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COVID-19 Update

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Cerritos College's recent nursing graduates volunteered to help treat patients in New York City – the U.S. epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak. Jaime Zamora, Paiton Rivas, Gabriel Leyva, and Rose Saenz (left to right) boarded a plane to New York. Within 24 hours of arrival, they were given assignments at Bellevue County Hospital. These nurses took a 21-day consecutive assignment, including 12-hour shifts in the ER, ICU, medical-surgical and oncology.

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



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

Gov. Gavin Newsom today addressed California residents after meeting this week with community leaders, small businesses owners and elected officials on racism, systemic injustice and how we move forward as a state following the death of George Floyd and nationwide protests against police brutality. During the news conference, a time he had been devoting to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, the governor said he is [moving to ban police in California from using the type of restraint](#) used in Minneapolis on Floyd. Newsom said he'll remove the technique, known as a carotid restraint, from statewide law enforcement training and is asking lawmakers to send him a bill to ban the practice. The governor also called for the creation of a new statewide standard for use of force in protests.

The governor also reiterated today that he is [concerned about the spread of coronavirus](#) as thousands continue to protest across the state, and said California needs to prepare for higher rates of positive tests because of both the protests and the reopening of businesses that's underway.

[You can watch the full update here.](#) (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 3:00 mark.).

California is set to allow schools, day camps, bars, gyms and professional sports with modifications to begin reopening starting next Friday. Dr. Mark Ghaly, the state's top health official, said [new guidance will come today](#) for those businesses.

For the latest updates on how the state is responding to the coronavirus pandemic, you can find more information on [California's COVID-19 website](#)

In a surprising turnaround, the [nation's unemployment rate dropped to 13.1%](#) in May, down from 14.7% in April. Economists had expected the rate to jump to around 20%. The economy also gained 2.5 million jobs in May as many states began to reopen as coronavirus cases began to slow.

Federal health officials on Thursday announced laboratories will be required to [report race and ethnic data](#) about each person tested for the coronavirus to ensure that those tests are being carried out on an equitable basis.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

In lieu of a COVID-19 webinar this week, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office hosted a [Call to Action webinar](#) during which Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and other system leaders called for our system to actively strategize and take action against structural racism. Chancellor Oakley called for action across six key areas to help hold each of us accountable. [Read all six calls for action in this letter](#), signed by all Chancellor's Office leadership, and find a list of materials that can help start or continue the conversation regarding the end of systemic racism and injustice.

Vice Chancellor for College Finance and Facilities Planning Lizette Navarette on Wednesday [provided an update](#) on the [budget deal](#) reached this week between California lawmakers. The leaders of the State Senate and State Assembly are now negotiating with Gov. Newsom to reach an agreement before presenting a spending plan for both houses to approve by June 15.

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

"What we have here is an extraordinary spectrum, including this quiet, stealth mode of infecting somebody." [Nearly half of coronavirus](#) spread may be traced to people without any symptoms, a unique feature for a virus.

The University of California’s Research and Innovation division has [launched an effort](#) to accelerate urgently needed breakthroughs to address the pandemic and protect the most vulnerable.

TIP OF THE DAY

We recognize how extraordinarily stressful the last couple of weeks have been, amidst an already stressful few months. Please pay attention to your mental and physical health during this time. Learn more in the [California Surgeon General’s Playbook: Stress Relief during COVID-19.](#) (PDF). The guide is also available in [Arabic](#), Chinese ([Simplified](#) and [Traditional](#)), [Korean](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#) and [Vietnamese](#).

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