



# COVID-19 Update

**March 13, 2020**

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is working closely with the governor's office, the California Department of Public Health and local colleges to mitigate effects of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Chancellor's Office is committed to providing accurate and timely information during this crisis. This information is current as of 3 p.m.

## **STATE AND NATIONAL DECLARATIONS**

President Trump today declared a [national state of emergency](#). The move will allow the administration to utilize the Stafford Act, the federal law that governs disaster-relief efforts, to provide emergency funding to state and local governments. Districts and colleges should document costs related to responding to the outbreak.

Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday, March 12 issued an executive order on enhancing California's ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This executive order details plans for mass gatherings, unemployment and disability insurance and the ability to hold public meetings via teleconference (Brown Act and Bagley-Keene Act). [Click this link to read the full executive order.](#)

## **RESOURCES**

The Chancellor's Office continues to support colleges as they work to protect students, staff, faculty and administrators. Please visit the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 webpage](#) for a comprehensive list of resources, answers to frequently asked questions and collateral materials.

California Community Colleges faculty, staff and administrators can also find COVID-19 resources and information 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](#).

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

The [March 16 meeting](#) of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges will now be held via video conference from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. We encourage the public to watch the [board meeting online](#) and submit written public comment to the Board of Governors liaison, [Christina Castro](#).

## **ONLINE INSTRUCTION**

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley on Wednesday, March 11, held a webinar with college presidents about transitioning from face-to-face course instruction. Resources available to help faculty, staff and students during this transition include:

- [CVC-OEI Emergency Preparedness Resources](#)
- [Instructional, Student Services and Shared College Resource Information](#)

- [Student Online Readiness Modules](#)

In addition, the Chancellor's Office has posted [guidance on Attendance Accounting](#) for conversion to distance education.

### **STUDENT SUPPORTS**

The Department of Education has issued [this guidance](#) regarding continued payments for Work-Study and impact of school closures on financial aid.

The Chancellor's Office is pursuing an opportunity for emergency funding to be able to provide laptops to foster youth in college who are unable to otherwise access one. We do not know yet if we will be able to obtain this funding, but if we are able to, we are trying to get a sense of the need. If you have a need for laptops for foster youth to be able to participate in classes online, please complete [this form](#).

### **ATHLETICS**

The California Community College Athletic Association has immediately postponed practices outside of regularly scheduled classes as well as competition for all spring sports. [Read more on the decision](#).

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

We understand this is a difficult time. A UCSF psychologist has [tips on staying clearheaded](#) if you're feeling anxiety over the coronavirus.



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