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Support for students, families, and communities impacted by COVID-19. Click this link or click the photo above to watch a video and learn more about the Foundation for California Community College’s Relief and Recovery Campaign. Give now at foundationccc.org/relief.

STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

Gov. Gavin Newsom did not hold a public news conference today but will resume daily updates on Monday. You can find the latest information on the state’s response to the coronavirus pandemic on California’s COVID-19 website.

The California Employment Development Department today announced the release of $23 million through two National Dislocated Worker Grants to address the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on the state’s workforce. The two grants from the U.S. Department of Labor will provide temporary jobs to 600 unemployed workers and employment and job-training services to 2,590 workers affected by the pandemic.

The California Department of Social Services announced undocumented adult Californians who are affected by the pandemic and ineligible for other forms of assistance can start applying for a $500 one-time emergency grant on Monday, May 18. This state funding is expected to reach about 150,000 undocumented adults. More information is available here.

The House is expected today to pass a $3 trillion coronavirus relief bill, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The bill is not expected to pass the Senate and President Trump has already promised to veto the bill if it did reach his desk.

The president today unveiled details of “Operation Warp Speed,” an effort to fast-track the development of a coronavirus vaccine and medical treatments by January.

SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges will hold its May meeting via Zoom on Monday, May 18 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Find webinar information here.

The Chancellor’s Office is committed to keeping our system informed during this time. We encourage all administrators, faculty and staff to regularly visit the Chancellor’s Office COVID-19 resource page.

ONLINE INSTRUCTION

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 fifth webinar is:

Equity-Minded Mathematics Instruction
Thursday, May 21, 2020 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
This webinar will include one or more math instructors from California and Colorado who have worked with CUE on developing pedagogical practices that are critically race conscious. This session will address: (1) traditional vs equity-minded conceptions of the ways in which math is done and thought about, (2) how to draw upon student’s knowledge, (3) noticing racialized patterns in data close to practice (gradebook and attendance mapping, designing homework problems), (4) engaging students conversations that focus on how they are experiencing the online environment. 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.

Help is available whenever 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.

OTHER INFORMATION
The UC Berkeley Institute of Government Studies this week released results of a new poll on how perceptions of inequality and the pandemic vary drastically among our state’s residents. Among the findings: democrats were more than three times as likely as republicans to strongly agree that COVID-19 is increasing inequality in the United States.

A new study shows areas in the United States that do not adhere to any social distancing policies face 35 times more cases of the novel coronavirus.

TIP OF THE DAY
Governor Newsom recently announced that Californians now have access to a new testing and treatment website, where there are resources for people who think they may be sick and answers questions about testing. The website also has an interactive feature to help people find a testing site nearby.

More Tips of the Day

Did you get this from someone else? Sign up to receive the daily COVID-19 Special Update under ‘Subscribe and Connect.’