California Community Colleges | COVID-19 Update

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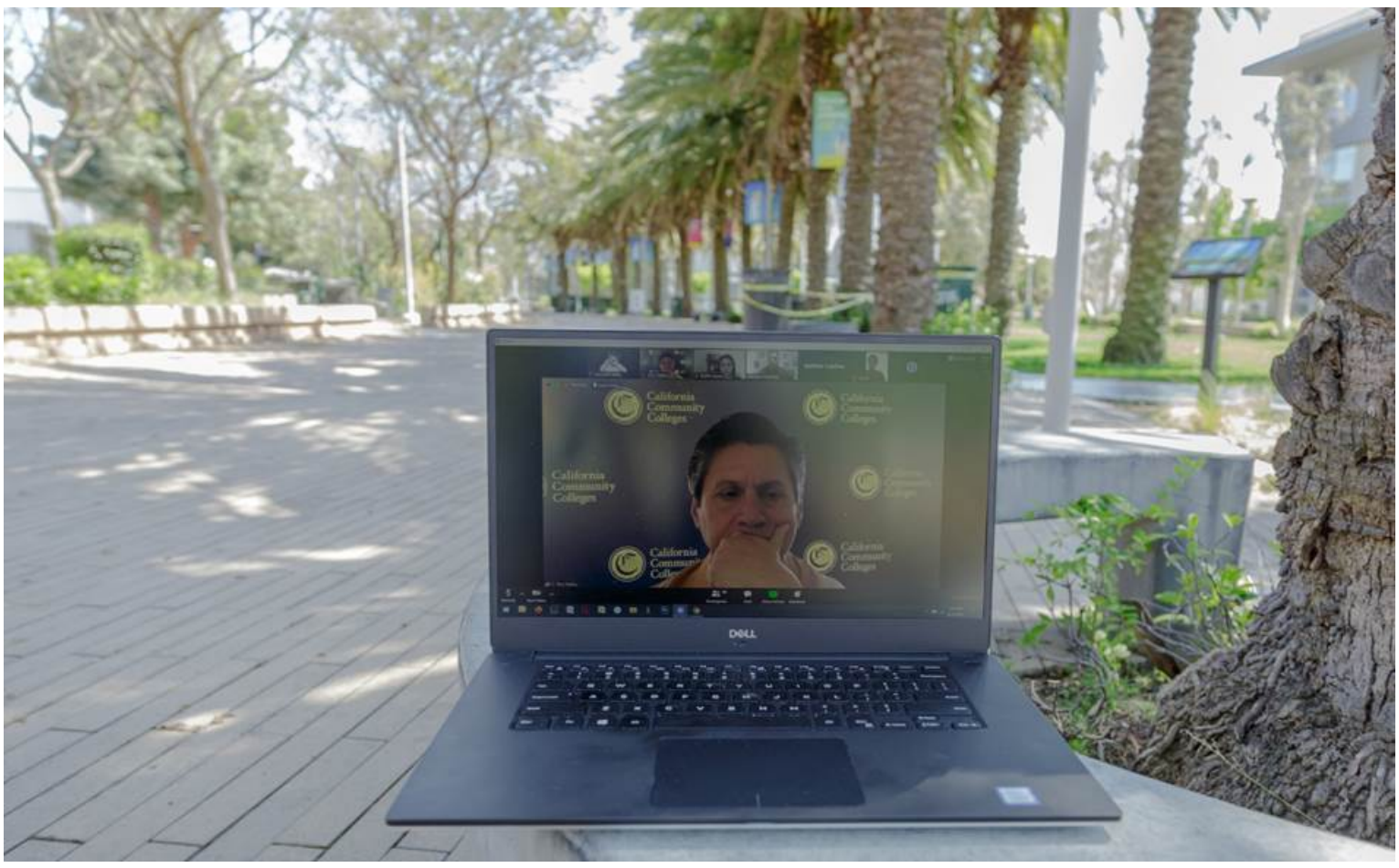

California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley at a teleconference for California community college student newspaper & radio representatives. Photographed in the now deserted center of the main campus of Santa Monica College, in Santa Monica, California, on Tuesday, April 14th 2020. (Marco Pallotti/The Corsair)

STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

President Trump today unveiled guidelines on reopening the country amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The new guidance leaves the decisions up to governors to make on a statewide or county-by-county level.

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 he signed an executive order to support California workers from large employers in the food sector industry impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with two weeks of paid sick leave.

You can watch the full update here. *(Please note: the broadcast begins around the 10:25 mark.)*

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond today announced the creation of a new task force to close the digital divide for California students who lack access to resources such as internet connectivity and devices

Another 5.2 million Americans filed for unemployment last week. Roughly 22 million have sought jobless benefits in the past month.

The White House today said the Paycheck Protection Program, a new lending program for small businesses, is out of money and will not accept new applications.

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

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

An RPA for FEMA can now be completed up to thirty days after the incident period for the disaster event closes. As the current COVID-19 incident remains open, there is no official closing period yet. Colleges can find more information here.

Assemblymember Kevin McCarty is hosting a Facebook Live Town Hall tonight at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the challenges of distance learning. Guests include a school psychologist who can address questions on the social and emotional impacts students are facing. Questions can be submitted on his Facebook page or here.

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 third webinar in this series will be next Thursday, April 23, 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

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.

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

Millions of Facebook users will soon be told if they saw or liked online posts containing wrong information about the coronavirus pandemic. The change will roll out to users over the next three weeks.

Curious about how much money you're saving while working from home? This calculator helps figure it out.

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.

TIP OF THE DAY

Families or low-income households can sign up to receive two free months of the Comcast Internet Essential Program. The deadline to apply has been extended until May 13.

Did you get this from someone else? Sign up to receive the daily COVID-19 Special Update under 'Subscribe and Connect.'

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