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COVID-19 Update

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California community colleges this week are receiving personal protective equipment from the state. Thank you to Gov. Gavin Newsom and Cal OES for protecting our faculty, staff and students.

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 opened his news conference by acknowledging essential workers in the state, disproportionately represented by the Latinx community, are the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic right now and announced [new safeguards](#) to offer better protection and more support for these workers. The new guidelines include:
 - The rollout of an [employer safety playbook](#) that includes guidance for safe, clean environments, best practices for an outbreak and testing information for employees.
 - The expansion of the Project Roomkey program to provide temporary housing for essential workers who are infected and need a place to quarantine.
 - A commitment by the governor to work with the Legislature and key stakeholders to expand critical protections like paid sick leave.
- California now has [435,334 confirmed cases](#). The state has performed 6.9 million tests, and the rate of positive tests over the last 14 days has slightly ticked upwards to 7.5%. Hospitalizations across 14 days are up 9% today, compared to 16% a week ago and 28% two weeks ago. The two-week change in the number of hospitalizations is up 9% as measured today, compared to a 16% increase measured a week ago and a 28% increase measured two weeks ago.
- For the second day in a row, the state reported the highest number of COVID-19 deaths in a single day. The state today announced 159 deaths, after the previous record of 157 deaths was reported on Thursday. The statewide death toll now stands at 8,186.
- There are now 36 counties on the state [COVID-19 watch list](#), with the new addition of Mono County.

[You can watch the full update here.](#) (Please note: the update begins around the 3:00 mark.)

The Yolo County Health Officer today issued a [mass isolation order and a mass quarantine order](#). Effective immediately, the isolation order requires all individuals with a positive COVID-19 test to comply with isolation health requirements for the length of their infection. The quarantine order requires all individuals who have been in close contact with a positive COVID-19 individual to comply with quarantine health requirements.

The [extra \\$600 in weekly unemployment aid is set to expire](#) at the end of the month and today, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) suggested [it could take weeks](#) to reach an agreement on a new stimulus deal. This comes as [jobless claims increased](#) this week. Here's what we know so far about [who could qualify](#) for a second stimulus check.

The Centers for Disease Control on Thursday released [updated guidance](#) for K-12 schools. The guidelines are written in favor of opening schools, citing evidence children don't suffer as much from coronavirus, are less likely than adults to spread it and suffer from being out of school. They do, however, recommend that local officials should consider closing schools, or keeping them closed, if there is substantial, uncontrolled COVID-19 transmission.

The [number of U.S. COVID-19 cases](#) surged past 4 million on Thursday and the number of daily coronavirus-related deaths surpassed 1,000 for the third consecutive day. In an [interview with The Washington Post](#), Dr. Anthony Fauci said hard-hit states need to 'pause' reopenings.

More than [150 prominent US medical experts](#), scientists, teachers, nurses and others have [signed a letter](#) urging political leaders to shut down the country and start over to contain the surging coronavirus pandemic.

The [coronavirus surge](#) across the country is so extreme that, once adjusted for population, 10 states are recording more new cases than any country in the world.



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.

The Governor's Office recently launched its "Wear A Mask" campaign in an effort to promote public awareness about the importance of wearing protective masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recognizes the importance of getting this information to students and families and has partnered with the Governor's Office to create co-branded creative assets that can be used to help spread the word. A Zoom background (and instructions on co-branding), website buttons, social media graphics and digital banners are now available in the [Vision Resource Center](#).



WEBINARS/ONLINE CONVERSATIONS

The [A2MEND](#) Organization will moderate a nationwide discussion across racial lines to discuss anti-blackness and its various impacts on US society. New York Times- Best Selling Authors and renowned scholars [Dr. Ibram X. Kendi](#) (*How to be an Anti-Racist*), [Tim Wise](#) (*Dear White America*) and [Dr. Marc Lamont Hill](#) (*The Classroom and the Cell*) will present on challenges and solutions to equip educators with the knowledge to ensure that Black lives more than matter on their respective campuses. The webinar is Saturday, August 1 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$75. [Register at this link](#).

SAVE THE DATE: The Chancellor's Office next month will hold an online forum with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) leadership. The webinar will take place on Thursday, August 6 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Agenda and Zoom information is to come.



STUDENT SUPPORTS

With new COVID-19 measures, it's now easier than ever for eligible California community college students to sign up and receive money every month 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.

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](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

A new study of [COVID-19](#) determined there are [six distinct "types" of the disease](#) involving different clusters of symptoms. The discovery could potentially open new possibilities for how doctors can better treat individual patients and predict what level of hospital care they would need.

Even in mild cases, recovering from COVID-19 [can take several weeks](#), according to new data published today.

We know the coronavirus is having a [disproportionate effect](#) on the Latinx community. When a 10-year-old [translated COVID-19 questions](#) for her parents on live radio, thousands recognized themselves.



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

With many classes continuing online for the new semester some students may need to adjust to a new learning style. Make sure to take the time to ask questions and engage instructors when working virtually. To learn more tips on how to be a successful distance learning student, visit the [International Association for Continuing Education and Training](#) site.

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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