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COVID-19 Update

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The power lineman class at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College resumes as part of the essential worker training. The students are using personal protective equipment and social distancing to complete their certificate in the campus pole yard. More than 70 students will be rotating in the yard to finish their in-person training. (Photo by Roxanne Romo.)

The COVID-19 Special Update publishes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



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 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](#).

Among the headlines from today's update:

- Gov. Newsom began today's update by addressing President Trump's [recent executive actions](#), which call on states to absorb some responsibility to extend and pay for the weekly unemployment bonus that expired last month. The governor said [California is not in a position](#) to pay the potential costs, which his administration has estimated could cost as much as \$700 million per week.
- Speaking on evictions, the governor said three-fourths of renters who have fallen behind on rent payments are Black, African American and Latinx Californians. The existing eviction moratorium from the California Judicial Council could expire as soon as Friday, though Newsom said they have been working collaboratively with lawmakers and housing advocates to continue the eviction ban.
- The governor acknowledged the state's [trouble in collecting COVID-19 related data](#) and turned the news conference over to Health and Human Services Dr. Mark Ghaly, who officially announced the weekend [resignation](#) of California Department of Public Health Director Dr. Sonia Angell, one of several health officials [who have left or been let go amid the outbreak](#). Dr. Ghaly also announced 295,000 backlogged records were processed over the weekend through the [CalREDIE](#) system by accelerating test processing capacity over the weekend.
- California now has [554,160 confirmed cases](#) of COVID-19, resulting in 10,293 deaths. The number of COVID-19 related deaths across the state increased by 1% from Friday's total of 10,189.
- COVID-19 hospitalizations have decreased 19% and the number of ICU patients has decreased 13% over the past 14 days.

- The state has performed more than 8.8 million tests. The rate of positive tests over the past 14 days has holding at 6.1%.

[You can watch today's update here.](#) (Please note: it begins around the 2:20 mark.)

ICYMI: The state on Friday issued interim guidelines for colleges and universities so they can reduce risk if in-person instruction resumes. [Read the guidance here.](#)

The country marked another grim milestone over the weekend: The [number of cases topped 5 million](#) on Sunday, meaning that more than 1 million cases have been reported in the past 17 days alone. At least 159,000 people have died. Additionally, more than 97,000 U.S. [children tested positive](#) for the coronavirus in the last two weeks of July, more than a quarter of the total number of children diagnosed nationwide since March.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

The Chancellor's Office is committed to keeping everyone informed during this uncertain time. We encourage administrators, faculty, staff and students to regularly check the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#) and the [Chancellor's Office Communications to Colleges section](#) for ongoing executive orders, guidance memos and announcements. 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.



BEST PRACTICES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Pandemic Action Network are partnering with more than 40 organizations to host [World Mask Week](#) in an effort to increase the use of face coverings across the globe.

Over the past several months the Chancellor's Office convened weekly webinars to create a space for continuous information during these unprecedented times. During this time, we have learned that this space has been a reliable and much needed source of information for our system and as a result, we will continue these bi-weekly webinars on the first and third Wednesday of the month. We invite you to join the [Chancellor's Office System Webinars](#) as we pivot our focus from providing COVID-19 related updates, toward tools and resources to make progress on the *Vision for Success*. Our webinars will continue to feature campus leaders and best practices from colleges and districts. **The next system webinar is August 19 and will feature a follow up to the Chancellor's Call to Action.** (Please note: you must register for the webinars through the [Vision Resource Center](#). Once signed in, navigate to the events calendar: Learning / Workshop Calendar and find the next Chancellor's Office System Webinar, then click on the event title to view details and register.)

The CVC-OEI and @ONE are hosting an online [Humanizing Challenge](#) from August 11 – 13, 2020. Over three days, participants will attend live sessions and complete self-guided activities designed to support the needs of the California Community Colleges' diverse students. This event is eligible for flex credit and more information may be found [here](#).



STUDENT SUPPORTS

We know students are looking for extra support during this trying time. We have compiled a list of mental health and other support services available to students and we'll continue to share them on a daily basis.

- With new COVID-19 measures, it's now easier than ever for eligible California community college students to sign up and receive FREE money every month from CalFresh to help buy groceries. The average eligible student receives \$150 each month and it only takes a couple of minutes to apply. Call 1-877-847-3663 (FOOD) or [click here](#) to fill out an application.
- If students have **Medi-Cal** and are in need of mental health services, they can call the number on their health plan membership card, or call their [local county mental health line](#). For help finding what services are covered, call the [Medi-Cal Managed Care and Mental Health Office of the Ombudsman](#) at [888-452-8609](#) Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- If you are concerned about a family in need of food or assistance, or you need resources yourself, call [211](#), contact your local non-profit [Family Resource Center](#), or apply for public benefits, which may include health care, cash aid, and food and nutrition assistance, through your county's [Social Services or Health and Human Services department](#).
- Resources, tools, and trainings regarding health, mental health, wellness, basic needs and more designed for California community college students, faculty and staff are available on the [California Community Colleges Health & Wellness website](#). Specific COVID-19 resources are available on the home page.
- [Wellness Central](#) is a free online health and wellness resource that is available 24/7 in your space at your pace.
- [Each Mind Matters](#) offers resources, tools and activation kits for mental health.
- 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 COURAGE to the Crisis Text Line at [741741](#).

- Our LGBTQ students can also contact the Trevor Project by calling [1-866-488-7386](tel: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](tel:1-800-273-8255). Or call or text the Victims of Crime Resource Center at [1-800-842-8467](tel:1-800-842-8467) for help.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Children and the virus: As schools reopen, [much remains unknown about the risk to kids](#) and the peril they pose to others.

[Inside the Chinese lab central to the search for the coronavirus' origin](#): NBC News toured the Wuhan Institute of Virology that has been the focus of speculation and conspiracy theories — some emanating from the White House — about whether the virus leaked from the facility.

TIP OF THE DAY

As a current or former foster youth, you may be eligible for free support and services such as books, supplies, transportation, tutoring, food and emergency housing through California community college’s NextUp program. Take a brief quiz on the [NextUp website](#) to check to see if you qualify and connect with a NextUp program coordinator or EOPS office in your area.

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