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Community Update

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Tips to Prevent Super Bowl Sunday from Becoming Super Spreader Sunday

Whether you watch the Super Bowl for the sport of football or simply for the entertaining commercials, it is important that you do so in a responsible way as the coronavirus is still widespread. Similar to the warnings before Thanksgiving, our recent seasonal and religious holidays, and New Year's Eve; the risk of contracting the coronavirus when celebrating with others outside of your immediate household is high. This is especially true during family and friend gatherings as we tend to let our guard down and keep our facial coverings off way beyond the moments of eating and drinking. Every first down, field goal, or touch down is cause for yelling, screaming, and high fiving each other in normal years. However, this is not a normal year.

The data shows us that family and friend gatherings as well as environmental exposures starting around Thanksgiving led to the record number of coronavirus cases in Cathedral City almost tripling during the months of December and January compared to all previous months combined. Sadly, the huge surge in coronavirus cases also led to a record number of hospitalizations and a doubling of the number of Cathedral City residents who died due to the coronavirus. From the chart, you can see the huge spike in the 7 Day Average New Cases and the number of Deaths per

month with January 2021 being the deadliest. We are far from the pandemic being over or having less importance in our daily lives.

With that being said, let's enjoy Super Bowl Sunday without it becoming a Super Spreader Sunday by following these important safety tips:

- When going to purchase your Super Bowl munchies avoid extended time inside a retail store. Try to get in and out of a grocery store as quickly as possible. You might consider taking advantage of pre-ordering items on a computer, smartphone or tablet, and then picking-up your grocery items via curbside pick-up. It's quick, easy, and you may find it a better way to shop even after we get through the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Order Super Bowl munchies from a local restaurant and have it delivered with contactless delivery. Or, order from your local restaurant and pick it up with curbside pick-up (that may be faster on Super Bowl Sunday).
- Have a virtual Super Bowl party on social platforms like Zoom or Facetime. It is the safest and you can invite family and friends from around the world!
- If you decide to have guests over, then greet your guests with air hugs and air kisses.
- Watch the game outside if you are inviting extended family and/or friends over to your house.
- If watching the game outdoors is not an option, then open windows and doors to let fresh air in from the outside and allow indoor air to flow outside. Our weather could not be more perfect now for this situation.
- Wear a face mask when around others outside of your immediate household, even around extended family members. Consider using two layers of masks to improve protection. This can be done by wearing a surgical style mask first and then cover that mask with your favorite team's facial covering over it.
- Only take off your face mask(s) when eating and drinking.
- Social distance at least 6 feet away from others outside of your immediate household if wearing a face mask(s) and more than 12 feet away while eating and drinking without a face mask(s).
- Instead of high fiving each other after your team scores a touchdown, bring back the "stadium wave" from wherever you are sitting and watching. It's fun and touchless!
- Wash your hands often throughout the day and especially before eating and drinking.
- Have hand sanitizer readily available for everyone and place it near a food table or drink area.
- Disinfect often touched items like the remote control, refrigerator handle, and bathroom doorknobs. Use disposable napkins or one-time use wash cloths for drying hands after washing them.
- Use disposable paper plates, cups and utensils if inviting others over.
- Of course, you are now permitted to dine outdoors at your favorite restaurant or bar that serves food. Be sure to observe all of their safety protocols.

By following these safety tips, your chances of contracting the coronavirus is much reduced. Remember, many carriers of the coronavirus are asymptomatic, and the person may have no idea that they are coronavirus positive and spreading it to their family and friends. Often it takes several days before a positive person starts to show symptoms of the disease.

Being from Kansas, we had a saying that "it is better to be safe than sorry." We need everyone to remain healthy in 2021 so we can have a brighter tomorrow. In the meantime, Go Chiefs!

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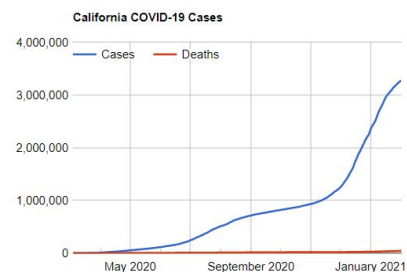


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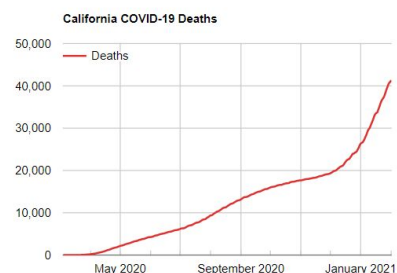
As of February 4, 2021, Cathedral City had a total of 6,667 confirmed COVID-19 cases (+220 since last week) and 89 reported deaths (+6 since last week). Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella 7,587 cases (+159), 72 deaths (+4)
Desert Hot Springs 3,877 cases (+134), 54 deaths (+3)
Indian Wells 181 cases (+3), 6 deaths (+0)
Indio 11,647 cases (+285), 178 deaths (+11)
La Quinta 3,157 cases (+100), 50 deaths (+2)
Palm Desert 3,693 cases (+132), 93 deaths (+5)
Palm Springs 3,457 cases (+99), 100 deaths (+6)
Rancho Mirage 1,026 cases (+47), 33 deaths (+3)

