College of the Desert printing technicians have created more than 630 3D face shields to send to local hospitals in and around the Coachella Valley.

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 announced new initiatives to support California workers impacted by COVID-19, including:

- Extending hours for the Employment Development Department call center to better assist Californians with unemployment insurance applications;

- Creating a one-stop shop for individuals applying for unemployment insurance and the new federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program starting April 28;

- Creating a $75 million Disaster Relief Fund to support undocumented Californians impacted by COVID-19 who are ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits and disaster relief, including the CARES Act, due to their immigration status. Philanthropic partners have committed to raising an additional $50 million to support this fund.

Gov. Newsom also noted this good news for the state: intensive care units statewide saw COVID-19 patient numbers drop by 0.2% Wednesday to 1,175.

You can watch the full update here. *(Please note: the broadcast begins around the 5:35 mark.)*

The governor on Tuesday signed an executive order that addresses the release and reentry process at the Division of Juvenile Justice in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, so that eligible youth serving time at can be discharged safely and expeditiously.

The State Insurance Compensation Fund has established two new funds to support the health and recovery of essential workers and workplace safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If your driver's license expires during the statewide stay-at-home order, you can take one thing off your to-do list. The DMV is extending them for you. Licenses for drivers younger than 70 that expire between March and May 2020 are now valid through May 31, 2020.

The IRS today [revealed](#) its new online feature called [Get My Payment](#), which allows people to provide direct deposit information and gives payment date for relief checks. The [IRS also announced today](#) that recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) will automatically receive automatic Economic Impact Payments.

President Trump said today he will announce new guidelines tomorrow for reopening the country. The CDC and FEMA have created a plan to reopen America. [Here's what it says](#).

SYSTEM GUIDANCE

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office invites you to join our Virtual Town Hall, which will kick off the first-ever Board of Governors Virtual Advocacy Day. Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley, members of the Board and Chancellor's Office staff will be advocating for system priorities, including additional funds and resources necessary in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, to support the California Community Colleges and our students. The Virtual Town Hall will also feature members of the Legislature and a moderated student panel. The Town Hall begins at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22 and participants are [required to register in advance at this link](#).

The Chancellor's Office is committed to keeping everyone informed during this uncertain time. We encourage you to check out the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#) for ongoing announcements and updates.

ONLINE INSTRUCTION

Our partners at WGU will be hosting webinars each week to help staff and faculty as we continue the transition to online learning. The first installment of these webinars will be held tomorrow, Thursday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m. PST, and will last 30 minutes. The webinar is FREE for all to attend, but registration is required. [Click this link to register](#).

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

Join the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and guests for a webinar discussion and Q&A of the grading policies and term extension guidance released. The webinar is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th, 2:00-3:30 p.m. Panelists include:

- Marty Alvarado – Executive Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Supports
- Aisha Lowe – Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Supports
- Cheryl Aschenbach – ASCCC Secretary, 5C Co-Chair
- Karen Daar – VP Academic Affairs, 5C Co-Chair
- Lillian Justice – Registrar at El Camino College, and member of the CACCRAO Board

Please [click this URL](#) to join. Or join by phone:

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 876 9923 (Webinar ID: 854 720 752)

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](#).

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

The Foundation for California Community Colleges' CollegeBuys program has several resources available to aid students in continuing their learnings as campuses across the California Community Colleges continue the transition to distance education:

[California Connects](#) is an affordable broadband mobile internet program for the California Community Colleges. For $19.99 per month*, California community students, faculty and staff can connect up to 10 devices to the California Connects mobile hotspot anytime and [anywhere](#) in the United States to study, work, create, and stay

connected. Service can be canceled and reactivated anytime without penalty. *Note: initial one-time device cost is not included in the monthly service cost.*

Adobe Creative Cloud for Students is a cloud-based service fosters that student creativity, enabling them to deliver projects and assignments that further reinforce their voice and message. For $39.99, students can have access for 6-months to renowned Adobe apps such as Photoshop, Illustrator, Spark, Rush and many more.

Many of our students are struggling to adjust to our new normal. We encourage everyone in need to reach out for help. Teens can talk to another teen by texting "TEEN" to 839863 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., or call 1-800-852-8336 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. 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.

For our LGBTQ students, information and support is offered through a number of other resources as well. Contact the Trevor Project by calling 1-866-488-7386 or text START to 678678 for 24/7 information and suicide prevention resources. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender National Hotline is available from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. at 1-800-273-8255. Or you can call or text the Victims of Crime Resource Center at 1-800-842-8467 or chat online for information about LGTBQ rights, legal protections and local resources.

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.

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.

OTHER INFORMATION

High school students will be able to take an at-home online SAT test if the coronavirus keeps schools closed into the fall, the College Board announced Wednesday.

"This is not the end, and it's not even the beginning of the end, but perhaps the end of the beginning." Health experts across the state agree that now is not the time to loosen up the coronavirus stay-at-home orders.

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.

TIP OF THE DAY

April 15 is typically Tax Day but as we know, there isn't much typical about this year. Tax file and pay deadlines are extended, both nationally and in California, to July 15. The state Franchise Tax Board is available to help answer any of your tax-related questions.

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