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COVID-19 Update

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Your actions save lives. (Image courtesy of [Gov. Gavin Newsom](#).)

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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 again addressed the dramatic rise in coronavirus cases across California, imploring everyone to “please, please practice common sense, common decency.” He repeated his plea that everyone needs to [wear a mask](#), practice social distancing and wash their hands throughout the day. Gov. Newsom also noted he will again hold daily updates because of the sharp spike in cases. Other notes from the briefing include:

- The state's COVID-19 positivity rate, hospitalizations and ICU cases all continue to climb. California has recorded more than 200,000 cases, including 4890 new cases and 79 deaths yesterday.
- The state is advising Imperial County to pull back on reopening and reinstate stay-at-home orders, due to a 23% increase in cases over the past two weeks. The state is also still tracking 14 other counties (Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tulare and Ventura) with [coronavirus warning indicators](#).
- Newsom says the state reserves the right to pause reopening and reinstate statewide stay-at-home orders if cases continue to increase at an alarming rate.
- In partnership with the California Manufacturers & Technology Association and GO-Biz, California has a [new online resource to the public](#). All businesses are now able to [connect with California-based manufactures](#) to obtain PPE.
- California is going to launch a new state campaign to encourage people to follow state guidelines on masks, social distancing and handwashing.

[You can watch the full update here.](#) (Please note: the update starts around the 8:35 mark.)

The California Assembly today is [expected to vote on the budget deal](#). The state Senate approved the \$202.1 billion spending deal last night.

Gov. Newsom on Thursday [declared a budget emergency](#) to support the state's response to the pandemic. The [proclamation](#) clears the way for the Legislature to pass legislation allowing the state to draw from the state's rainy day fund to help California continue to meet the COVID-19 crisis.

The governor also on Thursday announced [California has made COVID-19 modeling and data public](#) for the first time so that scientists, researchers and anyone can help the state and the world through access to data. Called [CalCAT](#), the tool contains assessments of the spread of COVID-19, short-term forecasts of disease trends, and scenarios of the course of the disease from modeling groups across the country.

San Francisco Mayor London Breed announced today the city is [temporarily delaying the reopening](#) of businesses like hair salons, nail salons, outdoor bars, etc. that was supposed to happen on Monday. Contra Costa County officials said they are considering a similar move and will announce a decision on Monday.

The White House coronavirus task force today held its [first briefing](#) in nearly two months. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, said the COVID-19 outbreaks happening in the West and South will very likely happen across the rest of the country.

More than 2.4 million infections have been reported nationwide, and the death toll has surpassed 122,000. Now, as cases surge to an all-time high, many states are [reversing course on reopening](#).

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention chief Robert Redfield [warned Thursday](#) that the actual number of coronavirus cases in the U.S. is probably 10 times higher than what's been confirmed through testing.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

Executive Vice Chancellor for Educational Services and Support Marty J. Alvarado today released [this memo](#) on Distance Education Faculty Preparation and COVID-19.

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 the 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

A [new report](#) estimates the state’s agriculture industry, including farms, ranches and ag businesses, have suffered \$2 billion in losses due to the pandemic, and estimates losses could go as high as \$8.6 billion for the year.

[Rates of COVID-19 cases among Latino people](#) have far outpaced the rest of the U.S., a testament to the makeup of the nation’s essential work force as the epidemic surges across the country.

A [new Washington Post-Ipsos poll](#) shows nearly one-third of Black Americans say they know someone who died of COVID-19, far exceeding their white counterparts.

TIP OF THE DAY

On Thursday, June 19 Governor Newsom issued an order that requires Californians to wear face coverings inside public spaces, hospitals, when riding public transportation, work places that require interacting with the public, office settings where people cannot physically distance and while outside if it’s not possible to stay six feet away from others. Read more about when and where you should be wearing your mask and why the order was instituted, [here](#).

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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