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# COVID-19 Update

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All 63 San Joaquin Delta College fourth-quarter nursing students are graduating this spring, despite disruptions to their clinical hours caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. These first responders say they're eager to get to work and help California through this crisis.



## 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 daily 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 today announced the [Western States Pact is calling for federal support](#) for states and cities responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. In a letter sent to Congressional leadership, governors and legislative leaders from five western states requested \$1 trillion in direct and flexible relief to states and local governments in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic in order to preserve core government services like public health, public safety and public education and to help people get back to work. [Read the full letter here](#).

[You can watch the full update here](#). (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 5:15 mark.)

The [California Senate](#) today officially reconvened after taking a pandemic-related recess. A number of [new safety guidelines](#) are in place for lawmakers and the public.

The California School Boards Association has released the [results of a survey](#) that "illustrate the technology barriers students face as their schools transition to distance learning." Among the findings: "One-third (33%) of the survey's respondents indicated that "less than half" or "a small minority/none" of their students have broadband home internet access or similar." [Read the full survey here](#).

The White House is now [requiring staffers to wear masks](#) in the West Wing after a number of positive tests.

If you or someone you know is [still waiting for a stimulus check](#), you have until Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. eastern to give the IRS your direct deposit information.



## SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

We encourage administrators, faculty and staff to regularly check the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#) for ongoing announcements.



## ONLINE INSTRUCTION

The California Community Colleges Accessibility Center will host an Accessibility Office Hours webinar via Zoom on Thursday, May 14 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. This webinar will offer the opportunity to ask

questions and share best practices regarding institutional web and IT accessibility issues. [Find more information here.](#)

Join the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges for part one of a three-part webinar series to discuss competency-based education for our system.

**Webinar 1: Competency-based Education 101: What is it and how is it different from our current offerings?**

Panelists:

Marty Alvarado – California Community Colleges Executive Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Supports

Aisha Lowe – California Community Colleges Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Supports

Cheryl Aschenbach – Academic Senate Secretary, 5C Co-Chair

Karen Daar – Los Angeles Valley College Vice President of Academic Affairs, 5C Co-Chair

The webinar is Thursday, May 14 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. [Join the webinar at this link](#) or via the information below:

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Webinar ID: 922 7887 4849

[International numbers available 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](#).



**RESOURCES**

The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and the Center for Urban Education are offering a [six-part webinar series](#) to provide strategies for faculty and administrators to exercise agency on behalf of the most vulnerable students. Webinars will be recorded and posted on the Vision Resource Center. The fourth webinar is:

**Online Support as an Anti-Racist Practice**

Thursday, May 14, 2020 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

The immediate and unforeseen transition to exclusively online courses and administrative services in the wake of COVID-19 can make it difficult for administrative and students. In this webinar, panelists will: 1) discuss how administrators can proactively engage students with the goal of building and sustaining authentic relationships with minoritized students and 2) share strategies for doing so in online teaching and virtual support. [Register at this link.](#)

College practitioners can find COVID-19 resources, information, and community 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.



**STUDENT SUPPORTS**

Encourage your students to visit [StayEnrolled.com](#) to get the latest information and updates related to financial aid, transfer and career education. 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.

Please reach out for help if you need it. 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 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**

The [emotional toll](#) for front line workers could continue long after the coronavirus pandemic ends.

Are you or your students finding it challenging to concentrate? You’re not alone. [A neuroscientist explains](#) why it’s so hard for many of us to read a book right now.

In a bit of good news, California Community Colleges alum [Guy Fieri](#) is once again stepping up to help those in need, [raising more than \\$20 million](#) for restaurant workers who have lost their jobs. A sincere thank you, Chef Fieri, for all you do.

**TIP OF THE DAY**

Reports of racism and xenophobia against Asians and Asian Americans have skyrocketed in the wake of COVID-19. Our friends at California State University share tips on [how to be a part of the solution](#).

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