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COVID-19 Update

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Madera Community College Center student Jorge Orozco is helping people across the state during the COVID-19 pandemic through his military obligations. (Photo courtesy of Madera Community College Center)

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Madera Community College Center student Jorge Orozco has spent a lot of his time out of town during the coronavirus pandemic – helping those in need.

Orozco is a Staff Sergeant in the Army National Guard, and has served our country for 15 years. He has been in the San Jose and Central Coast areas for almost two months now, packing boxes of produce for food distribution to those in need. Serving others in times of emergency was one of the main reasons he enlisted. [Read more about Jorge 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 announced a number of new initiatives to support older Californians, including a program for local governments to provide restaurant delivery service to support vulnerable residents who are isolating at home. Newsom also announced the expansion of the statewide Friendship Line to support older Californians facing loneliness, isolation and/or anxiety. The number is [1-888-670-1360](tel:18886701360). Finally, [he urged people](#) to think twice about heading to the beach or parks this weekend, saying it could increase hospitalizations next week.

[You can watch the full update here.](#) (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 7:00 mark.)

The governor on Thursday also took a number of executive actions including:

- [Issuing an executive order](#) extending the deadlines for local educational agencies to submit Local Control and Accountability Plans, and waiving required physical education minutes and annual physical fitness testing that requires on-site instruction.
- [Granting a 60-day extension](#) for customers on several Department of Motor Vehicles deadlines, including for recently expired drivers' licenses and identification cards, and signing an executive order allowing retailers to provide bags to customers at no charge.
- Issuing an executive order [providing flexibility to Medi-Cal providers](#) and the Department of Health Care Services for continuity of service amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gov. Newsom will be on the [next edition of 60 Minutes on Sunday, April 26](#). He will discuss how he made the decision to shut down California in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and how the state turned to the tech industry to use the computing power of artificial intelligence to help map the spread of the disease.

President Trump today signed the [\\$484 billion relief package](#) that promises more financial help to small businesses and hospitals.

The 2020 California State Fair has officially been [canceled](#).

San Francisco city leaders today said [an extension of the city's stay-at-home order](#) home order is likely.

Yolo County today issued a '[Roadmap to Recovery](#),' that includes a new health order and amends the current stay-at-home order.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE

The Chancellor's Office is working to keep the system informed during this uncertain time. We encourage all staff, faculty and administrators to regularly check the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#) for ongoing guidance, announcements and updates.



ONLINE INSTRUCTION

Due to a new password policy implemented by Zoom, passwords are now required when connecting from Canvas. The "ConferZoom" app in Canvas automatically manages passwords, enabling a seamless connection without a password prompt for students. We encourage faculty to have students connect using these secure meeting connections through Canvas which are protected by embedded passwords and other security measures to assure your privacy and safety. There is no need to change password settings in your TechConnect Zoom (ConferZoom) account. [TechConnect has created instructions for addressing this new requirement at this link](#).

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 seminars include:

Pisces Training: Leader Tools

This seminar will focus on the Pisces features that are of particular interest to leaders (e.g., tutor, instructor, adviser, coach), and will offer a closer look at the live and drop-off modes available in the system, an explanation on setting availability for scheduled appointments, and a discussion on the features available in the collaboration space. This webinar is on Tuesday, April 28 from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. [Register at this link](#).

CVC-OEI also continues to host weekly drop-in hours with its instructional design team. 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 second webinar is:

Equity-Minded Online Teaching: Using Canvas as a Model

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

Professor Jennifer Ortiz will illustrate how to use Canvas with an equity mindset. She will provide examples of techniques and strategies which can be easily applied in any course. For example, she will show participants the video

message she uses to welcome students into her class. This session will also have a focus on the implementation of AB705. [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.

Increased anxiety and concern is absolutely normal right now. Please let your students know help is available. 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](#).

Many of us want to help right now but aren't sure the best way to go about it. The new [Californians For All website](#) will match interested volunteers with high-need opportunities to safely serve their communities.



OTHER INFORMATION

[To help all of us better understand the coronavirus](#) and how it spreads, the Los Angeles Times is conducting an independent, continual survey of dozens of local health agencies across the state.

The Public Policy Institute of California has released a report, [Early Insights on California's Economic Downturn](#), in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic. Findings include how our current climate differs from the Great Recession.

Trying to protect a child by pretending everything's okay when it's not can actually increase their stress, [according to new research](#) from UCSF, Cal, New York University and Washington State University. Instead, it's important for kids to have their feelings honored during this uncertain time.

TIP OF THE DAY

Please [do not inject or ingest disinfectant](#) in an attempt to fight COVID-19.

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