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.

Among the headlines from today’s update:

- California has 19,472 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19;
- Of the decision to lift the stay-at-home order, Gov. Newsom says no one can impact this decision more than the residents of California and our continued efforts to practice social distancing to flatten the curve;
- FEMA is partnering with the state for a first-in-the-nation program to deliver isolated seniors three nutritious meals per day by tapping restaurant resources that have been impacted by closures.

You can watch the full update here. (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 4:10 mark.)

Gov. Newsom on Thursday signed an executive order to address upcoming local elections in regards to the ongoing pandemic.

Los Angeles County today extended its stay-at-home order until May 15.

The IRS today launched a web page where people who did not file a 2019 or 2018 tax returns can enter their direct deposit information to receive coronavirus stimulus checks.

Vice Chancellor Sheneui Weber today provided an update to California community colleges impacted by the closure of partner clinical nursing sites due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and shared Chancellor’s Office efforts to identify solutions or alternative options for our nursing students to complete their educational objectives. Executive Vice Chancellor Marty Alvarado today issued updated guidance related to the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. The memos are posted in the Chancellor’s Office Communications to Colleges section of the Chancellor’s Office COVID-19 resource page. We encourage administrators, staff, faculty and students to routinely check the page as it is updated daily.
The Chancellor’s Office, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, the California Community Colleges Distance Education and Educational Technology Advisory Committee and guests will host a discussion on Temporary Emergency Blanket Distance Education Addendum for Summer and Fall 2020 to address your questions and concerns. The webinar is scheduled for Monday, April 13 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Registration information:

Please click this URL to join. Or join by phone: US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 876 9923 or +1 253 215 8782 (Webinar ID: 202 927 695)

ONLINE INSTRUCTION

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. Upcoming events include:

- Translating In-Person Strategies to be Effective in Online Tutoring Sessions. The session will be on Monday, April 13 from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Find more information here.
- Faculty Support Drop-In Hours for Remote Teaching, on Monday, April 13; 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. These repeat every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and are designed for faculty teaching a course that is shifting online. Find more information here.

You can also find all upcoming events on the CVC-OEI Events page.

CVC-OEI also continues to offer expanded Tier 1 Support for Canvas. For additional online instruction support requests, please contact CVC-OEI.

RESOURCES

The California Department of Education and Wellness Together are offering a three-part webinar series that will facilitate an ongoing discussion to highlight practices, programs and policies to strengthen student supports in the midst of school closures. The second webinar in this series will be next Thursday, April 16, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. It’s a free event, but RSVP is required for attendance and space is limited. Find more information here.

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

Calls to suicide hotlines across the country have increased during the coronavirus pandemic. We encourage everyone in need to reach out for help. 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.

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 as an overview of Canvas. The page also details the companies offering free or low-cost internet access across the state.

UNEMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

California’s Employment Development Department maintains a list of resources that people can receive while going through the unemployment process. La página también está disponible en español.

Lost your job due to the coronavirus? Here are your health care options in California.

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 California Volunteers website has a list of nonprofit organizations and food banks that are in dire need of volunteers, supplies and financial help.

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. Some restrictions have been loosened to increase the number of people who can donate.

OTHER INFORMATION

If you’re short on cash, here’s some good information on stretching a family budget right now. Among the suggestions: don’t just ignore the bills- reach out to companies to work on payment plans.
Apple and Google are teaming up to track the spread of coronavirus. Android and iPhone users will be alerted if they were close to an infected person.

**TIP OF THE DAY**

DON’T FALL FOR IT! Scammers are sending out fake stimulus checks and asking for fees before the money can be accessed. You DO NOT need to pay a fee to get your relief check. Here are four other scams to look out for:

- Fraudsters may reach out over social media asking for personal information;
- A fake agency asking for your social security number;
- Claims that a processing fee will get your money to you sooner;
- Any correspondence claiming to be the Treasury Department.

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