Riverside County has reported 279,189 COVID-19 cases (+9,084), 3,309 deaths (+251), and 224,769 recovered



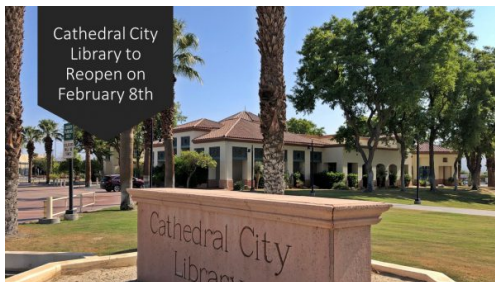
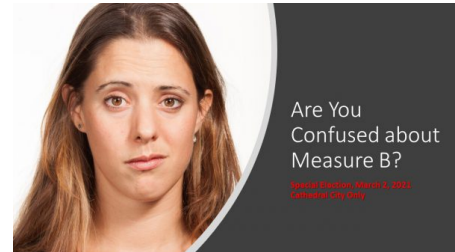
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NEWS

Measure B – Special Election – March 2, 2021 – Cathedral City Only

Are you confused about Cathedral City's Measure B? A "yes" vote on Measure B upholds the ordinance enacted by the City, Ordinance 842, to further regulate STVRs. STVRs will only be allowed within neighborhoods with a homeowners' association that allows STVRs or elsewhere if the STVR is a home share (primary resident remains on site during short-term rental) ... [Read more.](#)



Cathedral City Library to Reopen on February 8th

The Riverside County Library System (RCLS) will reopen the Cathedral City Library to the public on February 8. The library will offer modified services amid new COVID-19 health regulations with physical distancing measures. During the modified service, patrons will have limited access to the interiors of the libraries for one hour. Library services are currently limited to the borrowing ... [Read more.](#)

Seniors and Persons with Disabilities May Be Able to Defer Property Taxes

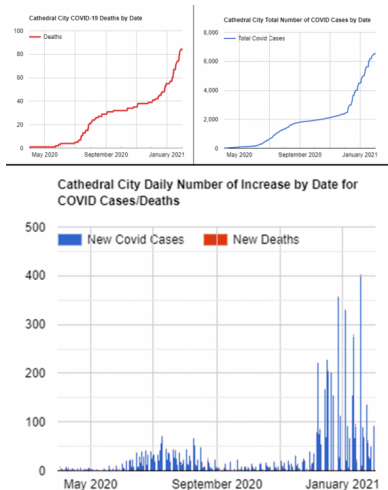
The economic downturn resulting from the ongoing coronavirus pandemic has created a burden for many taxpayers in Riverside County. Limited options to postpone property taxes are available for some residents under California State law. This state program allows homeowners who are seniors (62 years of age or older), or taxpayers who have a disability, to defer current-year property taxes ... [Read more.](#)

Do you need help paying property taxes or know someone who does?

If you are a senior, blind, or you have a disability, the State Controller's **Property Tax Postponement Program** may be able to help.

For more information about Property Tax Postponement, call 1-800-952-5661 or visit www.ptp.sco.ca.gov.





December and January COVID-19 Deaths and Cases in Cathedral City Surpass All Previous Months

With vaccines currently being implemented and hundreds of million of doses projected to be distributed by mid-summer, the hope of making our way through this pandemic seems more promising than ever before. Current hospitalization rates for COVID-19 related causes are starting to fall from their peak in early-to-mid January. For California and Cathedral City, the months of December and ... [Read more.](#)

RivCo Health Officials to Contact Those Who Received First Dose at County Clinics for Second Dose Appointment

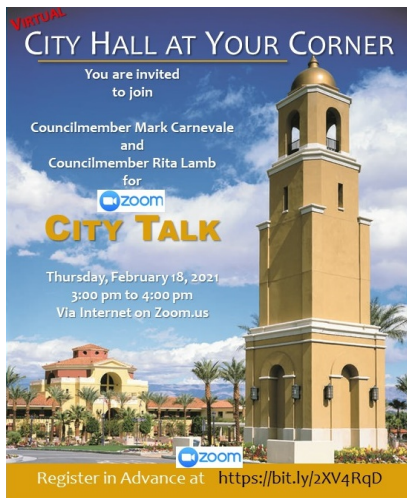
Second dose appointments are mandatory. For those who received a first dose at a county vaccine clinic (also called points of distribution or PODs), local health officials will reach out to residents through the contact method provided at the first appointment. At that time, the county will provide instructions for receiving the second dose conforming to the current CDC ... [Read more.](#)



Outdoor Dining at Restaurants May Have LIVE Performances

When the governor recently lifted the most restrictive Stay-at-Home order one notable change being reported today is that restaurants may now have LIVE performances, such as musical and comedy acts. The State is requiring that the LIVE performers keep at least a twelve-foot distance from spectators if they are not wearing a face mask and are singing, shouting, playing a ... [Read more.](#)

EVENTS



“City Hall at Your Corner” Happens February 18th – Register Now

Register now for February’s virtual “City Hall at Your Corner” as Councilmembers Mark Carnevale and Rita Lamb host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Thursday, February 18, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance at ... [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. The nine art galleries are located at 68845 & 68895 Perez Road in the “H” and “I” buildings.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, indoor galleries will be limited to 25% of occupancy. ... [Read more.](#)

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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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