



# City of Needles

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### Visitor Case of COVID-19 Recorded Update 5-17-2020

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Yesterday two cases of COVID-19 were recorded in visitors from the Los Angeles metropolitan area. The tests were administered by Tri-State Community Healthcare Center on Thursday, May 14. The results were reported to the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (DPH) and the City on May 15.

The City is working with the Communicable Disease Section of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health and the event is considered a low health risk incident. The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health has been in contact with the patients and is currently conducting contact tracing.

The patients who tested positive have been instructed to self-isolate for at least 10 days after symptoms began, and those who had contact with the case patients were instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days. The first patient has been admitted to a regional hospital. The second patient has returned to his home.

Per the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health guidelines, the following steps should be taken to protect your health and those around you:

- If you are sick stay home.
- People experiencing symptoms of contagious illness should seek medical guidance. Testing is being offered during the week at both the Tri-State Community Healthcare Center (760-326-0222) and Colorado River Medical Center (760-326-7100) by appointment only.
- Persons aged 65 years and older and persons of any age with certain underlying health conditions are at increased risk should they contract COVID-19 and are encouraged to self-quarantine.
- 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 80% 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.
- Avoid close contact and practice social distancing.
- Wear face coverings when leaving the home or conducting essential business.

For information about COVID-19, visit the County's COVID-19 website at <http://sbcovid19.com>. New information and resources have been added and the site is being updated daily. The public can also contact the County's coronavirus public information line from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (909) 387-3911. The City will continue to monitor the situation.