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COVID-19 Update

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"Our country is suffering from two diseases. One that's novel, COVID-19, and one that is historical, the scourge of racism. And both need a cure." – Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, Skyline Community College

We are again using this space to stand with our Black students, staff, faculty, stakeholders, partners and communities. Please [watch this webinar](#) to learn how the California Community Colleges is taking action to address structural racism and ensure our students have access to equal educational opportunity.

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



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

Gov. Gavin Newsom today [signed an executive order](#) declaring a statewide general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, and signed an executive order to ensure that Californians can exercise their right to vote in a safe, secure and accessible manner during the upcoming election. To curb the spread of COVID-19, today's order ensures in-person voting opportunities are available in sufficient numbers to maintain physical distancing.

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

The [damage to America's job market](#) from the pandemic will come clearer on Friday with the release of the May jobs report. Economists estimate 8 million more jobs were lost last month, and believe the nation's unemployment rate is around 20%.

A [new report released today](#) shows the coronavirus has infected at least 450,000 healthcare workers worldwide.

A new study shows hydroxychloroquine, the drug touted by President Trump, [did not prevent](#) healthy people exposed to COVID-19 from getting the disease.

['This is what happens to us.'](#) How U.S. cities lost precious time to protect black residents from the coronavirus.

Protesting in a pandemic: [Black and Latino families weigh COVID-19 risks](#) and joining the cause.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

The Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office have an unwavering commitment to advance equitable and inclusive hiring practices across California's community colleges. As such, the Chancellor's Office is hosting a webinar, called **Student Centered Institutions: Diverse Faculty Retention Strategies**. This webinar will focus on the student voice and role in hiring practices, and showcase strategies and lessons learned from individuals leading cultural change at their college through diversity, equity and inclusion retention efforts. A panel of experts will share and discuss retention strategies aimed at retaining a diverse workforce and addressing cultural competency and unconscious bias, as well as a discussion on strategies for retention in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar is tomorrow, Thursday, June 4 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. [Register at this link](#).

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley 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 tomorrow, Thursday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m. [Learn more and register at this link](#).

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](#).



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

Young adults are reporting their [highest levels of psychological distress](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Johns Hopkins.

McClatchy tomorrow will host its second public webinar called COVID-19: Bending the Curve / The Path to a Vaccine. The livestream brings together top medical professionals, industry experts, patient advocates and policymakers to discuss the latest advancements for combating the novel coronavirus. The webinar is tomorrow, Thursday, June 4 at 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Pacific time. [Find more information and register here](#).

TIP OF THE DAY

Experts expect coronavirus cases to jump in the coming weeks due to the ongoing protests nationwide over the death of George Floyd. Here's how to [protest more safely](#) during the pandemic.

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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