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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](#).

"This virus doesn't take the weekends off." [The governor today chastised Californians](#) who spent the warm weekend at the beach, saying that ignoring restrictions could delay reopening the state. Gov. Newsom [promised to announce](#) modifications to the stay-at-home order soon, saying he will begin holding digital roundtables with workers, small-businesses owners and other employers about the impacts of COVID-19 and plans to emerge from the crisis.

The governor also said Nevada and Colorado are joining California, Oregon and Washington in the [Western States Pact](#) – a working group of Western state governors with a shared vision for modifying stay at home orders and fighting COVID-19.

[You can watch the full update here.](#) (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 4:55 mark.)

The California Legislature is still planning to return to on May 4. [New memos shed light](#) on how it may operate.

Six Bay Area counties and the city of Berkeley today [announced](#) the stay-at-home order will be extended through May.

If you're still waiting on your stimulus check, [here are the key dates](#) for the next set of payments.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE

On March 16, 2020 the Board of Governors granted the chancellor additional authority to help colleges continue to provide educational services to students including the ability to temporarily suspend regulations adopted by the Board of Governors and local rules and regulations. This [executive order](#) and [guidance memo](#) provide the temporary suspension of regulations related to interim appointments to provide maximum flexibility in meeting the immediate need to maintain staffing and continue the educational mission of the community colleges. This information is posted on the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#) in the [Chancellor's Office Communications to Colleges](#) section.

Many of you have asked for a link to the Virtual Town Hall hosted last week by the Chancellor's Office and Board of Governors. It is [now posted](#) on the [Chancellor's Office YouTube page](#). The Town Hall gathered key legislators, Board of Governors members, Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley, system partners and stakeholders to speak to the needs and priorities of community colleges during and after the COVID-19 crisis.



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 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](#).

Teaching online physical science labs: Physical Geography

Online lab sciences leverage technology tools to meet traditional lab learning outcomes. In Allison Lenkeit Meezan's physical geography class, the labs utilize a variety of online tools to give students hands-on experience observing and manipulating real-world data. This webinar is on Wednesday, April 29 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. [Find more information here](#).

Additionally, CVC-OEI has uploaded a recording of the featured session from last year's Online Teaching Conference. **Online Course Development Delivery: Science Labs**, features four science teachers who share their approach to online lab instruction. It's available [at this link](#).

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

A dedicated resource page for undocumented students has been developed on the Chancellor's Office website. The resource page is frequently updated as information becomes available or changes. Students can find the resources by going to the [undocumented student resource page](#).

The Foundation for California Community Colleges has developed a bimonthly Undocumented Student Resource newsletter. The newsletter includes resources, information and other supports available to undocumented students. If individuals want to sign up, please email [Alonso Garcia](#), special projects manager for equity and community impact for the Foundation.

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.

Help is available around the clock for anyone who needs support right now. 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

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [has added several new symptoms](#) to its existing list of symptoms for COVID-19.

Foundation for California Community Colleges Board of Director and chef Patrick Mulvaney is [pitching in to ease the effects](#) of the coronavirus shutdown around Sacramento.

TIP OF THE DAY

If you, your family or any of your students are struggling with food insecurity, help is available. Visit the [California Association of Food Banks](#) website to find food assistance programs and learn about additional resources available near you.

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