



# CATHEDRAL CITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 14, 2021

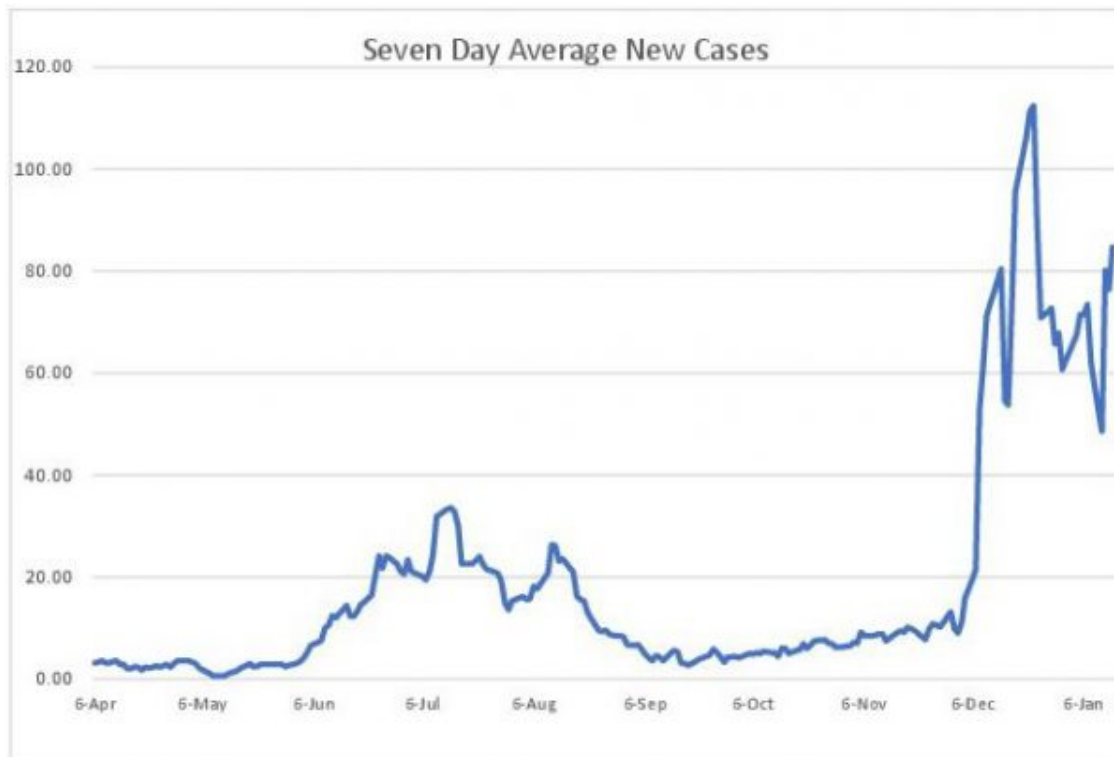
## Community Update

By Charlie McClendon, City Manager

### COVID-19 Continues to Surge in Cathedral City

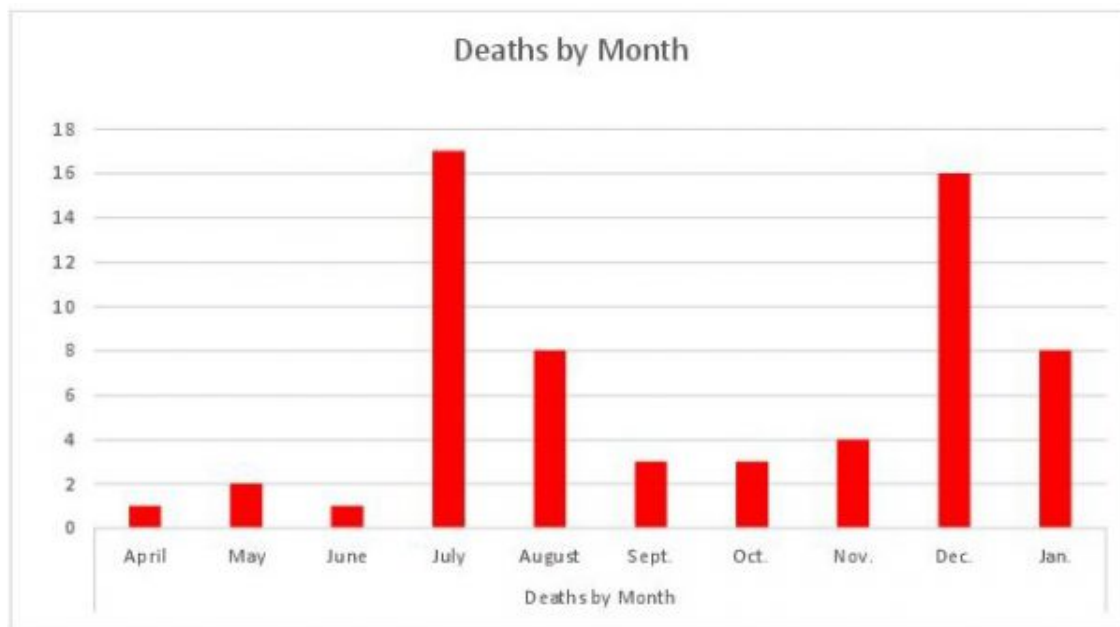
The worldwide coronavirus pandemic continues to take a heavy toll on the people within our community. The current surge of cases is the worst it has ever been in our city.

Please take affirmative steps to keep yourself and your loved ones safe while we await for the vaccine to become readily available. Here is a graph of the seven-day average of new cases in Cathedral City:



As you can see our new cases are currently much higher than they were during the summer surge. The seven-day average of new cases in the summer peaked at 33.57 new cases per day on July 14. Today, the seven-day average of new cases is 84.71 per day, more than twice the July peak.

Tragically, we are also experiencing a horrible number of deaths from COVID in our community:



These deaths are not just numbers on a chart. They are our grandparents, neighbors, brothers, sisters and loved ones. We must take this pandemic seriously and every one of us must do what we can to control the spread.

The emergency order currently in place in Cathedral City mandates wearing facial coverings at all times unless you are at home with only members of your immediate household or in your private vehicle alone or with members of your immediate household. Social distancing is required whenever you are around people outside of your immediate household. Frequent handwashing is also important in limiting the spread of the virus. <https://www.cdc.gov/>

City services continue to be provided to our community, but City Hall remains closed to the public. Please arrange for necessary services by calling, emailing or using the City website. Our Fire department is currently working with County and State health officials to arrange for Cathedral City Firefighter/Paramedics to be able to administer the vaccine to eligible people in our City. As soon as details have been completed, information will be distributed via the City website and social media. In the meantime, please be COVID smart and protect yourselves and your families. [www.cathedralcity.gov](http://www.cathedralcity.gov) and [www.DiscoverCathedralCity.com](http://www.DiscoverCathedralCity.com)

