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COVID-19 Update

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The College of the Canyons nursing program has donated essential equipment to Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital.



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Gov. Gavin Newsom today gave an update on the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (All daily news conferences are streamed live at noon on his [Twitter page](#) and the [California Governor Facebook page](#).) You can also find more information on [California's COVID-19 website](#).

During today's update, the governor announced [California is making progress](#) in securing additional hospital beds to treat COVID-19 patients and relieve pressure on the health care delivery system. Among the alternate care sites is Sleep Train Arena, the former home of the Sacramento Kings, where medical workers will provide care for less sick patients. He also [announced](#) California is sending 500 state-owned ventilators to the national stockpile to help other states in need.

You can [watch the full update here](#). (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 1:20 mark.)

Gov. Newsom over the weekend announced he signed executive orders to [protect consumers from price gouging](#), to [expand telehealth services](#) to medical providers and to provide [expanded access to child care for essential workers](#). The governor this weekend also [announced the launch](#) of a [website](#) to help get critical medical supplies to the front lines.

Also this weekend, [California counties pledged](#) to use local authority to cancel penalties or charges for property tax non-payment related to COVID-19.

Late Friday, the Department of Consumer Affairs [waived restrictions on nursing student clinical hours](#). Additionally, more than 79,000 people have signed up for the [California Health Corps](#). Eligible medical workers will be paid and given malpractice insurance coverage.

Health officials in [Los Angeles](#) are urging residents to avoid shopping and stay indoors this week. Also, health officials in [Riverside County](#) are now mandating residents to wear face coverings when leaving their homes. [Here are some good tips](#) on how to make your own face covers.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE

On March 16, 2020 the Board of Governors granted the chancellor additional authority to help colleges continue to provide educational services to students including the ability to temporarily suspend regulations adopted by the Board of Governors and local rules and regulations. Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and Executive Vice Chancellor Marty Alvarado today issued an executive order and guidance memo to provide temporary suspension of various regulations related to the Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) to ensure maximum flexibility for programs working to meet the immediate instructional needs of students impacted by the COVID-19 state of emergency. This information is posted in the [Chancellor's Office Communications to Colleges](#) section.

We encourage everyone, including administrators, staff, faculty and students, to routinely check the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#), as it is updated daily with memos, recommendations and common questions/answers related to the pandemic and its impact on our system.



ONLINE INSTRUCTION

The California Community Colleges Accessibility Center has [posted one of the recordings](#) from a webinar on Canvas accessibility. This session covers the basic practices for including accessibility as part of online courses in Canvas and is intended for faculty transitioning to the online environment or new to teaching online. Topics include formatting of hyperlinks, text descriptions for images, providing navigation and structure to a Canvas page, and formatting of data tables.

The Accessibility Center will also offer a webinar on Otter.ai, an app that can help students with note taking by recording class lectures and presentations and converting that information into text. The webinar is Thursday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m. [Find more information here](#). To participate in the activities during this webinar, [participants can set up a free Otter.ai account](#) beforehand.

Our partners at SDSU, Dr. Frank Harris III and Dr. Luke Wood, are hosting another webinar: Equity-Minded Student Services in the Online Environment. The webinar will focus on equity-minded student services strategies and practices that can be employed by community college professionals in the online environment, and is a wonderful way to support the *Vision for Success*. The webinar is Thursday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m. [Register at this link](#).

The California Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative has developed an [Emergency Preparedness Resources](#) web site for assistance converting in-person classes to online. Several webinars are scheduled to help during this transition. (Please note: Recordings will be posted afterward for people who are unable to attend).



RESOURCES

College practitioners can find COVID-19 resources, information, and community within the [Vision Resource Center](#). Create an account or log in. Under the “Connect” menu, visit “All Communities” and look for the “CCC | COVID-19 Resources, Tools and Discussion” section. Click “Join Community” to access the content within.

For online instruction support requests, please contact [CVC-OEI](#).



STUDENT SUPPORTS

[CVC-OEI has a full page of resources dedicated to helping students transition to online learning](#). Resources include a number of videos on how to prepare for and succeed in a virtual classroom, as well an overview of Canvas. The page also details the companies offering free or low-cost internet access across the state.

If you have dual enrollment students or have your own high school students at home, The New York Times is now offering all teachers and high school students within the U.S., free digital access to NYTimes.com until July 6. [The link offers more information](#) on how schools can participate.

Additionally, for your dual enrollment students or younger kids at home, Sacramento State teacher candidates have created an online academy providing lessons across a variety of subjects for K-12 students. Check out the [Sac State Web Academy here](#).

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health or suicidal thoughts, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at [800-273-8255](#) or text the Crisis Text Line at [741741](#).



UNEMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

Millions of Americans have lost jobs in the last several weeks. [This article](#) provides some excellent information on what to do if you or someone you know has been laid off or furloughed.

Besides unemployment, many are also dealing with the loss of health insurance. [Here's some great information](#) on what to do if you've lost your health benefits during the pandemic. Additionally, anyone uninsured and eligible to enroll in health care coverage through Covered California can sign up through the end of June. [Find more information here](#).

The state's Employment Development Department also maintains [a list of resources](#) that people can receive while going through the unemployment process. La página también está disponible [en español](#).



HOW TO HELP

Philanthropic and corporate partners, as well as those looking to make a major gift or grant, are encouraged to contact the [Foundation for California Community Colleges](#). Individual donations are also being accepted through the Foundation and will be deployed to individual colleges supporting students impacted by lost wages, campus closures and the transition to distance education caused by COVID-19. [Check here for more details on how to give now.](#)

The [California Volunteers website](#) has a list of nonprofit organizations and food banks that are in dire need of volunteers, supplies and financial help.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a severe blood shortage across the country. If you're able to donate, please visit the [American Red Cross](#) or your local blood bank to schedule a donation. Some restrictions have been loosened to increase the number of people who can donate.



OTHER INFORMATION

Health officials say the next two weeks are critical. Here's [when experts predict](#) new COVID-19 cases will peak in California.

COVID-19 is spreading rapidly around the world, but the rates at which it is spreading varies widely. If you're curious about the spread, UCSF has put together a [tracker](#) for every county in the U.S.

TIP OF THE DAY

Zoom is connecting hundreds of millions of us, all across the globe. Don't let language be a barrier in keeping you connected. Grossmont College provided this video on [how to use Zoom in multiple languages](#), including Spanish, Farsi and Arabic.

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