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HEMET POLICE DEPARTMENT COVID-19 RESPONSE SUMMARY

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Coronavirus Watch Riverside County (AS OF 04/23/2020 @ 5:00 pm)

Confirmed Cases in Riverside County	3218
Deaths in Riverside County	100
Currently Hospitalized (Includes ICU)	229
ICU	84
Confirmed Cases in City of Hemet	156
Deaths in City of Hemet	6
Riverside County Cases That Have Recovered	904

Data taken from Riverside County Public Health System rivcoph.org/coronavirus

PROCLAMATIONS AND DECLARATIONS

- City Council made an Emergency Declaration on March 16th, 2020
This action allows the city to access State and Federal resources as they become available and are needed
- Governor Gavin Newsom issues “Safer at Home” executive order March 20, 2020
<https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>

HEMET POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

- Hemet Public Safety Communication Center began to screen some calls for COVID-19 exposure on March 12, 2020.
- Hemet Police Department Suspended all Volunteer and Police Explorer activity on March 16, 2020.
- Hemet Police Department closed the Main Lobby of the police department on March 17, 2020. Police Dispatch has begun to encourage callers with non-emergency needs to utilize on-line reporting methods or have an officer contact them by telephone. Police Officers continue to respond to all emergency calls for service.



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- Governor Gavin Newsom activated 105 National Guard personnel to assist with humanitarian efforts on March 20, 2020. **No National Guard troops deployed to Hemet.**
- First Public COVID-19 Response Summary made available on HPD website, Facebook and HPD App March 23, 2020
- City of Hemet Emergency Dispatchers continue to screen some calls by asking COVID-19 related questions. Residents have been asked to be patient during this process, it is designed to protect the person calling and the first responders. This process will not delay the dispatching of emergency personnel
- All park equipment and facilities closed by City of Hemet 03/26/2020
- Covid-19 “See Something Say Something” link posted to City website on March 27, 2020. Anyone with information related to a non-essential business still operating within the city limits in Hemet is encouraged to make a report at <https://www.hemetca.gov/FormCenter/COVID19-5/See-something-say-something-39>
- Hemet Police Department responded to 32 city businesses that were reported as not following the “Safer at Home” order. Businesses were provided with education and voluntarily complied with regulations after contact.
- Police Department produced informational pamphlets to educate business on what qualifies as essential and non-essential activities on March 30, 2020.
- Two City of Hemet Code Enforcement Officers assigned to the Hemet Police Department to help contact / educate city establishments that out of compliance with “Safer at Home” order March 30, 2020.
- Hemet Police Department added “See Something Say Something” link in the Hemet Police App March 30, 2020
- April 4th Hemet Police Department began mandating all police employees to wear masks while in public. Officers responding to calls for service will be wearing some type of face covering. The type and style of face cover utilized will vary based on call type.
- As of April 6, Hemet Police Department has responded to 75 reports of COVID-19 County Public Health Order Violations in the City limits. Please do not call 911 to report health order violations. Suspected violation cans be reported on the City of Hemet website or on the Hemet Police Department smart phone app.
- April 8th Hemet Police Department began modified patrol shifts. These modified hours will place more police officers on routine patrol while also protecting public safety employees during off hours.



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HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

- All Hemet Unified School District sites closed for instruction from March 16th, 2020 through April 30, 2020.
- ~~HUSD Meal service is available at selected sites Monday Friday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm~~
- For more information about site closures and nutrition resources please visit Unified School District website at:
https://www.hemetusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1695685&type=d&pREC_ID=1856039
- ~~HUSD Meal service modified to Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at selected sites. You can find more information at:
https://www.hemetusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1695685&type=d&pREC_ID=1856039~~
- On April 2, 2020 Hemet Unified School District extended school closures to June 19th.
- HUSD Meal service is modified to Wednesday only from 9 am to 10:30 am at selected sites. You can find more information at
https://www.hemetusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1695685&type=d&pREC_ID=1856039

COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION

- Riverside County has expanded COVID-19 testing in western Riverside County. The Community Based Testing Site (CBTS) is open at the Diamond Stadium in Lake Elsinore for those who live within 50 miles of Riverside. **You must be screened online at <https://www.projectbaseline.com/covid-19/> for an appointment.** If you do not have access to a computer you can call **800-945-6171** to be screened for an appointment.
- On March 31, 2020 Hemet Global Medical Center began offering limited COVID-19 drive-thru testing. To schedule an appointment, call 951-765-4757. Only those who have been advised by their doctor or are displaying COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, fatigue, difficulty breathing should take the test.



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USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

- Questions regarding Virus Referrals for food, shelter, or health related requests **dial 211**
- Mental Health referrals for emotional feelings and anxiety dial **1-800-706-7500**
- [HTTP://HEMETCA.GOV/COVID-19](http://hemetca.gov/covid-19) for Hemet City updates, utility service information, small business & employment resources, handwashing & symptom info from CDC
- Hemet Emergency Services Coordinator **951-765-2451**
- Hemet City Manager's Office **951-765-2301**
- Hemet Police Department business line **951-765-2410**
- Hemet Police Department Non-Emergency line **951-765-2400**
- [WWW.RIVCOPH.ORG/CORONAVIRUS](http://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus) for Riverside County mandates, toolkits for At-Risk Populations & businesses
- [WWW.CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) for Federal Mandates & Updates, Situation Summaries, Cases in the US
- City of Hemet "See Something Say Something" website:
<https://www.hemetca.gov/FormCenter/COVID19-5/See-something-say-something-39>

Please continue to monitor the City of Hemet and the Hemet Police Department webpages for up-to-date information. Follow us on Facebook and download the Hemet PD app on Google Play or in the App Store