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Closing Indoor Operations Statewide

- Dine-In Restaurants
- Wineries & Tasting Rooms
- Movie Theaters
- Family Entertainment Centers
- Zoos and Museums
- Cardrooms
- Bars must close ALL operations

The COVID-19 Resilience Roadmap

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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 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:

- Effective immediately, indoor operations must close statewide for restaurants, wineries, movie theaters/family entertainment centers, zoos, museums and cardrooms. Bars must close all operations.
- Additionally, all 30 counties on the state’s watch list must close fitness centers and gyms, barbershops and salons, personal care services and malls.
- As of yesterday, California has 329,162 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 7,040 deaths.
- The positivity rate has jumped to 7.6% over the last seven days; the rate is 7.4% over the last 14 days. More than 5.5 million tests have been performed statewide.

You can watch the full update here. (Please note: the update begins around the 5:20 mark.)
The California DMV today announced it will provide an automatic one-year extension to Californians age 70 and older with a noncommercial driver license with an expiration date between March 1 and December 31, 2020. This action delays the requirement for this population to visit a DMV office during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Los Angeles and San Diego school districts, in a joint announcement, said they will begin the school year online, but will “continue planning for a return to in-person learning during the 2020-21 academic year, as soon as public health conditions allow.”

While speaking today at the White House, President Trump renewed his push for schools to reopen, dismissing the concerns of those who are fearful that the spike in coronavirus cases has made it unsafe for students and teachers to go back to the classroom. And Education Secretary Betsy DeVos today is facing backlash for demanding that schools reopen for full-time in-person instruction in the fall – without offering a specific plan on how to do so -- and doubling down on a threat to cut funding to schools that don’t.

“If the basics aren’t followed, there is only one way this pandemic is going to go.” As school districts across the country debate how to reopen come fall, the World Health Organization warns there’s ‘no return to ‘normal.’

The American Academy of Pediatrics is now walking back support for in-person school this fall.

Seventeen states and Washington, D.C. today filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration, seeking to stop a new federal rule that strips international students of their visas if their fall classes are entirely online.

The federal government incurred the biggest monthly budget deficit in history in June as spending on programs to combat the coronavirus recession exploded while millions of job losses cut into tax revenues.

PBS KVIE will offer an online preview screening of a new episode of Inside California Education: Community Colleges, followed by a panel discussion. This special episode explores what California community colleges are doing to help their communities and keep students learning during the ongoing pandemic. The preview screening is tomorrow, Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m. Register at this link. The episode will air on Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. on PBS KVIE in the Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto region and will be posted online be posted online at insidecaled.org. The series also airs on PBS stations throughout California; check your local listings or see the general schedule page.

WEBINARS/ONLINE CONVERSATIONS

The Chancellor’s Office is sharing a webinar series that will allow all of us to continue learn and connect anti-racism, student success and equity. Please join the Black Minds Matter webinar series beginning July 16th for a free five-part series hosted by Dr. J. Luke Wood and Dr. Donna Y. Ford. The series will include members from all education segments throughout the country (e.g. K-12, community colleges, four-year universities) and address the experiences and realities of Black students in education. Black Minds Matter is a national movement that draws parallels between the policing of Black lives and schooling of Black minds. The webinar series will balance a discussion of issues facing Black students as well as offer research-based strategies for improving their success. Register at this link.

The Public Policy Institute of California will hold a conversation with Chancellor Oakley, UC President Janet Napolitano and CSU Chancellor Timothy White to address the challenges California’s systems of higher education are facing in the wake of COVID-19. The discussion is Friday, July 17 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Register at this link.

UC Berkeley’s Center for Studies in Higher Education is hosting a webinar on the challenges and opportunities California Community Colleges face in responding to COVID-19. The conversation is moderated by Center Director George Blumenthal and panelists include Chancellor Oakley; Community College League of California President & CEO Larry Galizio; Foothill-De Anza Community College District Chancellor Judy Miner; and UC Berkeley Vice Chancellor for Budget & Finance James A. Hyatt. The webinar is Friday, July 17 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. It will also be posted on the Center’s YouTube channel shortly after. Register at this link.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

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

- 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 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.

OTHER INFORMATION
At college health centers, students battle misdiagnoses and inaccessible care. Here’s why experts say the coronavirus pandemic will be the biggest challenge yet for campus health services.

New research from UCSF shows one in three young adults is at risk of severe COVID-19, and smoking plays a big part in that risk.

Workers are pushed to the brink as they continue to wait for delayed unemployment payments.

“A shortage of any one of those will act as a bottleneck.” A race is on to make enough small glass vials to deliver coronavirus vaccine around the world.

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 ways to support students through this campaign.

TIP OF THE DAY
For your protection and for the protection of others, please wear a mask.

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