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

### COVID-19 Info

Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019



### Business Support

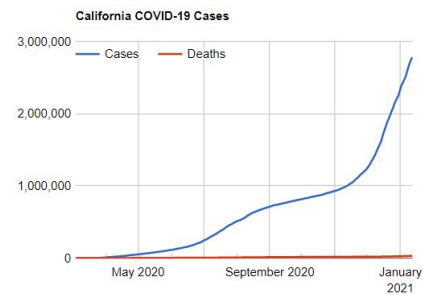


## By the Numbers:

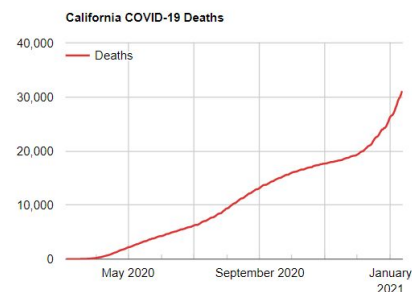
As of January 14, 2021, Cathedral City had a total of 5,613 confirmed COVID-19 cases (+657 since last week) and 63 reported deaths (+7 since last week). Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella 6,598 cases (+662), 55 deaths (+6)  
 Desert Hot Springs 3,202 cases (+377), 43 deaths (+3)  
 Indian Wells 159 cases (+13), 6 deaths (+1)  
 Indio 9,921 cases (+1,170), 140 deaths (+10)  
 La Quinta 2,664 cases (+346), 37 deaths (+7)  
 Palm Desert 3,110 cases (+397), 75 deaths (+2)  
 Palm Springs 2,939 cases (+337), 80 deaths (+2)  
 Rancho Mirage 805 cases (+118), 27 deaths (+1)

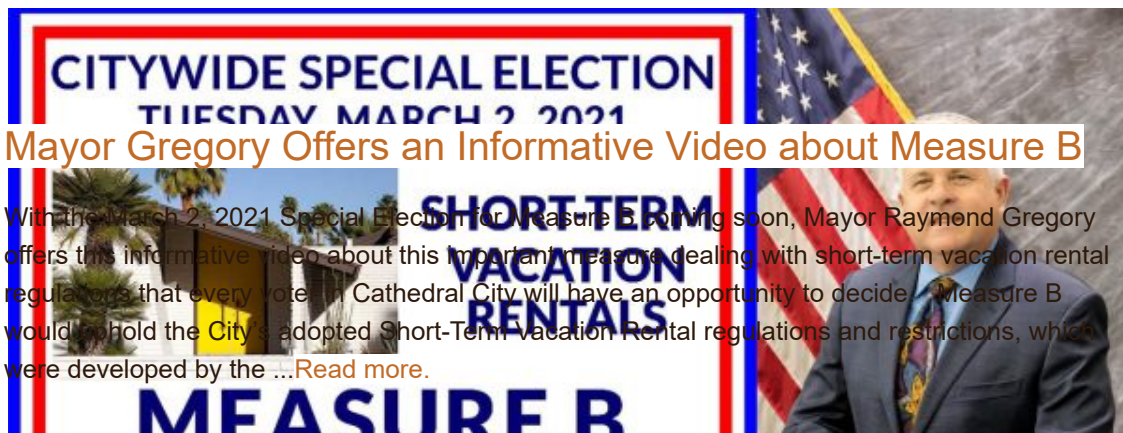
Riverside County has reported 233,480 COVID-19 cases (+29,153), 2,399 deaths (+210), and 150,726 recovered cases (+16,745).



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## NEWS



## Mayor Gregory Offers an Informative Video about Measure B

With the March 2, 2021 Special Election for Measure B coming soon, Mayor Raymond Gregory offers this informative video about this important measure dealing with short-term vacation rental regulations that every voter in Cathedral City will have an opportunity to decide. Measure B would uphold the City's adopted Short-Term Vacation Rental regulations and restrictions, which were developed by the ...[Read more.](#)



## U. S. Drug Enforcement Agency Raids STVR in Cathedral City

This morning, the United States Drug Enforcement Agency served a warrant and raided a home permitted as a short-term vacation rental in the Panorama neighborhood

as it was allegedly operating as an illegal cannabis grow house. Neighbors said multiple police and unmarked vehicles responded to the scene. After no one answered the front door, officers reportedly busted in the door ... [Read more.](#)

## City Council Passed a Resolution Supporting Measure B

The city council unanimously passed a resolution at last night's council meeting supporting Measure B based on more than 1,800 neighbor complaints related to short-term vacation rentals (STVRs) and complaint data presented by Police Chief Crum and Code Compliance Manager Molina. More than 60% of the 761 complaints compiled by the city's code compliance department were noise and loud ... [Read more.](#)



