update

By George Crum, Chief of Police

As many of you may be aware, the Police Department has a new Short-Term Vacation Rental Compliance Team under its jurisdiction. The department has hired four full-time compliance officers and one full-time administrative assistant to handle the complaints that derive from the community regarding short term vacation rentals (STVR) in our city. This will allow for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week service dedicated to short term vacation rental compliance and enforcement.



Each compliance officer is assigned to a patrol team. They are easily identifiable as they will be outfitted in an official uniform with police department insignia. Their uniforms consist of a light blue shirt and navy-blue pants. Each of them will be driving a white Ford Ranger truck with city of Cathedral City markings on both doors as well as the tailgates. The new team will primarily focus on compliance and enforcement of short-term vacation rentals as well as conduct annual inspections of the rentals for license renewal permits.

This compliance team went into full service on November 13, 2020 and they have remained busy handling calls for service regarding short term vacation rentals. As we continue to move forward with this team, their areas of responsibilities will expand over time to include enforcement of other municipal code violations that occur in the city such as illegally parked and abandoned vehicles, issues and concerns involving blight with the goal of beautifying our city.

There are three main ways to reach the STVR compliance team if a community member has a need for their service. The STVR hotline number is (760) 553-1031, the non-emergency police dispatch number is (760) 770-0300 then dial "1"; and finally, anyone with a smartphone or computer may utilize the "GoRequest Mobile App" which can be found at your smartphone's app store or on the city website under the Code Enforcement Department menu.

In closing, I would like to thank our community for the support they show the police department and I encourage each of you to watch the video regarding the STVR Compliance Team which was recently posted on our city website, www.DiscoverCathedralCity.com.

COVID-19 Info

Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development



By the Numbers:

As of November 19, 2020, Cathedral City had a total of 2,284 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 38 reported deaths. Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella 3,170 cases, 33 deaths

Desert Hot Springs 1,360 cases, 30 deaths

Indian Wells 65 cases, 4 deaths

Indio 4,475 cases, 94 deaths

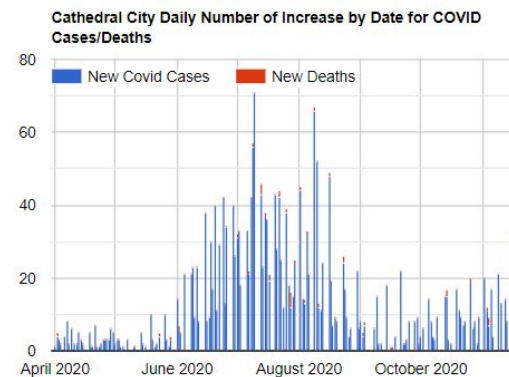
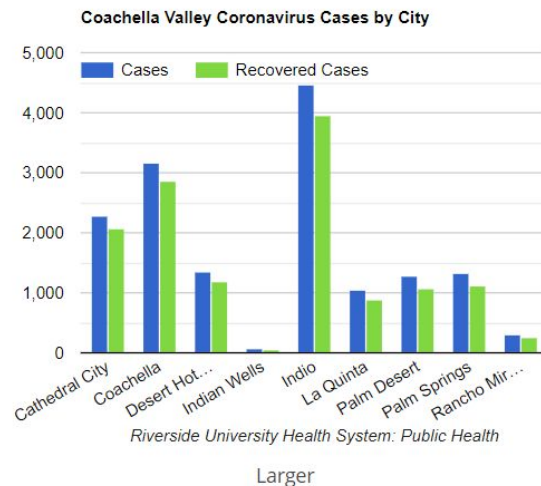
La Quinta 1,043 cases, 19 deaths

Palm Desert 1,296 cases, 59 deaths

Palm Springs 1,326 cases, 61 deaths

Rancho Mirage 305 cases, 25 deaths

Riverside County has reported 78,009 COVID-19 cases, 1,396 deaths, and 65,427 recovered cases.



Limited Stay at Home Order Starts Saturday Creating a Nightly Curfew



Copy of the Order Issued by CDPH Public Health Officer Erica Pan:: Upon assessment of the recent, unprecedented rate of rise in increase in COVID-19 cases across California, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is taking immediate actions to prevent the spread of the virus. These immediate actions will help reduce community spread, protect individuals at higher risk of ... [Read more.](#)



Short-term Vacation Rental Compliance Officers Are Out in the Field

Since November 2, 2020, the Cathedral City Police and Fire Departments have been training five new staff members that make up the new Short-term Vacation Rental (STVR) Compliance Officer Program. This new group, under the direction of the Cathedral City Police Department, consists of four compliance officers and one administrative position to assist with records and communicating with other city ... [Read more.](#)

Tower Market – Cathedral City to Open in Spring 2021

Construction has begun on the new Tower Market located at the northwest corner of Date Palm Drive and Ortega Road – across the street from U.S. Post Office. The new 5,238 square foot market will offer a hybrid of products typical in a convenience store and fresh market. They sell many grocery items, fresh vegetables, as well as quick food ... [Read more.](#)



NOTICE OF VACANCY: Cathedral City Architectural Review Committee



The City of Cathedral City announces one vacancy on the Architectural Review Committee. This term will begin January 1, 2021. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION NO LATER THAT MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020, to the office of the City Clerk, 68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, Cathedral City, CA 92234. Applications can be downloaded from the City's website at www.cathedralcity.gov. Interviews will be conducted ... [Read more.](#)

Governor's New Mask Mandate Mirrors Cathedral City's

Governor Newsom authorized a new statewide COVID-19 facial mask mandate that mirrors Cathedral City's Emergency Order 3B (Facial Coverings and Social Distancing) due to a spike in coronavirus cases. The new mandate requires the use of facial coverings in all public places with the following exceptions: Persons in a car alone or solely with members of their own household. ... [Read more.](#)



Contact Tracing Data Released for Coachella Valley and Cathedral City

At the previous city council meeting, Riverside County Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser presented new contact tracing data for the Coachella Valley and Cathedral City in particular. Dr. Kaiser praised the residents of Cathedral City for getting tested at rates much higher than most other communities in the Coachella Valley. Prior to his data release, he did note a few ... [Read more.](#)

Be "COVID Smart" for the Holidays

Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and other seasonal observations often involve office parties, family gatherings, neighborhood socializing and other occasions where we gather with people outside of our immediate households. This year must be different. There is a growing consensus among infectious disease professionals that gatherings including people outside of our immediate households are major causes ... [Read more.](#)



Mobile COVID-19 Testing at Northgate Church in Cathedral City on November 20th

Riverside County will offer COVID-19 testing during a mobile location at Northgate Church, 30010 Date Palm Drive in Cathedral City on Friday, November 20, 2020 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. You can schedule an appointment by click on <http://bit.ly/Northgate112020> or find other locations and times at <https://gettested.ruhealth.org>. You may also call (800) 945-6171 to schedule by phone. Walk-ups are ... [Read more.](#)



First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road

Looking for an opportunity to walk and view some amazing art at the same time? Then come wearing your face mask and social distance at the First Fridays Art Walk on Perez Road from 5 pm to 8 pm on Friday, November 6, 2020. The nine art galleries are located at 68845 & 68895 Perez Road in the “H” and ... [Read more.](#)

Give the Gift of Life

To schedule an appointment, click below, call 800-879-4484 or download the LifeStream mobile app! Patients need your help. We are taking extra steps to keep donors safe.

<https://www.lstream.org/ccbd/>





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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