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COVID-19 Update

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Evergreen Valley College recently hosted its first of what will now be a twice-a-month drive-thru food distribution event. Associated Student Government volunteers distributed 475 boxes of food to students and community members. (Photo courtesy of John Nguyen.)

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



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

[Gov. Gavin Newsom today](#) announced California-based BYD North America has received certification from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to produce N95 respirators for the state. The company is contracted to produce and ship 150 million N95 masks for California and the first shipment is expected to arrive in the coming days.

The governor on Friday [signed an executive order](#) to help increase the availability of over-the-counter drugs, such as hand sanitizer, and medical devices, such as respirators, ventilators and masks, that are all in high demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The California Department of Public Health late Friday [released updated guidance](#) on reopening schools, child care centers, day camps and sporting events.

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](#).

State Superintendent of Instruction Tony Thurmond today [released new guidance](#) to help support public K-12 school leaders across the state as they work with their local health officers to plan for the safe reopening of campuses and classrooms this fall. The [guidebook](#) covers health and safety practices; instructional programs and models, including for special education and English learners; professional relationships and learning; mental health and well-being for staff and students; community engagement and parental support; early learning and care; and school services such as transportation and meals.

The U.S. [officially entered a recession](#) in February, ending the record 128-month expansion that started in June 2009. Experts say the economy peaked in February before the coronavirus pandemic spread throughout the country and prompted an unprecedented shutdown in economic activity.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley last week participated in a virtual discussion on **“The Future of Work: The Education-to-Employment Pipeline,”** co-hosted by CalMatters and The Milken Institute. If you were unable to attend the conversation, you can watch a recording [here](#) or listen to an audio-only version [here](#).

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 Undocumented Higher Education Coalition, The Campaign for College Opportunity and the Foundation for California Community Colleges will be hosting a webinar, “**Supporting Undocumented Students: Maximizing Community College Programs**” on **Thursday, June 11 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** This webinar will shed light on how California’s community colleges can

leverage existing structures, particularly California Promise Programs, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) and Student Equity and Achievement Programs to backfill the growing financial aid gaps and provide targeted supports for undocumented students in light of COVID-19 and the uncertain future of DACA. [Register here](#).

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

[New research](#) published today shows shutdown orders prevented about 60 million novel [coronavirus](#) infections in the United States and 285 million in China.

The World Health Organization [has reversed course](#) and now says masks [have a role to play](#) in fighting the spread of coronavirus.

TIP OF THE DAY

Are you avoiding an at-home haircut? Gov. Newsom recently announced that hair salons and barbershops can begin to reopen in many counties. Check [this site](#) to see if your county is one of them. Also, before getting your hair cut you may want to ask if there is a [COVID-19 surcharge](#).

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