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Small aircraft crashes in the Mojave Riverbed in Helendale

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HELENDALE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — No injuries were reported after a small aircraft crash in the Mojave River bed Monday afternoon.

At about 4:40 pm, on March 23, 2020, fire crews were dispatched to a reported plane down near Holcomb Ranch Road in the community of Helendale.

According to scanner traffic, the pilot of the aircraft was not injured and was able to walk to the roadway to meet first responders.

San Bernardino County Firefighters at the scene confirmed the experimental aircraft was in the sand and no fuel was leaking.

The small plane is registered out of Upland, CA and is a model Van's RV-7A, according to the FAA website.

Van's RV-7 is a two-seater, single-engine, homebuilt airplane sold in a kit.

The FAA has been advised of the crash and additional information will be updated as it becomes available.

<https://www.vvng.com/kit-aircraft-crashes-in-the-mojave-riverbed-in-helendale/>

San Bernardino County provides answers to important questions about coronavirus

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The County of San Bernardino has produced a list of COVID-19 frequently asked questions and answers for the public.

The information is current as of March 23, but is subject to change daily based on new information coming in.

----- How many confirmed cases of coronavirus are in San Bernardino County?

There are 17 confirmed cases; no fatalities at this time. The first case appeared in a Kaiser Permanente Fontana patient who returned from London, U.K. The second case appeared in a 54-year-old male with underlying health conditions who had come into contact with persons who had recently traveled from Washington State. The third case appeared in a woman in her 50s. No further information regarding the other patients is available at this time. It is also important to note that under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the county is obligated to protect patient information.

No matter where these cases were confirmed, all residents should continue to practice good public health hygiene and stay home, especially if they are sick.

View the news releases and the most recent number of confirmed cases in San Bernardino County at wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus.

----- Why aren't you sharing the location of the cases?

We have decided not to identify the location of each new case because we should assume and behave as if coronavirus is everywhere. We do not want people outside of those areas to assume they are safe and don't need to take precautions, and we don't want people within those communities to panic or feel they'll be safe if they go somewhere else. Once we get more cases, and we will, we will consider producing a map showing locations where cases have been detected. But right now, we're on the side of not wanting to create needless panic in one community at a time and create false complacency in other communities.

----- Who have these patients made contact with?

The County Department of Public Health is working to identify all patients' contacts to monitor them for signs and symptoms of the illness and to take measures to prevent transmission. As should always be the case, people experiencing symptoms of contagious illness should seek medical guidance, not attend work or school, and avoid unnecessary contact with other people.

----- What is the most recent response from the County to address COVID-19?

In an effort to protect the public from further spread of the virus that causes COVID-19, the County's Acting Health Officer ordered the cancellation of private and public gatherings of any number of people within the county through at least April 6. The County continues to work closely with local, state and federal partners to respond to reports of COVID-19.

----- Are public attractions and public offices closing?

Services for the following County departments and offices will be available only by phone and online. Offices will be closed to the public:

Agriculture/Weights & Measures

Assessor-Recorder-Clerk

Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector

Child Support Services

Children's Network

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Community Development and Housing Agency

County Fire and Fire Marshal

District Attorney

Economic Development

Human Resources

Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA)

Land Use Services, which includes Planning, Building and Safety, and Code Enforcement

Public Works, with the exception of lobby computer access to surveyor records

Purchasing

Registrar of Voters, with the exception of election observers by appointment only

Risk Management

Special Districts Water and Sanitation

Transitional Assistance

Veterans Affairs

Workforce Development, however, in-person appointments will be conducted only when necessary

The following County attractions and services are closed to the public until at least April 3:

Big Bear Alpine Zoo at Moonridge

County branch libraries, including Lewis Library in Fontana

County museums and historical sites

County Regional Parks, including Calico Ghost Town

Park and recreation district preschool in Joshua Tree

The following senior and community centers (centers that conduct meal programs will make meals available via drive-thru)

Big Bear Senior Center

Bloomington Ayala Senior Center

Joshua Tree Community Center

Lucerne Valley Community Center

Wonder Valley Community Center

Additional measures may be taken and announced to the public in the coming days. Check wp.sbcounty.gov for the most recent COVID-19 updates in San Bernardino County.

----- I heard that Public Health/County is gearing up to provide mobile testing.

