



# COVID-19 Preparedness and Response

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# Overview of COVID-19

- Respiratory illness first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China
- Since spread to 109 countries
- As of March 9<sup>th</sup>, **566** confirmed cases in U.S., **114** in California
- Public Health Emergencies declared by State of California, and throughout MWD service area

# Metropolitan Response

- Pandemic Task Force activated at Level 1 in early February (monitoring & planning)
- Pandemic Task Force meeting regularly
- Ongoing communications to workforce
- Emergency Operations Center activated to monitor, communicate with other local agencies
- Increasing supplies in case of shortages (*hand sanitizer, chemicals, fuel, etc.*)

# Additional Measures

- Employees reminded of basic preventive measures (e.g., frequent hand washing, staying home when ill)
- Teleworking available
- Social Distancing
  - *District functions cancelled or postponed pending further notice*
  - *Conferences being cancelled by hosts*
  - *All non-essential travel cancelled*

# Summary

- *Actively monitoring*
- *Action Plans*
- *Communicating with state and county public health agencies & member agencies*
- *Regular Board Updates*



