



August 5, 2020 – COVID-19 Update No. 82



Palomar College nursing student Hugo Guzman takes a visitor's temperature during a health screening on campus, Friday, July 24, 2020. (Photo credit: Palomar College Public Affairs Office)

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



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

Gov. Gavin Newsom did not hold a news conference today. You can find more information on the state's response to the pandemic on [California's COVID-19 website](#).

Below are the latest numbers :

- California now has [524,722 confirmed cases](#) of COVID-19, resulting in 9,703 deaths. The number of COVID-19 related deaths across the state increased by 2.1% from Monday.
- The state has performed more than 8.4 million tests. The rate of positive tests over the past 14 days has decreased slightly to 6.4%.
- Latinx Californians continue to be disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus across the state, making up 58% of all total cases.
- As of August 4, local health departments have reported 24,922 confirmed positive cases in health care workers and 131 deaths statewide.

Congressional leaders today continue dialogue and negotiations on [additional federal coronavirus relief assistance](#), including discussions of how funding will be allocated to colleges. If funding is based on based on Full-Time Enrollment (FTE) rather than total enrollment (aka "headcount"), [many students may not receive the support they need](#) to continue and complete their education.

At least [4,748,806 coronavirus cases and 156,311](#) fatalities have been reported in the United States since February. Worldwide, [more than 700,000 fatalities](#) have been reported.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, spoke today with CNN and stated [the testing delays seen in the U.S.](#) are "unacceptable," he urged a more cohesive response throughout the country and [reiterated the importance of practicing preventative measures](#).

The DMV on Tuesday announced the [expansion of online services](#) with commercial driver's license renewals.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

Chancellor Oakley this week [issued a Call to Action](#) encouraging colleges, partners and all higher education advocates to contact their Member of Congress, as well as California's two U.S. senators, and urge them to support the use of headcount rather than FTE in the forthcoming stimulus package currently under negotiation by congressional leaders.

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.

Shasta College on Monday announced the [fall semester will commence on August 17](#) with a majority of classes being held online.



BEST PRACTICES

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. *(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 Chancellor's Office this week will hold an online forum with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) leadership. The forum will discuss the basic police academy program, and in-service training for peace officers offered by a number of California community colleges, as well as address some common questions. The forum will also clarify the roles and responsibilities of colleges within these programs. The webinar is Thursday, August 6 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. To join the webinar:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/98107813309>

Or join by phone:

US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 646 876 9923

Webinar ID: 981 0781 3309

International numbers available: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/98107813309>

The Center for American Progress tomorrow will host [California Community Colleges Leading the Way: How Open-Access Institutions Center Equity During a Health, Economic, and Racial Crisis](#). Topics to be discussed during the virtual event include fall term planning, public funding needs and how they are wrestling with the national conversation on racism and police brutality. [RSVP here](#).

Panelists: Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor, California Community Colleges, Dr. Avis Proctor, President, Harper College (Palatine, IL), Dr. Charles M. Roessel, President, Diné College (Navajo Nation, AZ).

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](#).

The CVC-OEI is hosting an [Achieving Equity in STEM through Authentic Assessment](#) on Thursday, August 6 at 1 pm. Panelists from various colleges will share their experiences developing authentic assessments. Equity-based Authentic assessments reflect the California Community Colleges commitment to student-centered learning by allowing students to apply what they've learned on a deeper level.



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](tel: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](#) 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.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

John Hopkins University launched a [new, online curriculum](#) focused on helping children understand the Coronavirus and the importance of preventative measures.

Mexico has [teamed up with a handful of cable television broadcasters](#) to deliver educational classes for millions of students at home due to the pandemic.

TIP OF THE DAY

As we near the start of the fall semester, enhance your education with new school supplies such as hardware, computer programs, tablets and more — California community college students get access to hundreds of discounts at [CollegeBuys.org](#).

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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