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# COVID-19 Update

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San Joaquin Delta College continues providing food pantry services with drive-up service. (Photo courtesy of Delta College student Jing Zhu.)



## STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[The House is set to vote Friday](#) on the \$2 trillion aid package that the Senate passed late Wednesday. The president has said he will sign it immediately. [You can read the full bill here](#) and read more about its [impact on colleges and financial aid here](#).

Many people have questions about how much money they will receive from the relief package, and when. [This has a number of common questions and answers](#), including whether college students will receive money. [This article also includes a calculator](#) to see how much you could receive.

[A record 3.3 million Americans](#) filed for unemployment benefits last week. [In a rare interview, the chairman of the Federal Reserve said](#) while the country may very well be in a recession, "...there can be a good rebound on the other side of this."

The Department of Homeland Security has officially [extended the deadline to obtain a REAL ID](#) until October 1, 2021.

On Wednesday the [Department of Finance announced](#) it is pulling \$1.3 billion from the state's reserves, also called the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties, to buy supplies and prepare for more coronavirus patients.

The state has launched a website to provide useful COVID-19 information to all 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

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. Today's update includes several pieces of information on [how our system's districts can apply for FEMA reimbursement](#). This can be found in the Chancellor's Office Communications to Colleges section of the resources page.



## ONLINE INSTRUCTION

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).

As many of us are navigating the world of Zoom for the first time, [this post from Zoom offers a number of helpful tips](#) on managing your meeting so no uninvited participants crash the party, so to speak.



## 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.

For students, [this video can provide help](#) for using the Canvas app on iOS and Android devices. Taft College also provided two very helpful resources, one on [navigating Canvas features](#) and another with [helpful tips on succeeding at distance education](#).

Bakersfield College has announced a Back to College program aimed at bringing displaced workers back into the workforce with new skills. [Read more about the program at this link](#).

Many people are experiencing high levels of fear and anxiety right now, and those feelings are often amplified for anyone who has a mental illness. The National Institute of Mental Health put together [resources on coping with stress](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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](#).

For those who might have missed it today, Golden State Warriors star Stephen Curry hosted a very informative Q&A with Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The conversation covered a wide variety of COVID-19-related questions, including common misconceptions of the virus and why social distancing is so important. It can still be found on [Curry's Instagram](#) account, by clicking on his bio picture and the link, ‘watch live video’ or [at this YouTube link](#).



## 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 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.

There are a number of other ways we can all safely help our communities during this difficult time. The [California Volunteers website](#) has ideas on how to help, including volunteering at a food bank and providing wellness checks to those in need.

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