



COVID-19 Update

March 16, 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 GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS

The White House today said Americans should not gather in groups of more than 10 people and unnecessary travel and social visits should be avoided. The Senate today is considering a bill already approved by the House that would help those affected by the coronavirus. [Read the update at this link.](#)

Gov. Gavin Newsom today asked the Legislature for emergency legislative action on COVID-19. [The text of the letter can be found here.](#)

The governor on Sunday, March 15 issued guidance on protecting our state's most vulnerable citizens. He asked anyone 65 years old and older, and those with compromised immune systems, to practice home isolation. He also called for bars, nightclubs and wineries to close, and for restaurants to focus on takeout services. [Click this link to watch Gov. Newsom's update on the state's response to COVID-19](#) (Please note: the update begins about 13 minutes into the video).

On Friday, March 13, Gov. Newsom [signed an executive order](#) ensuring state funding for K-12 schools even in event of physical closure. Also on Friday, he issued guidance to state workers hurt by COVID-19. [More information can be found here.](#) The California Senate has canceled all hearings this week, while the Assembly is continuing to hold them on a more limited basis.

San Francisco and five other Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo and Santa Clara) are [ordering people to stay home](#) except for essential needs.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges today approved an emergency measure that provides the state chancellor with additional authority to help colleges continue to provide educational services to students. The measure provides the state chancellor with direction to take all appropriate actions, including by executive order, to allow the continued education of community college students during the period of emergency proclaimed by Gov. Gavin Newsom earlier this month. [Read the full press release here.](#)

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley is in continued discussions with the Governor's Office, higher education leaders and the Chancellor's Office executive staff and has requested the following actions of California community college leaders:

- Substantially limit all in-person interaction on campuses through June.
- Continue to move instruction to remote learnings platforms.
- Consider reconfiguring all commencement ceremonies and pinning ceremonies to limit event size or move to a virtual format.
- Cancel, postpone or move to a remote format all events, large meetings or conferences for the remainder of the year. This includes moving public board meetings to a remote format.
- Institute remote working protocols for eligible employees in consultation with local bargaining units.
- Consider the strong possibility of a slowdown in the state's economy as you review on-going expenditures.

The state Consultation Council will continue to meet monthly. The next meeting is schedule for this Thursday via video conference. [Details and the agenda can be found here.](#)

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](#).

ONLINE INSTRUCTION

Chancellor Oakley on Wednesday, March 11, held a webinar with college presidents about transitioning 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](#)

The [California Community Colleges Accessibility Center](#) will be hosting a series of webinars this week focusing on accessibility practices for online teaching. The sessions will occur twice a day, Tuesday through Thursday this week. Sessions will be the following:

- Tuesday (March 17), Wednesday (March 18), and Thursday (March 19)
- Morning session: 9AM-10AM
- Evening session: 6PM-7PM
- Zoom Meeting URL: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/950419161> (All sessions will use the same Zoom meeting information).

TechConnect Zoom is ready to support online delivery of your [classes, meetings and events](#).

STUDENT SUPPORTS

The Hope Center for College, Community and Justice at Temple University put together a very helpful set of guidance around helping students during this time. [Read the document here.](#)

Comcast is offering [two months of free internet](#) to low-income households. Students must live in an area where Comcast Internet Service is available.

EVENTS

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the Chancellor's Office asks you cancel all of your financial aid outreach events for the remainder of the spring term. Your college **will not** be penalized for not holding the required outreach event, so there will be no impact to your SFAA/BFAP allocations.

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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