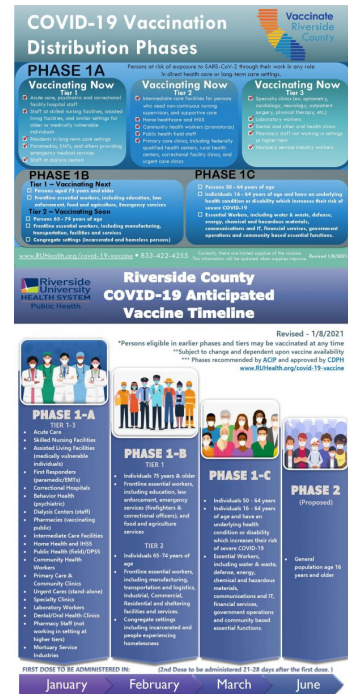
## Governor Announces Seniors 65 and Older Can Now Get the COVID-19 Vaccine

Govern Newsom announced today that Seniors age 65 and older can now get the COVID-19 vaccine in an attempt to speed up the distribution and get healthcare workers and those most vulnerable vaccinated right away. This will help in slowing the spread and

reduce the number of patients needing hospitalization. In response, Riverside County announced new COVID-19 vaccine clinics ... [Read more.](#)

## Riverside County Plans for Regional COVID-19 Vaccine Supersites

Riverside County announced today that it has activated the Type III All-Hazard Incident Management Team (IMT) to help coordinate the planning and implementation of a massive vaccination program for more than two million county residents. This will allow for the vaccination of thousands each day once the sites are located, opened and fully operating. The IMT will work seven ... [Read more.](#)



## Financial Assistance Program for Cathedral City Small Businesses Now Available

In late 2020, the Federal Housing and Urban Development agency awarded Cathedral City an additional allocation of Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds

through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act. Recognizing the difficult situation Cathedral City businesses are facing due to COVID-19, the City Council voted to create an economic assistance program ... [Read more.](#)

## Mayor Raymond Gregory and Supervisor Perez Urge You to Get Tested for COVID-19

Beginning on Monday, January 11th through Friday, January 15th from



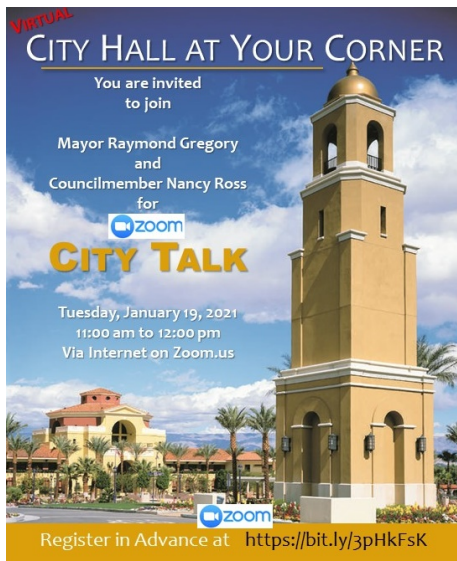
7:00 am to 7:00 pm, the public can get free COVID-19 testing in

Cathedral City at Northgate Church located at 30016 Date Palm Drive. Thanks to a partnership with Riverside County Public Health, Logistic Health Incorporated and Northgate Church, this testing location will be available via appointment at [www.lhicare/covidtesting](http://www.lhicare/covidtesting) or ... [Read more.](#)



Mayor Gregory and Supervisor Perez

## EVENTS



### “City Hall at Your Corner” Happens January 19th – Register Now

Register now for January's virtual “City Hall at Your Corner” as Mayor Raymond Gregory and Councilmember Nancy Ross host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance at <https://bit.ly/3pHkFsK>. ... [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.

“Click on the following link for a list Blood Drives in Cathedral City and to schedule an appointment. You may also call 800-879-4484 or download the LifeStream mobile app! Patients need your help. LifeStream is 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 Gavin 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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