

## MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

### Desert Recreation District is Open!

***Beginning April 15, 2021 DRD is once again offering indoor programs & classes***

Indio, CA (April 13, 2021) – Desert Recreation District (DRD) is excited to share that beginning Thursday, April 15, 2021 they are once again open for indoor workouts, classes, camps, and other events. This announcement comes after having modified programming for the past year to include online and outdoor activities amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing public health and county guidelines restricting what could be offered.



DRD will continue to monitor information published by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Riverside County Department of Public Health, and follow state of California guidelines including orders that are issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. In addition to wearing masks and staying 6' apart, DRD will also maintain rigorous disinfecting and enhanced cleaning protocols, ask anyone who is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or who has been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 to stay home, and encouraging frequent hand washing.

As Desert Recreation District keeps the well-being of all staff and guests, volunteers and anyone who uses their facilities as their top priority, they are balancing these health concerns with recognizing that physical exercise and social interaction are also important aspects of the daily lives of Coachella Valley residents. DRD offered additional FIND Food Bank distributions, adding to both the locations and frequency of this essential service at a time when many had lost their jobs or had reduced income, as well as having offered COVID-19 testing sites and PPE giveaways to those with special needs during the past year.

Summer 2021 Activity & Program Guides will soon be mailed to all residents within the DRD service area, and guests are always welcome to visit [MyRecreationDistrict.com](http://MyRecreationDistrict.com), call 760-347-3484 or pick up a local Activities Guide at any DRD Community Center (Palm Desert, Thousand Palms, Bermuda Dunes, La Quinta, Indio, Indio Hills, Coachella, Mecca, Thermal, North Shore) or at DRD's Administrative office.

#### **About Desert Recreation District**

*Desert Recreation District (DRD) is the largest park and recreation district in California, covering over 1,800 square miles and serving more than 380,000 residents throughout the greater Coachella Valley. In addition to managing, maintaining, and assisting in maintaining more than 30 parks and recreation facilities and creating and delivering quality programs, services and classes, thanks to strategic partnerships we have been able to bring essential services such as Rapid-Response Food Distributions, COVID-19 Testing, Flu Shots, a Distance-Learning Program and more to Valley residents. This community collaborative approach allows us to not only provide barrier-free and safe recreational activities, but to also bring critical resources where they are needed, thereby helping to create stronger communities and healthier citizens.*

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