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# COVID-19 Update

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Gov. Gavin Newsom last week announced the “Wear A Mask” [public awareness campaign](#) encouraging Californians to use face coverings – one of the best ways people can protect themselves and others from the virus.

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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:

- Six more counties have been added to the state’s [COVID-19 watch list](#), which now has 23 counties on it.
- California now has [271,684 confirmed cases of COVID-19](#), resulting in 6,337 deaths.
- Over the last seven days, California has averaged [7,876 new coronavirus cases per day](#).
- The state tested 127,000 people on Saturday, a record number, with positivity rate of 6.8% - up from 4.9% 14 days ago. The state’s seven-day positivity rate has climbed to 7.2%
- Hospitalizations for COVID-19 cases have increased by 50% over a 14-day period.
- California state alcohol inspectors visited [nearly 6,000 bars and restaurants](#) between July 2 and July 5; the "overwhelming majority" of business owners were following rules.
- California now has 10,600 contact tracers trained through UCSF/UCLA to track COVID-19 in counties throughout the state. (The Chancellor’s Office has redirected 5% of its staff to do contact tracing as part of this state effort.)

[You can watch the full update here](#). (Please note: the update begins around the 1:30 mark.)

Nearly [2.9 million coronavirus cases](#) have been reported nationwide. At least 127,000 people have died of the virus in the United States.

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) today [announced modifications](#) to temporary exemptions for nonimmigrant students taking online classes due to the pandemic for the fall 2020 semester. Among the temporary exemptions noted: The U.S. Department of State will not issue visas to students enrolled in schools and/or programs that are fully online for the fall semester, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection will not permit these students to enter the United States and existing students may be subject to removal proceedings. (The Chancellor's Office preliminary estimate is that at least 20,000 community college students could be affected by this change.)

The House and Senate have [adjourned for a two-week recess](#) without addressing the alarming jump in coronavirus infections across much of the country or another relief package.

The U.S. economy produced a record 4.8 million added jobs last month, and the unemployment rate sank from 13.3% to 11.1%. While good news on the surface, [most economists warn](#) that the risks ahead outweigh the reasons to cheer as the economy and the job market struggle to emerge from a devastating meltdown triggered by the coronavirus.



#### SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Economic Development Sheneui Weber today released a [memo](#) to clarify guidance regarding continuity of instruction and resuming in-person training for community college programs serving the [Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Cuesta College today [announced](#) all lecture and most lab, activity and performance classes for the fall 2020 semester will be moved online.



#### 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

Harvard and Princeton universities today [announced](#) they will reopen with many undergraduates barred from campus housing. For Harvard students, all courses will be taught remotely no matter where the students are living.

There is “a real risk” that the coronavirus can be airborne, and possibly spread through microscopic particles that linger in the air, an [open letter](#) supported by 239 scientists says.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has granted an [emergency use authorization](#) for a rapid, point-of-care COVID-19 diagnostic test that can yield results within 15 minutes



**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**

No more delays: the new tax deadline of July 15 is rapidly approaching. For those of you still waiting to file, make a payment or with other questions, [here are a few answers.](#)

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