



March 27, 2020 – COVID-19 Update No. 11



Governor Gavin Newsom, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Rear Admiral John Gimbleton tour the USNS Mercy hospital ship at the Port of Los Angeles.



#### STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS

President Trump [signed the \\$2 trillion aid package](#) to bring relief to Americans hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. The package includes direct payments to Americans and billion in business loans and help for hospitals. This [article includes a calculator](#) to see how much you could receive. Read [Gov. Gavin Newsom's response here](#) and [Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley's statement here](#).

The president today also [signed a presidential memorandum](#) requiring General Motors to manufacture ventilators to help handle the surge of coronavirus patients.

Gov. Newsom today provided a COVID-19 update on the state from the USNS Mercy hospital ship. [Watch the full press conference here](#). (Please note: the broadcast starts around the 7:15 mark.)

The governor today also [issued an executive order](#) banning the enforcement of eviction orders for renters affected by COVID-19 through May 31, 2020.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles [announced](#) late Thursday it is closing all its field offices to the public starting today.

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

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. **Today Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley issued an executive order and guidance memo providing temporary suspension of various regulations related to grading policies, course repetition and term expansions focused on supporting students enrolled during the COVID-19 emergency.** The documents are posted on the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 Resources page](#), in the Chancellor's Office Communications to Colleges section. We've also posted a Q&A on this guidance for students, on the Students section of the resource page. *We encourage all administrators, faculty, staff and students to routinely check this resource page, as it is updated daily with memos, recommendations and common questions/answers related to COVID-19.*



### 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).*



### RESOURCES

Cal OES, the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, has a [COVID-19 Recovery page](#) that provides answers to frequently asked questions, including applicant eligibility, emergency protective measures, and procurement under emergency and exigent circumstances, guidance on how to submit requests for public assistance and application documents.

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

Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Dept. of Education, has [issued a helpful guide](#) on financial aid and student loans.

[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](#). Diablo Valley College provided [this video](#) that has some basic tips to help students transition to online learning.

Many of us have kids at home or are helping dual enrollment students. Teachers and students can now get free access to tools for online learning in mathematics and computer science from the Center for Integrated Computing and STEM Education, or C-STEM, at the University of California, Davis. The C-STEM curriculum provides students with 13 years of hands-on integrated math and computer science education from kindergarten to 12th grade. You [can register for the program here](#).

West Hills College has put together a wonderful list of [mental health resources](#).

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](#).



### 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](#).

Food banks across the state are in need of help now more than ever. Please consider volunteering your time, donating supplies or providing financial support. The [California Volunteers website](#) has a list of nonprofit organizations and food banks across California so you can find one in your area.

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.



### OTHER INFORMATION

All workers have the right to file for unemployment insurance. If you or someone you know has lost a job or are facing reduced work hours, the Employment Development Department has detailed information on how to [file a claim](#).

With so much information flowing about the pandemic, it can be difficult to separate fact from fiction. FEMA has put together a [Rumor Control page](#) to help distinguish between rumor and reality.

Together with the White House, FEMA and the CDC, Apple has created a [COVID-19 website and app](#) to help people stay informed and get the support they need during this time.

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