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# COVID-19 Update

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Los Angeles Trade-Technical College this week hosted a community food distribution event. The college worked with partners, including the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, SEIU, the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, the Building Skills Partnership and Labor Community Services, to provide boxes of food to more than 500 families. LATTC faculty, staff and student volunteers were on hand to assist with the drive-through, non-contact event. (Photo by Syeeda Washington)

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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](#).

The governor addressed the alarming spike in coronavirus cases in California, blaming “selfish” residents, young people in particular, for behavior that he says is putting people's lives at risk, notably refusing to wear a mask and attending gatherings. Newsom again implored everyone to wear face coverings in public, wash hands frequently and practice social distancing. Among the other notes from today's update:

- California has for a second straight day set a daily record for new infections. Newsom today reported 7,149 new cases across the state after Tuesday's reported 5,019 cases set an all-time high. Overall the state is closing in on 200,000 total cases.
- The statewide hospitalization total surpassed 4,000 for the first time as of Wednesday's update, a 33% increase since June 14. The hospitalization total grew by 227 in one day, the biggest increase so far.
- In the past 14 days, the state has conducted 1,052,101 tests with a positivity rate of 5.1%.
- The governor told county leaders across California that they must meet coronavirus goals and follow state guidelines or [risk losing state funding](#). The state is still tracking 11 counties (Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus and Tulare) with [coronavirus warning indicators](#).

[You can watch the full update here.](#) (Please note: the update starts around the 1:10 mark.)

The California Legislature on Friday is [expected to vote on the budget deal](#) reached earlier this week. The state faces a \$54 billion deficit in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health experts today warned that parts of the U.S. are on the verge of becoming overwhelmed by a [resurgence of the coronavirus](#). The U.S. recorded a one-day total of 34,700 new COVID-19 cases, the highest in two months, according to the count kept by Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top disease expert, on Tuesday told Congress the next few weeks will be critical to [slowing down the spread of the virus](#), and pledged to ramp-up testing. Dr. Fauci today spoke to the Sacramento Press Club about the pandemic. One of the main takeaways from the conversation: Dr. Fauci says get over your insecurities or reservations about wearing a mask and wear one whenever you're in public. The full discussion, followed by a moderated conversation with health experts and lawmakers, is available on the [Sacramento Press Club's Facebook page](#).

The International Monetary Fund on Wednesday [painted a bleak portrait of the global economy](#), saying the pandemic has caused more widespread damage than expected and will be followed by a sluggish recovery. The U.S. economy, the world's largest, is expected to shrink by 8% in 2020.



#### SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

Vice Chancellor for Educational Services and Support Aisha Lowe on Tuesday released [this memorandum](#) detailing emergency guidance for AB 705 implementation extending pending deadlines.

Vice Chancellor for College Finance and Facilities Planning Lizette Navarette on Tuesday released this [top-level summary](#) of the final 2020-21 state spending plan. For California community colleges, the 2020-21 budget agreement prevents cuts to apportionments and categoricals. In order to accomplish this, \$1.45 billion in funding is deferred to future years. Of the \$1.45 billion deferral, \$791 million would trigger-off if Congress approves a fourth stimulus package by October 1, 2020.

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 today's COVID-19 Weekly Webinar recording, as well as past 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](#).



#### 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.



### 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

Most California counties are seeing a surge in cases, and health officers are struggling to keep up. The Sacramento Bee has a thorough breakdown of how [counties are testing for the coronavirus.](#)

COVID-19 and the recent protests against police violence are [taking a toll on black health care workers.](#) *(Please remember you are not alone. Help is available 24/7 to anyone who needs it. [Find resources here.](#))*

Around 200 COVID-19 vaccines are currently being developed, all with the ultimate goal of preparing a person's immune system to fight off the virus. Still have questions? Here's [all you wanted to know about coronavirus vaccine science](#) but were too afraid to ask.

### TIP OF THE DAY

Do you have questions about how COVID-19 is affecting financial aid and other available resources? Visit the [COVID-19 FAQ page](#) at [Icanaffordcollege.com](http://Icanaffordcollege.com) regularly to stay informed on new information and updates about financial aid during the pandemic.

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