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COVID-19 Update

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Mt. San Jacinto College nursing students have spent weeks on the front lines, including volunteering at a COVID-19 testing site at Storm Stadium in Lake Elsinore.



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:

- [More than 1 million diagnostic tests for](#) the coronavirus have been conducted statewide. Increased testing is one of the [six critical indicators](#) for modifying stay-at-home orders.
- The [California Department of Consumer Affairs and State Board of Pharmacy](#) will allow pharmacists to collect specimens for COVID-19 tests and order tests for consumers.
- The state has created a new “Medi-Nurse” line available for Medi-Cal patients without a health plan (fee for service) and uninsured Californians. The line is [1-877-409-9052](#) and is available 24/7 for COVID-19 concerns or for general medical issues.
- California office and mall workers who can't telework [can now return to work](#). Employers must adhere to a strict set of modifications before employees can come back.

[You can watch the full update here](#). (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 7:00 mark.)

[Butte](#) and [El Dorado](#) counties in Northern California are the first two counties [to get the okay](#) from the state to reopen some businesses.

The [Los Angeles County public health director today said](#) the county “with all certainty” will keep stay-at-home orders in place until July. She did not issue an official order but said the timeline would only change if there were swift changes in the virus and/or testing.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, today [told a Senate committee](#) that the country will face "really serious" consequences of suffering, death and deeper economic damage if stay-at-home orders are lifted too quickly.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi today unveiled a [\\$3 trillion coronavirus aid package](#) that would provide nearly \$1 trillion for states and cities. The House could vote as early as Friday; the Senate will not take up the bill until after Memorial Day.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

The California Community Colleges, seeking to protect hundreds of thousands of students denied eligibility to federal emergency student assistance, filed a [lawsuit](#) Monday to stop the U.S. Department of Education from placing arbitrary eligibility restrictions on relief funds Congress approved to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The lawsuit was filed against Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. Joining the lawsuit against DeVos is the Los Angeles Community College District, the Los Rios Community College District, the State Center Community College District, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and the San Diego Community College District. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra is representing the Board of Governors and the Chancellor. [Read the full news release here.](#)

The Chancellor's Office remains committed to keeping everyone informed during this uncertain time. We encourage administrators, faculty and staff to regularly check the [Chancellor's Office COVID-19 resource page](#) for ongoing announcements, guidance and more.



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE

California State University Chancellor Timothy White today announced [the majority of classes at all 23 CSU campuses will go online](#) for the fall 2020 semester. Chancellor White said there will be some limited exceptions that will allow for in-person activity.



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

Beginning today, [families with children who qualify for free or reduced-priced meals](#) will begin receiving a one-time benefit of up to \$365 per child for food. The extra money is part of the Pandemic Emergency Benefits Transfer program, and eligibility extends to students who are picking up “to-go” meals through school.

TIP OF THE DAY

The coronavirus outbreak is causing a lot of stress and anxiety for people all over the world. Visit the California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response website to view some helpful [resources for emotional support and well-being](#). Remember, you are not alone.

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