County Public Health is working hard to establish mobile testing, but there are no dates or locations yet. That information will be widely publicized as soon as it's available. In the meantime, call your healthcare provider for information about testing. Your doctor will determine if you have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and whether you should be tested.

----- Why isn't the county doing anything?

As local government, San Bernardino County is currently following the state orders to slow the spread of COVID-19. We continue to work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to ensure we receive the most current guidances. Residents of San Bernardino are encouraged to stay home as much as possible while only participating in essential activities, such as critical work functions and shopping for necessities. We know these measures are challenging, but social distancing will help to protect all of our communities. We encourage older adults and those with chronic medical conditions to take additional precautions to avoid getting sick with the disease.

The County services that are the most-essential to your health, safety, and well-being will continue to be available to you during this crisis.

----- What does the Governor's order/ shelter/stay at home order mean?

Stay at home except for essential needs. Everyone is required to stay home except to get food, care for a relative or friend, get necessary health care, or go to an essential job. If you go out, keep at least 6 feet of distance. Learn more at <https://covid19.ca.gov/>.

GENERAL COVID-19 INFORMATION – SYMPTOMS, PREVENTION, RISK

----- I think I might have COVID-19. What should I do?

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, and may have had contact with a person with COVID-19 or recently traveled to countries with apparent community spread, call your healthcare provider first before seeking medical care so that appropriate precautions can be taken.

----- What are COVID-19 symptoms? When do symptoms occur?

Current symptoms reported for patients with COVID-19 have included:

Mild to severe respiratory illness with fever

Cough

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.

Symptoms may appear within 2 to 14 days after exposure.

----- Who should I call if I or someone I know are experiencing any symptoms or have questions?

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, and may have had contact with a person with COVID-19 or recently traveled to countries with apparent community spread, call your healthcare provider first before seeking medical care so that appropriate precautions can be taken. Most people will get better with rest, so there is usually no need to see a doctor if you have mild symptoms.

The COVID-19 Hotline is open Monday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take your questions and listen to your concerns. Call (909) 387-3911.

For more information on the Coronavirus, visit: readyfontana.org.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/san-bernardino-county-provides-answers-to-important-questions-about-coronavirus/article_1a9658cc-6d8a-11ea-8f38-c7e24ffb9958.html

Important reminder: Call 9-1-1 only for actual emergencies

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As COVID-19 cases continue to rise in San Bernardino County, local hospitals and public health officials are anticipating an increase in emergency room visits from the public; as such, this may also cause a strain on the 9-1-1 system.

In anticipation of this potential surge, local public safety officials are urging the public to utilize the 9-1-1 system for actual emergencies only to ensure the first-responders are available for life-threatening emergencies.

To alleviate excess 9-1-1 calls, if a person is exhibiting flu-like symptoms or has another non-emergency medical situation, public health and public safety officials recommend that members of the public first contact their primary physician or their health care provider's nurse health line for assistance.

Most health care providers have 24-hour nurse advice or Call for Care numbers available to serve their members for several non-emergency medical situations such as colds, coughs, sore throats, flu-like symptoms, and questions about medicines.

Inland Empire Health Care (IEHP Nurse Advice Line), Kaiser Permanente (Call for Care), Molina Healthcare, and Blue Cross or Blue Shield are examples of health care plans in the region that have 24/7 nurse advice or Call for Care lines available to their members. The information for these services is listed on the back of the membership cards. The information can also be found on the providers' websites and mobile apps.

You may be asked additional questions by the 9-1-1 telecommunicator to help screen for potential COVID-19 indicators. You may also be asked to step outside to meet first responders if you are physically able to do so. These steps are necessary to minimize exposure to first responders and others in the event the symptoms are in fact COVID-19 related.

Your fire and law enforcement agencies remain committed to providing the utmost in customer service and public safety amid these unprecedented circumstances. Help us be there when you need us most.

As always, if you or a loved one are experiencing any life-threatening emergency, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1 to request an emergency response.

For the latest information and preparedness tips, visit the San Bernardino County Public Health website at <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/>.

San Bernardino County Resources:

San Bernardino County Public Information Line: (909) 387-3911, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note this line is for general information only.

San Bernardino County 2-1-1 is a one-stop connection to thousands of community services; staff can assist callers 24 hours a day. If you are outside the area or dialing 2-1-1 doesn't work at your place of business, you can call (888) 435-7565.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/opinion/important-reminder-call-----only-for-actual/article_fdd850f8-6d27-11ea-b889-376bd4f29450.html