

April 1, 2021

April Fools Day

## Community Update

By Chris Parman, Communications & Events Manager

Nearly one million out of 2.5 million residents in Riverside County have received at least one dose of the various COVID-19 vaccines available. Many of those who have received the vaccine are the elderly, those who have underlying health conditions, healthcare workers, agricultural workers, emergency services, and educators among others. Today, any person 50 years of age or older may now sign-up to get the vaccine regardless of occupation or health condition. In just two weeks (April 15) and as supplies become more readily available, then any person 16 years of age or older will be eligible to receive the vaccine. Simply contact your health provider or go to Riverside County's website to schedule an appointment <https://www.rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine>. You can click on the various locations and the type of vaccine you prefer to schedule. Appointments are readily available within a few days. If you prefer to call instead, simply dial 2-1-1 on any phone located in Riverside County for assistance. Hold times for 2-1-1 appointments have decreased dramatically and average about five minutes.



Although more and more residents are getting the vaccine, more than half of our residents have not, due to prior restrictions. It is just as important now as ever to continue practicing all the COVID-19 safety protocols we have learned this past year in order to prevent a fourth surge. The last surge over the holidays not only produced the most confirmed cases in a three-month period, but also was the deadliest. More than 7,000 Cathedral City residents have contracted COVID-19 since last year, and unfortunately, 104 of our residents are no longer with us due to the disease.

The good news. The CDC recommends that fully vaccinated people can:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic

For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing

- Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at **increased risk for severe COVID-19** disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease
- Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households
- Avoid medium- and large -sized in-person gatherings
- Get tested if experiencing **COVID-19 symptoms**
- Follow guidance issued by individual employers
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

The continued news for those who have not been fully vaccinated. Please follow these COVID-19 Safety guidelines:

- Wear a facial covering when around others outside of your immediate household, even around extended family members.
- If meeting others outside of your immediate household, try to meet outdoors.
- Limit your shopping in person to as few times each week as possible and avoid extended time inside a retail store, such as a grocery store. Take advantage of pre-ordering items and pick-up via curbside pick-up.
- Social distance at least 6 feet away from others outside of your immediate household
- Wash your hands often throughout the day and especially before eating and drinking
- Disinfect often touched items like a smartphone that also touches your face

We are so close, potentially a few months, from getting past the COVID-19 pandemic once the vast majority of our residents are vaccinated. The results are already becoming apparent as Riverside County is expected to move from the Red Tier to the Orange Tier allowing more businesses and entertainment activities to reopen and further expand indoor capacities for dining, shopping, and entertainment. In fact, the most promising data available are hospitalization rates. They continue to drop significantly and are among the lowest rates not seen since the pandemic began.

Please know that the City of Cathedral City has in place Emergency Order 3D that mandates the use of facial coverings and social distancing until June 30, 2021 or unless extended or rescinded by the city council. This includes shopping at a store, picking up food, and working at a job that interacts with the public. Exceptions include when at home, driving alone in the car or with members of your household, children under the age of 2 years, while outdoors and/or exercising outdoors as long as you practice social distancing of at least 6 feet between others and have a face covering readily accessible if you encounter others and are unable to social distance (walking, hiking, golfing, etc.).

Let's put on our face masks and social distance a little longer, so later this year we can all spend time with family and friends in person and get back to actual vacations and community festivals.

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## COVID-19 INFORMATION

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Get the latest on Coronavirus Disease 2019

## Business Support

Cathedral City Economic Development

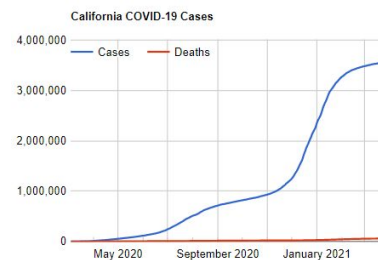


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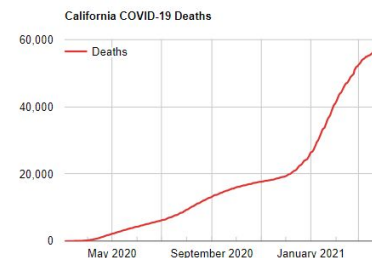
As of April 1, 2021, Cathedral City had a total of 7,009 confirmed COVID-19 cases (+35 since last week) and 105 reported deaths (+2 since last week). Other Coachella Valley cities are reporting the following:

Coachella 7,868 cases (+28), 90 deaths (+4)  
Desert Hot Springs 4,141 cases (+2), 70 deaths (+2)  
Indian Wells 190 cases (+2), 6 deaths (+0)  
Indio 12,164 cases (+43), 213 deaths (+6)  
La Quinta 3,372 cases (+24), 61 deaths (+2)  
Palm Desert 3,895 cases (+16), 115 deaths (+3)  
Palm Springs 3,685 cases (+22), 122 deaths (+4)  
Rancho Mirage 1,081 cases (+1), 45 deaths (+2)

