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COVID-19 Update

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The Los Angeles Community College District and its Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges are giving away 300 laptops to LACCD students who need essential remote learning tools



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[The Senate again fell short of the votes it](#) needed to pass a \$2 billion package to provide relief to Americans struggling in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gov. Newsom announced Sunday that President Trump approved the state's request for a presidential Major Disaster Declaration. The declaration will help bolster California's COVID-19 emergency response efforts. [Read more about the declaration here.](#)

California has launched a website to provide useful COVID-19 information to all state residents. It highlights critical steps people can take to stay healthy and includes public service announcements from state health leaders. [The website can be found here.](#)



SYSTEM GUIDANCE

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley today announced a series of actions, including through executive order, to help ensure that teaching and learning continues at all 115 community colleges and that students are not penalized academically or financially due to the COVID-19 crisis. [Read the full press release at this link.](#)

Since Friday, the Chancellor's Office has issued the following guidance memos:

- Preliminary Guidance for Hard-to-Convert Courses ([PDF](#))

- Temporary Suspension of Student Withdrawal Regulations to Address the Continuity of Education in Community Colleges During the COVID-19 Declared State of Emergency ([PDF](#))
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance - Clarification on Apportionments, Withdrawals and Student Fee Refunds ([PDF](#))
- COVID-19 Guidance – BRN Requirements for Nursing Clinical Hours ([PDF](#))
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance - Attendance Accounting Implications and Approved Exceptions ([PDF](#))

The Chancellor's Office is committed to providing resources to support individual community colleges and their students that are now working online only. [The Chancellor's Office COVID-19 Resources page](#) has updates, guidance and several common questions and answers for students, faculty and staff. Please encourage everyone to routinely check this page, as it will be updated daily.

The Chancellor's Office will host weekly webinars focused on recent updates, guidance and supports for dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak. They will be held every Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Capacity has been expanded and we want to encourage you to join the webinars and share the information with others. ***The webinars will be recorded and available following the event. You can watch and/or read the transcript to last week's webinar here.***

[Please click this link join the webinar](#)

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Webinar ID: 772 739 792

International numbers available [are also available at this link.](#)



ONLINE INSTRUCTION

The California Community Colleges Accessibility Center will be hosting another set of webinars this week focusing on accessibility practices for Canvas and online teaching. The sessions will occur twice a day (10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.) tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday. [All sessions will use the same Zoom meeting information.](#)

The Paciello Group is conducting its CSUN presentation as a free webinar. The focus of this webinar is understanding how people employ assistive technologies to navigate and perceive content to help make appropriate accessibility provisions and avoid common missteps. The webinar is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. and you can [register at this link.](#)

CVC-OEI is also providing a number of webinars that may be helpful as colleges transition learning and student support services to a remote environment. A listing of webinars is available on the [CVC-OEI Resources page](#). **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](#).



BEST PRACTICES

The FBI has seen a rise in fraud schemes related to COVID-19. Protect yourself by watching out for fake CDC emails, phishing emails and counterfeit treatments or equipment. [Learn more at this link.](#)



STUDENT SUPPORTS

The California Department of Education [has made an app to help families locate meals during school closures](#) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many people have asked how to help our students cope with stress and anxiety during this pandemic, while we are all figuring out how to manage it ourselves. [The CDC has put together a valuable guide on easing fear and anxiety](#) during this uncertain time.

The meditation site Headspace is also [offering a free collection called Weathering the Storm](#). It offers guided meditations and sleep and movement exercises to help get everyone through this time.



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.](#)

We can all safely help our communities during this difficult time. You can find a number of ways to take action on the [California Volunteers website](#).



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