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COVID-19 Update

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Registered nurse on the front lines against COVID-19 got her start at Santa Barbara City College.

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Santa Barbara City College alumna Kaitlin Shipley always knew she wanted to work in the health care field. Fast forward less than one year, Kaitlin finds herself donning protective gear to enter the isolation room at Lompoc Valley Medical Center as one of the local heroes in the battle against COVID-19. [Read more about Kaitlin here.](#)



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

Gov. Gavin Newsom today gave an update on the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (All daily news conferences are streamed *live at noon* on his [Twitter page](#) and the [California Governor Facebook page](#).) You can find more information on [California's COVID-19 website](#).

[The governor today said](#) he will make an announcement as early as next week on plans to pull back restrictions on the state's stay-at-home orders. He now says changes could come "in many days, not weeks." While he was speaking, [hundreds of protesters gathered at the State Capitol](#), demanding an end to the stay-at-home orders. The protests, which were not permitted, sparked some scuffles with California Highway Patrol officers and intensified after officers asked protesters to step off Capitol steps or face arrest.

Also today, on this [International Workers' Day](#), the governor recognized the contributions and sacrifices made by California's essential workforce.

[You can watch the full update here.](#) (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 4:50 mark.)

Gov. Newsom on Thursday [signed an executive order](#) allowing marriage licenses to be obtained virtually amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

The California Assembly is set to reconvene on Monday with [additional measures in place](#) to protect the health of the public and lawmakers.

[Solano County has extended](#) its stay-at-home order to May 17 but has joined other counties and cities in loosening restrictions on outdoor activities.

[The FDA today approved emergency use of an experimental drug](#) that appears to help some coronavirus patients recover faster. The antiviral drug, called remdesivir, is the first drug shown to help fight COVID-19. The drug will first be given to more seriously ill patients while drug maker Gilead ramps up production.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

To support your local CARES Act implementation efforts, the Chancellor's Office has created [a page](#) with resources specific to community colleges. This [resource page](#) includes FAQs, accounting guidance and links to information released by the U.S. Department of Education. For more specific local questions and scenarios, we encourage you to check with your local legal counsel. The page will

be updated regularly as new information is made available or guidance is released of the U.S. Department of Education.

We encourage administrators, faculty and staff to regularly check the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#) for ongoing announcements.

[College of the Desert](#) and [Santa Monica College](#) have announced the fall 2020 semester will move online.

The [2020 Online Teaching Conference](#) scheduled for June 17-19 will be presented virtually and at no cost to attendees. More details on how to participate will come in the next two weeks. Refund information can be found [on this page](#). Anyone with questions can contact [TechConnect](#).



ONLINE INSTRUCTION

The California Community Colleges Accessibility Center will host an Accessibility Office Hours webinar via Zoom on Thursday, May 7 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. This webinar will offer the opportunity to ask questions and share best practices regarding institutional web and IT accessibility issues. [Find more information here](#).

The California Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI) offers a number of online events to continue to help faculty and staff with the transition to virtual learning. You can find all upcoming events on the [CVC-OEI Events page](#). For online instruction support requests, please contact [CVC-OEI](#).



RESOURCES

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Center for Urban Education are offering a [six-part webinar series](#) to provide strategies for faculty and administrators to exercise agency on behalf of the most vulnerable students. Webinars will be recorded and posted on the Vision Resource Center. The third webinar is:

Being Aware of Learning Opportunities and Constraints Posed by Online Teaching and Moving Towards Anti-Racist Practices

Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

This webinar will address the “taken-for-granted” practices and assumptions that shape the online learning environment and ways in which they can be detrimental to the success of minoritized students. For example, many students only have access to a cellular phone and instructors are not considering how the materials they upload may become distorted on a phone. The current circumstances are overwhelming and it is easy for instructors to default to the students who have the know-how to navigate technology. [Register at this link](#).

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.



STUDENT SUPPORTS

Please encourage your students to visit [StayEnrolled.com](#) to get the latest information and updates related to financial aid, transfer and career education. Current and prospective students can also get connected with their local college to find out specific resources and support services available as well as enroll in their local community college.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and help is available to anyone in need. The California Youth Crisis line runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week: [800-843-5200](#). The [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) provides confidential assistance to anyone in crisis and their loved ones through a live chat and free 24-hour hotline at [800-273-8255](#). You can also text the Crisis Text Line at [741741](#). Our LGBTQ students can also contact the Trevor Project by calling [1-866-488-7386](#) or text START to 678678 for 24/7 information. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender National Hotline is available from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. at [1-800-273-8255](#). Or call or text the Victims of Crime Resource Center at [1-800-842-8467](#) for help.



HOW TO HELP

The Foundation for California Community Colleges, in partnership with the California Community Colleges, has launched an effort to provide emergency aid, technology, connectivity and other essential supports to students. [Click here for more on ways to support students through this campaign](#).



OTHER INFORMATION

[A new report](#) says the coronavirus pandemic could last for two years – and may not subside until 70% of the population has immunity.

Public health experts have long maintained contact tracing will end the coronavirus pandemic. This great article from UCSF [explains why and how](#).

TIP OF THE DAY

Have you, a student, friend or family member lost their job during the COVID-19 pandemic? The State of California is here to help. [Onwardca.org](https://onwardca.org) is a one-stop resource for people whose jobs have been impacted and can help connect you to retraining opportunities and your next job.

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