

Monument Manor News: COVID-19

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The Monument Manor Neighborhood Association has received community information concerning the COVID-19 pandemic through Geary Hund, one of our Board members. We are passing it along as a service to our neighbors and fellow property owners.

This link contains general information relating to COVID-19 in San Bernardino County. <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/>>

This link [COVID-19 PC Surveillance Dashboard](#) shows statistics about the virus in San Bernardino County. The Locations tab shows cases by municipality.

Local markets have instituted special hours for seniors:

- Walmart: Tuesdays 6 am
- Stater Brothers: 7 am – 8 am daily
- Vons: 7am – 9 am Tuesdays and Thursdays

County Supervisor Dawn Rowe, the Hi-Desert Medical Center (HDMC) CEO, and the Morongo Basin Healthcare District (MBHD) CEO have issued notices. Here are highlights (underlines are MMNA's):

From Supervisor Rowe

- The Board of Supervisors approved a moratorium on residential and commercial evictions and foreclosures that applies to properties in the unincorporated areas of the county. In addition, the county Tax Collector pledged to waive penalties for property owners who are unable pay their property taxes on time.
- The Office of Emergency Services (OES) is working in concert with the Morongo Basin Healthcare District and the Hi-Desert Medical Center to ensure we have capacity to handle a potential influx of patients.
- The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health ... conducted its first drive-thru test site with more to follow. The public can sign-up for an appointment by visiting wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus or calling 909-252-4406, or you can contact your primary care physician to request private testing.
- At the local level, I'm working with federal officials to institute a complete closure of Joshua Tree National Park. [MMNA Note: This is now in effect.] <https://www.nps.gov/jotr/index.htm>.
- Similarly, the county issued a directive requiring the closure of vacation rentals for the duration of the Public Health order. <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/cao/countywire/?p=5626>.
- The county established a Joint Information Center (JIC) last week. Contact the JIC at 909-387-3911 to find out how the county can assist you and your family as we deal with COVID-19 together.

HDMC CEO Karen Faulls

This is an OP-ED that is mainly about heightened screening that HDMC is doing, and plans it is making including: no patient visits allowed now, possible additional beds in lobby and common areas, and use of outdoor tents for some services. ***HDMC Op-Ed 3.27.20.pdf attached below.***

MBHD CEO Jackie Combs

This note reminds us that MBHD operates community health clinics in Yucca Valley and Twentynine Palms. The press release repeats the advice we've been seeing in all media. For specifics about MBHD, see <https://www.mbhdistrict.org/>



MORONGO BASIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

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March 27, 2020

Leaders of Morongo Basin Healthcare District and Community Health Center continuously monitor local, regional and state public health concerns and emerging information on Coronavirus (COVID-19).

During these trying and unsettling times, it's important to know that your healthcare district, together with Hi-Desert Medical Center and the County of San Bernardino are working to prepare for the long-term implications of this pandemic.

The Morongo Basin Healthcare District operates two community health clinics known as Morongo Basin Community Health Center. Located in both Yucca Valley and 29 Palms, these clinics provide affordable healthcare for everyone.

We stand ready to deploy our staff for backup to support the Hi-Desert Medical Center in the event of an increase in COVID-19 patients.

It's important to know that if you are diagnosed with COVID-19, and if you live with others, you must all stay at home and follow your medical provider's direction.

We are concerned about your health and safety. If you have fever with respiratory symptoms, stay home and call your medical provider. If you have difficulty breathing and need medical care, call the hospital or 911.

For your health and safety:

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- Practice social / physical distancing. Keep at least six feet between you and the next person.
- Stay at home, except for essential needs.
- If you are 65 or older, or have a chronic illness, stay at home and have others get essential needs.

We need to "flatten the curve" and stem the increase in spreading this disease. If we can slow the rate of infection, we can make sure our local hospital and medical providers do not become overwhelmed responding to what will surely be a spike in confirmed cases here locally.

We're all in this together and it's up to all of us do our part *every day*.

Jackie Combs, CEO

Morongo Basin Healthcare District

Morongo Basin Community Health Center



Dear Morongo Basin Residents,

As your County Supervisor, I want to keep our Morongo Basin residents informed about the county's response to COVID-19. The County of San Bernardino is utilizing a multi-pronged approach to address this pandemic. Managing the delivery of emergency and healthcare services is paramount, but we must also take steps to provide direct assistance our residents during this unprecedented time in history.

On March 24, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a moratorium on residential and commercial evictions and foreclosures that applies to properties in the unincorporated areas of the county. In addition, the county Tax Collector pledged to waive penalties for property owners who are unable pay their property taxes on time.

On the emergency management side, the Office of Emergency Services (OES) is activated to Level I, its highest level, and is coordinating activities among the various county departments and 24 cities within our county. OES is also working in concert with the Morongo Basin Healthcare District and the Hi-Desert Medical Center to ensure we have capacity to handle a potential influx of patients. Furthermore, the San Bernardino County Fire Department is operating an Incident Command Post, similar to what you'd see in response to a large wildland fire, to manage first-responder resources and flex staffing to areas of the county that need it most.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health is also a critical component to the COVID-19 response. On March 27, the department conducted its first drive-thru test site with more to follow. The public can sign-up for an appointment by visiting wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus or calling 909-252-4406, or you can contact your primary care physician to request private testing.

At the local level, I'm working with federal officials to institute a complete closure of Joshua Tree National Park. The Morongo Basin shouldn't be a travel destination for tourists while we have a stay-at-home order in effect. Similarly, the county issued a directive requiring the closure of vacation rentals for the duration of the order. I'm also coordinating a weekly call with community leaders to keep them informed as this event unfolds.

To address many of the questions and concerns from the public related to this crisis, the county established a Joint Information Center (JIC) last week. I encourage residents to contact the JIC at 909-387-3911 to find out how the county can assist you and your family as we deal with COVID-19 together.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Dawn Rowe
County of San Bernardino

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We are providing this information to keep you informed about our neighborhood. If you are not interested in receiving these notifications, please contact the MMNA Secretary, Linda Doyle (Lsdoyle@earthlink.net).

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