



# Town of Yucca Valley

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## **Local Health Watch and Related Information**

With the recent introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the United States, the Town of Yucca Valley has been actively monitoring event and related actions through our partnerships with the California Department of Health, and the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health. Both agencies are working collaboratively with the Center for Disease Control.

### Town Response

The Town has made it a priority to ensure that information is being shared as it is received, and more importantly, directing individuals to the appropriate source for ongoing information, including the County Department of Health, the State Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control. These sites provide the most updated and current information and recommendations related to this event.

County - [<http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/>](http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/)  
State - [<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/)  
Federal [<https://www.cdc.gov/>](https://www.cdc.gov/)

### Town Activities

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued guidance related to the planning, delivery and execution of various types of gatherings. This guidance directed the cancellation or postponement of non-essential public gatherings through “at least” March 2020. Based on the issued guidelines, the Town has cancelled non-essential Town events through April 2020. This will include the following events:

1. Youth All-Star Basketball Tournament, Practices and Participation
2. Hi Desert Nature Museum Noon Lecture - March/April
3. St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Senior Center - March 13th
4. St. Pet-Ricks Day Adoption Event - March 17<sup>th</sup>
5. First Saturday Senior Center Event - April 4<sup>th</sup>
6. Easter Egg Hunt - April 11<sup>th</sup>
7. Earth Day - April 20<sup>th</sup>

Other events may meet the criteria as identified by the CDPH and will be cancelled as required.

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## Best Health Practices Recommendations

**As with any virus, especially during the flu season, there are several steps you can take to protect your health and those around you:**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- If someone does become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough, they should stay away from work, school or other people to avoid spreading illness and contact their healthcare provider if symptoms become severe.
- N95 masks are **not** recommended outside a healthcare setting. Surgical masks can be worn by sick individuals to reduce the likelihood of spreading germs to others.

The public is encouraged to practice common sense and avoid extreme actions such as hoarding, sensationalizing, propagation of false information via social media, and other discourteous and unhelpful behavior.

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