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COVID-19 Update

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PBS KVIE will air a new episode of [Inside California Education: Community Colleges](#) that explores what California community colleges are doing to help their communities and keep students learning during the ongoing pandemic. The episode is tonight at 7:30 p.m. on PBS KVIE in the Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto region and is also [posted online here](#).

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 the latest information on the state's response to the pandemic on [California's COVID-19 website](#).)

Here are the [latest numbers](#):

- California now has 347,634 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 7,227 deaths, up 2% from the day before.
- The state had a [record 11,126 new cases](#) yesterday, a 3.3% increase. The previous record was 9,816 cases on July 9.
- More than 6,700 patients are hospitalized, a record high for the 25th straight day.
- More than 5.7 million tests have been performed statewide; the positivity rate is 7.2% over the last 14 days.

The state Department of Public Health on Tuesday released [updated guidance](#) to prioritize COVID-19 testing for the most vulnerable groups.

The Trump administration on Tuesday [dropped its plan](#) to require international college students to leave the United States unless they are enrolled in the fall term in at least one face-to-face class. Read Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley's [statement on the decision](#).

The total number of coronavirus infections reported in the United States is approaching [3.5 million](#), including at least 133,000 deaths.

The Federal Reserve says [economic activity](#) has picked up in most regions of the country but still remains well below pre-pandemic levels with the country facing high levels of uncertainty.

The [San Francisco Unified School District](#) and all [Sacramento County school districts](#) today announced they will begin the school year online.

Several school districts in Orange County this week said [they will not follow](#) their board of education's recommendation to return students and teachers to the classroom.



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](#) 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.



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

The [first vaccine tested in the U.S.](#) worked as researchers hoped it would, and it now moves in to the final stage of testing.

The Rose Parade [has been canceled](#) for the first time since World War II.



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.](#)

TIP OF THE DAY

Today is the day. It’s time to file your taxes, if you haven’t done so already, or face a penalty. Taxpayers must file or seek an extension by tonight — after the traditional April 15 deadline was postponed by the coronavirus outbreak. [Here’s what to do](#) if you haven’t yet filed.

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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