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Students eligible for CalFresh can receive money every month to buy groceries needed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Apply today at: 1-877-847-3663 (FOOD) or students.getcalfresh.org.

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 10 more California counties have been given the okay to reopen, with modifications. Discussions are underway with 31 of the state’s 58 other counties to begin the reopening process, but Newsom said conditions are still too serious in Los Angeles and San Francisco counties to modify guidelines for resuming business in those areas.

Gov. Newsom, speaking today from an El Dorado County fire station, also provided an update on the state’s wildfire preparedness efforts, saying California continues to act at an emergency pace to protect communities most at risk from wildfires during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can watch the full update here. (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 5:35 mark.)

Tomorrow, the governor is set to release his May Revision budget proposal for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Due to the current public health emergency, he’s expected to release a drastically different budget from the initial proposal in January. Last week, his administration projected a $54.3 billion deficit for the coming budget year.

COVID-19 deaths in California remain at a plateau. Here are two reasons why the state is struggling to fully control the coronavirus.

SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS
On March 16, 2020 the Board of Governors granted the Chancellor additional authority to help colleges continue to provide educational services to students including the ability to temporarily suspend regulations adopted by the Board of Governors and local rules and regulations. Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley today issued an executive order and guidance memo to provide the temporary extension of fiscal reporting due dates. This information is posted on the Chancellor’s Office Communications to Colleges section of the Chancellor’s Office COVID-19 resource page.

COVID-19 Emergency Conditions Allowance Forms are due on Friday, May 15th. If your district submits the emergency conditions allowance form, the Chancellor’s Office will use your P1 FTES information in 2019-20 and any future years where 2019-20 FTES is used, such as the 3-year average used to calculate the traditional credit FTES.
The Cabrillo College governing board on Tuesday voted unanimously in support of a resolution urging the U.S. Department of Education and Secretary Betsy DeVos to allow colleges and universities to distribute CARES Act emergency funding to all students.

**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:

Or iPhone one-tap:
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Or Telephone:
- Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):
  - US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592
- 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**

Cal OES recently announced colleges seeking FEMA reimbursement will need to participate in one of the scheduled Applicants’ Briefings for the California COVID-19 major disaster declaration. FEMA-4482-DR-CA is the federal designation for the biological event with the incident period beginning January 20, 2020 and continuing. Potential applicants should attend the Applicants’ Briefings. These briefings will provide information on the application procedures, cost eligibility, documentation requirements, payment processing, and deadlines. The complete schedule of Applicants’ Briefing can be found here. The materials that will be referenced throughout the webinars can be found at the Virtual Applicant’s Briefing page.

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.
The California surgeon general, pediatrician Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, today discussed how parents can recognize signs their children are struggling with their mental health during the coronavirus shutdowns — and the impact of stress and anxiety on children’s physical health.

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.

Are you or a family member struggling to find childcare options? The California Coronavirus Response website includes an online portal that shows childcare options near you.

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