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# COVID-19 Update

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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](#).

The governor today announced [a new portal](#) to help parents find safe and licensed child care providers in their area. [MyChildCare.ca.gov](#) provides an interactive map of qualified licensed child care providers, and the tool is available in English and Spanish. Gov. Newsom today also called for [all state and local beaches in Orange County to temporarily close](#), saying the massive crowds at OC beaches last week was unacceptable. OC leaders call the decision an "abuse of power." News circulated Wednesday night that a statewide beach and park closure was coming, a move Newsom appeared to step away from.

[You can watch the full update here.](#) (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 3:55 mark.)

[Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti](#) on Wednesday announced that Los Angeles will offer [free COVID-19 testing](#) to any city resident who wants it, regardless of symptoms.

Modoc County on Friday [is expected](#) to defy state orders and lift its state-at-home order.

The Legislative Analyst's Office has released an [Overview of Federal Higher Education Relief](#), which breaks down how the CARES Act funding is expected to be distributed among California's colleges and universities.

The number of Americans [filing for unemployment benefits](#) now stands at more than 30 million. When the U.S. unemployment rate for April is released next week, some experts predict it could be as high as 20%.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, says an [experimental antiviral drug called remdesivir](#) may be the first effective coronavirus treatment. [The FDA is expected](#) as early as today to grant emergency approval of the drug to treat COVID-19.



## SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

The Chancellor's Office is committed to keeping all California community college administrators, staff, faculty and students informed as we all navigate this uncertain time. We encourage everyone to routinely check the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#) for ongoing announcements.



## 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

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 third webinar is:

### Being Aware of Learning Opportunities and Constraints Posed by Online Teaching and Moving Towards Anti-Racist Practices

Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

This webinar will address the “taken-for-granted” practices and assumptions that shape the online learning environment and ways in which they can be detrimental to the success of minoritized students. For example, many students only have access to a cellular phone and instructors are not considering how the materials they upload may become distorted on a phone. The current circumstances are overwhelming and it is easy for instructors to default to the students who have the know-how to navigate technology. [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.

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.](#)

The California Association of Food Banks’ Farm to Family Program works with farmers, ranchers, packers and shippers to get California farm products from the field to 40+ food banks throughout the state. You can donate money or surplus crops through the [CAFB website](#).



## OTHER INFORMATION

If you are struggling to pay rent and utilities and you can't afford food, a [number of online services](#) are ready to help.

Assemblymember Kevin McCarty will host another [Facebook Town Hall](#) tonight, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. to “discuss the facts around COVID-19 and discuss where we go from here in regards to reopening California while ensuring the public health of all Californians.” Assemblymember McCarty will be joined by David Lubarsky, the vice chancellor of human health sciences and chief executive officer for UC Davis Health. Questions can be submitted [here](#).

### TIP OF THE DAY

While we are physically distanced from one another, it’s more important than ever to stay socially connected to loved ones and friends. Fortunately, there are a number of free services that can help you stay connected. Here is a [thorough breakdown](#) of many currently available options.

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