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COVID-19 Update

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, and ahead of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on DACA, San Bernardino Community College District representative [Mariana Lopez advises families](#) across Riverside and San Bernardino counties through virtual meetings.

The COVID-19 Special Update now publishes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

A [federal judge today barred](#) the U.S. Department of Education's initial rules [restricting](#) as many as 800,000 students from being able to receive CARES Act emergency assistance. Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers' ruling applies only to California's community college students, though this is the [second such ruling](#) in the past week. California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley issued [this statement](#) in response to today's preliminary injunction.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) last week [announced](#) the release of \$2.96 billion in [Emergency Solutions Grants](#) to support homeless Americans and individuals at risk of becoming homeless due to the impact of COVID-19. Under the CARES Act, this funding can be used to prevent homelessness and provide essential services to people experiencing homelessness including childcare, education services, employment assistance, outpatient health services, legal services, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services and transportation. View allocation amounts [here](#).

Gov. Gavin Newsom on Tuesday [signed an executive order](#) addressing a variety of issues in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Among other actions, [the order](#) extends waivers temporarily broadening the capability of counties to enroll persons into the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, allowing for self-attestation of pregnancy and conditions of eligibility, and waiving in-person identification requirements.

Members of Gov. Newsom's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery late Monday [issued an open letter](#) calling out the insidious effects of structural racism across society and urging business and civic leaders to take a stand against injustice as the state and nation works to rebuild. [The letter](#) outlines how people of color are disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; unemployment; and racism in policing, and highlights the income gaps across ethnicity, gender and ability that persist in California.

You can find the latest information on how the state is responding to the pandemic on [California's COVID-19 website](#).

The Chronicle of Higher Education is [compiling a list of colleges' plans for reopening this fall](#). Of the nearly 1,000 colleges on the list so far, including California community colleges, about 65% are planning to resume classes in-person.



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.

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. You can find all upcoming events on the [CVC-OEI Events page](#). For online instruction support requests, please contact [CVC-OEI](#). Upcoming webinars include:

Teaching Biology with Labster’s Virtual Labs

Thursday, June 18 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

The system has partnered with Labster to provide virtual lab simulations to the colleges in its system. Join this webinar to learn best practices on engaging your biology students and reducing instructor workload with Labster’s virtual lab simulations. [Register at this link](#).



STUDENT SUPPORTS

Gen Zers are financially struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic, more so than any other age group according to one study. [Here are some policies](#) that could help offer them support right now.

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.



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

Read this [great article](#) about the role of community colleges in supporting mental health.

A [preliminary study shows](#) a commonly used steroid reduces risk of death in sickest coronavirus patients.

It is perhaps the [biggest mystery surrounding COVID-19](#): why does it kill some people, and spare others? How scientists are still trying to figure out the wildly variable nature of the virus.

[Americans are the unhappiest](#) we’ve been in nearly 50 years, at least according to new research released this week. The survey found more people are reporting feeling isolated or lonely, and more parents are concerned about their children’s future. (*Please remember: you’re not alone and help is available 24/7. [Find support services here](#).*)

TIP OF THE DAY

Check out how your city and county are tracking in terms of COVID-19 cases. California has launched a user-friendly [data portal](#) where you can find information updated daily.

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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