Please watch this special message from California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley. While not COVID-19 related, we are using this space today to say that the California Community Colleges stands in solidarity with our Black students, faculty, staff, partners and communities. While we don’t have all the answers, our system stands committed to ending systemic racism and injustice. Black Lives Matter.

Beginning today, the COVID-19 Special Update will publish on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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.

The governor today was joined by faith leaders to address this weekend’s protests across the state and nation, as well as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Gov. Newsom called what’s going on around this country, “a pandemic on top of a pandemic,” and said, “The Black community is not responsible for what’s happening in this country right now. We are. Our institutions are responsible and we are accountable to this moment... people have lost patience because they haven’t seen progress.” The governor did call for the end of violent protests and said the state remains committed to bringing peace back to the streets.

You can watch the full update here. (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 7:45 mark.)

The governor on Friday issued an executive order extending authorization for local governments to halt evictions for renters impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, through July 28. The executive order also extends the waiver permitting the Department of Motor Vehicles to allow for mail-in renewals of driver’s licenses and identification cards, and waives certain programmatic and administrative requirements that restrict child care and afterschool programs from serving children of essential infrastructure workers.

The U.S. Senate is expected to soon take up and pass legislation to further strengthen the Paycheck Protection Program. The House has already approved the bill.

Public health officials are warning the protests taking place around the country could lead to another outbreak of the coronavirus. While protests are generally held outside, where the virus doesn’t spread as readily, they have led to the closures of testing centers and health clinics, which experts say could “be giving the virus another head start.”

Despite widespread economic toll, most Americans still favor controlling outbreak over restarting economy, a new poll finds.

SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

A Call to Action for California’s Community Colleges

Our students, our communities and our colleagues are hurting. We are all in this together. Please join us to learn about how our system will take action to address structural racism and ensure that our communities and students have access to an equal educational opportunity. Log in Wednesday June 3rd from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. for a system webinar. Speakers include:
To join this webinar please click: https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/299858221

Or iPhone one-tap: +16699006833,,299858221# or +13462487799,,299858221#

Or Telephone (based on your location): US: +1 (669) 900-6833 or +1 (346) 248-7799 or +1 (646) 876-9923 or +1 (253) 215-8782

Webinar ID: 299 858 221

If the Zoom call reaches capacity, the webinar will also be live-streamed online here.

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.

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley this week will participate in a webinar called The Future of Work: The Education-to-Employment Pipeline. CalMatters and the Milken Institute will host the virtual discussion about California’s response, recovery in the wake of the pandemic and what the “Future of Work” means now to educators, employers, college students and cities across the state. The webinar is Thursday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m. Learn more and register at this link.

College practitioners can find past COVID-19 Weekly Webinar recordings and other COVID-19 information within the Vision Resource Center. Create an account or log in. Under the “Connect” menu, visit “All Communities” and look for the “CCC | COVID-19 Resources, Tools and Discussion” section. Click “Join Community” to access the content within.

ONLINE INSTRUCTION/WEBINARS
The California Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI) offers a number of online events to continue to help faculty and staff with the transition to virtual learning. Upcoming webinars include:

California Ally Virtual Summit
Tuesday, June 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Ally users from across the state will have the opportunity to talk about all things related to accessibility and learn from one another. Speakers will be covering a wide range of Ally use cases and personal experiences—from success stories on Ally adoption to how it’s being woven into curricula. Register at this link.

You can find all upcoming events on the CVC-OEI Events page. For online instruction support requests, please contact CVC-OEI.

STUDENT SUPPORTS
If any of your students are uninsured and need medical advice, about the coronavirus or otherwise, the Medi-Nurse line is available 1-877-409-9052.

We know students are looking for extra support during this trying time. We have compiled a list of mental health support available to students and will 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.

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.

OTHER INFORMATION

In more hopeful news, the antiviral drug remdesivir showed improvement in patients with moderate COVID-19 in a late-stage study.

TIP OF THE DAY

In response to unemployment many are facing as a result of COVID-19, College of the Desert is offering 10 free self-paced professional development trainings where you can learn marketable skills like web design, small business marketing and tips and tricks for a successful job search. For more information and to register for these free courses visit the College of the Desert site today.

More Tips of the Day

Did you get this from someone else? Sign up to receive the daily COVID-19 Special Update under ‘Subscribe and Connect.’