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COVID-19 Update

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Lake Tahoe Community College student worker Nellie Cuellar handed out brand-new Chromebooks to students.



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](#).

Among the headlines from today's update:

- [California is working with Oregon and Washington](#) on a shared vision for reopening the states' economies and controlling COVID-19 in the future. The governor said he will unveil more information on Tuesday as to when the statewide state-at-home order could be lifted.
- [California is launching a \\$42 million effort](#) to invest in building supports for 86,500 vulnerable children across the state, including 59,000 children in foster care. The money will provide virtual outreach and more resources, support and capacity to reach the most vulnerable among them.
- The state has 22,348 positive cases of COVID-19 but the governor says the curve is bending because of early efforts, including practicing social distancing.

[You can watch the full update here.](#) (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 13:15 mark.)

[Gov. Newsom on Friday announced](#) the release of \$100 million to support child care services, and to support child care providers who are stepping up to serve essential infrastructure workers and vulnerable populations and their children during this critical time. Of the funding, \$50 million will go to the California Department of Education to be used to pay for up to 20,000 limited-term additional state-subsidized slots for child care.

The U.S. Department of Treasury said today [80 million Americans will get their relief checks](#) this week. Payments started going out on Friday. The IRS will have a [new web portal](#) set up later this week where people can track the status of their payments.

The [Trump administration is still hopeful](#) the country could reopen by May 1 but experts, including Dr. Fauci, say a number of factors need to be considered before that can happen.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE

The Chancellor's Office is committed to keeping our system informed during this time of uncertainty. We update the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#) daily and encourage administrators, staff, faculty and students to routinely check the page for ongoing announcements and guidance.



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. You can 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 Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Center for Urban Education will provide a [six-part webinar series](#) that will provide strategies for faculty and administrators to exercise agency on behalf of the most vulnerable students. The first webinar is: The Importance of Equity-Minded Virtual Practices during COVID-19 and is scheduled for Thursday, April 23 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. [Register for the webinar here](#).

A new website offers resources and tips, put together by a coalition of more than 30 disability and education groups, for teachers and parents taking on virtual special education. While many of the resources are geared towards K-12 students, a number of them can be used for students of any age and ability. [Check out Educating All Learners here](#).

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

Parents with kids and teens 18 years old and under can use the USDA [Meals 4 Kids mapping tool](#) to find sites near them where they can pick up free nutritious meals and snacks. To maintain social distancing, kids and teens may take their meal home to eat.

The [Citrus College Foundation is launching a campaign](#) designed to help Citrus College students who are unable to continue their education as a result of the public health crisis currently impacting the nation.

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

[Where did the coronavirus come from?](#) Despite what you may have heard, experts agree it was not man-made in a lab.

[Wildlife is reclaiming Yosemite National Park](#). The few remaining humans at the park tell the L.A. Times animals are coming out of hiding. And if you need a minute of peace and serenity, watch the video at the top of the article for a look at Yosemite without the people.

TIP OF THE DAY

Taxpayers who filed their 2019 income tax return and scheduled certain electronic payments for April 15 can cancel by 11:59 p.m. ET April 13. To reschedule the payment for the extended July 15 due date go to [IRS.gov/payments](https://www.irs.gov/payments).

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