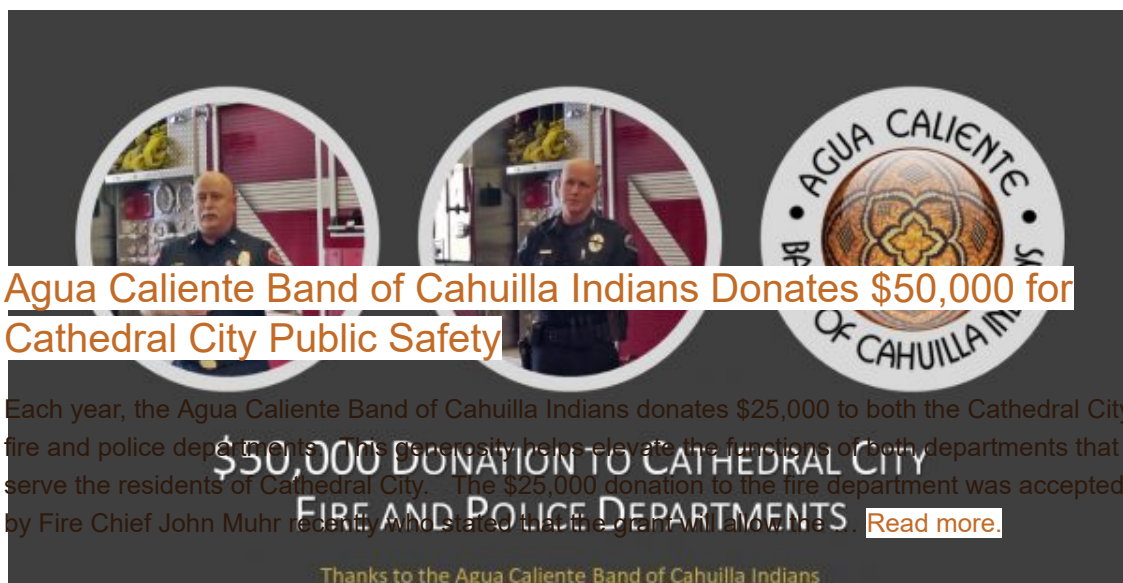
Riverside County has reported 294,617 COVID-19 cases (+910), 4,339 deaths (+125), and 287,694 recovered cases (+1,420).



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## NEWS



## Riverside County and Partners Administer 1 Million Vaccines to Residents and Workers

Riverside County reached an important milestone in its mission to provide COVID-19 vaccines to most Riverside County residents and workers, with more than one million vaccines administered. Shirley Ann Gruenke, a 65-year-old resident of Cherry Valley, represented the millionth dose with cheers and fanfare from the nurses and staff at the Albert A. Chatigny Sr. Community Center in Beaumont. ... [Read more.](#)

## Mobile Pop-Up for Rental Assistance Program / Pop-Up Móviles para asistencia de alquiler

Impacted by COVID-10 and having trouble paying your rent? The United Lift 2021 rental assistance program is officially open for Riverside County residents. Apply in person at a rental assistance mobile pop-up at the Cathedral City Community Amphitheater on Saturday, April 10 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Tell your friends, family and neighbors, and join us! Impacto de ... [Read more.](#)

## Cathedral City Ranked in the Top 50 Safest Cities in California

Every city has crime, but not all cities get an award for being in Top 50 cities in California with the lowest



amount of crime! [SafeWise.com](#), an organization that contextualizes national crime and safety trends, informed Police Chief George Crump and City Manager Charlie McClendon recently that Cathedral City was among the top 50 safest cities in California. In fact, ... [Read more.](#)

## Vaccine Eligibility Expanding Significantly in April

Governor Newsom announced that starting next Thursday, April 1, 2021, anyone over the age of 50 will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Then, on April 15, 2021, anyone over the age of 16 will be eligible to be vaccinated. This dramatic increase in pace is all due to stepped up manufacturing of the COVID-19 vaccines and increasing supplies. ... [Read more.](#)

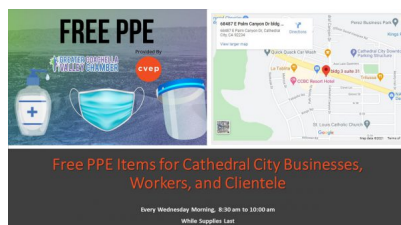


## EVENTS



### 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... [Read more.](#)



### Free PPE Equipment for Cathedral City Businesses, Workers, and Clientele

Do you operate a business in Cathedral City and want FREE PPE items, such as face coverings and hand sanitizer for your employees, workers, or clientele? Thanks to Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP), Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce and the City of Cathedral City, PPE items will be available for pick-up at the Chamber Office: Every ... [Read more.](#)



## COVID-19 Rental Relief Application Assistance Pop-Up” Event in Cathedral City

En Español: <https://www.unitedlift.org/esp> The economic fallout brought on by COVID-19 continues to negatively impact communities through Riverside County. In response, United Lift—a joint effort by Lift to Rise, Inland SoCal United Way, and the County of Riverside—announced that new rental assistance resources will soon become available to keep Riverside County families housed. The

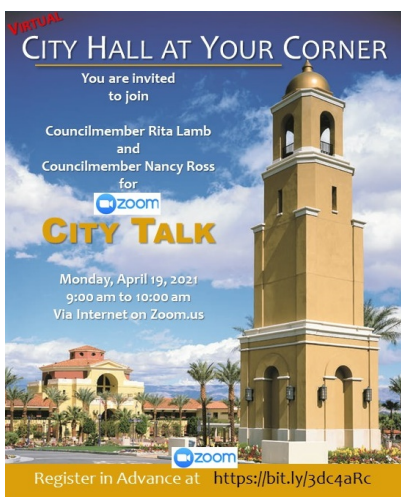
Riverside County Board of Supervisors in ... [Read more.](#)



## “Coffee with the Chief” Scheduled for April 12 - Register Now

The City of Cathedral City is hosting a new monthly event called, “Coffee with the Chief” that will provide an opportunity for the community to discuss issues about

public safety in an informal manner with our two public safety leaders. The conversation will rotate monthly between Police Chief George Crum and Fire Chief John Muhr.... [Read more.](#)



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

Register now for March’s virtual “City Hall at Your Corner” as Councilmembers Rita Lamb and Nancy Ross host the event for an informal discussion of issues in Cathedral City. This virtual event will take place on Monday, April 19, 2021 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Zoom.us. You must register for the event in advance... [Read more.](#)

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