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COVID-19 Update

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San Diego Mesa College student Lance Nelson volunteers with New York Cares. He signed up with the organization after recently moving to New York City, and plans to attend Columbia University in the fall.

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced the San Diego Community College District to transition to online and distance learning, Mesa College journalism student Lance Nelson saw an opportunity to make a difference. He sold virtually all his possessions and flew to New York — the epicenter of the nation’s coronavirus outbreak — where he has been volunteering since April 1 with food banks and pantries that feed struggling residents.

[Read more about how this California community college student is serving others.](#)



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 [loosened the coronavirus criteria](#) for counties wanting to reopen. Counties will have to demonstrate that [hospitalization rates are stable](#) and their rate of positive cases are low. Counties would also need to show they had no more than 25 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents in the past 14 days, or a positive test rate of less than 8%. Newsom says this move will allow 53 of the state’s 58 counties to more quickly reopen.

Newsom also said today that [professional sports could begin in early June](#), without fans present.

[You can watch the full update here.](#) (Please note: the broadcast begins around the 5:20 mark.)

The governor on Sunday [spoke to CNN](#) about how the state will determine whether or not schools will reopen in the fall.

The Legislative Analyst’s Office on Sunday released its [initial comments](#) on Gov. Newsom’s [May Revision](#), which the governor announced last week. The LAO applauded the revised budget plan as a “balanced mix of solutions,” in response to the estimated \$54.3 billion budget shortfall but notes that “...in a number of areas across the budget, the administration asks that the Legislature delegate significant authority to the executive branch.”

The U.S. today passed [two grim milestones](#): more than 1.5 million confirmed COVID-19 cases and more than 90,000 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, but early coronavirus vaccine results are showing [encouraging results](#).



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office again partnered with the Association of California Community College Administrators, the Association of Chief Business Officials and the Community College League of California to release the [2020-21 Joint Analysis of the Governor’s May Revision](#). This detailed and comprehensive tool is crafted to serve as a common factual resources to aid in further analysis or advocacy for the California Community Colleges. You can find summary information related to the system budget on the [Budget News](#) page of our website.

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.



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE

California State University Chancellor Timothy White today [appeared on the Today Show](#) to discuss the decision to keep all CSU campuses closed this fall and move virtually all instruction online. He also talked about when he imagines campuses will reopen.



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](#).

Recordings and transcripts for previous webinars are available. The links for Webinar II - "Equity-Minded Online Teaching: Using Canvas as a Model" presented by Jennifer Ortiz and moderated by Dr. Marissiko M. Wheaton are below:

- Webinar [recording](#).
- Webinar [transcript](#).
- Participants comments and resources are [available here](#).



STUDENT SUPPORTS

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and help is available to anyone in need. 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 COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for all of us. [Three CSU experts share their thoughts](#) on how to wrestle with feelings of anxiety, helplessness and fear, and how to help others who are also struggling.

Instagram has launched a new tool, called [Guides](#), to help users find reliable, accurate information on topics, with a focus on wellness and mental health. The new mobile-only tool shows users tips and resources from a [variety of publishers](#) to reflect what is happening in people's lives during the coronavirus pandemic.

TIP OF THE DAY

If you or a family member are experiencing housing insecurities or are on the brink of losing your home, California has resources to assist. Visit the [Housing and Homelessness](#) page on the California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response website for more information.

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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