



California
Community
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COVID-19 Update

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College of the Canyons International Services and Programs staff congratulate this year's graduates.



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

Gov. Gavin Newsom did not hold a public news conference today. You can find the latest information on the state's response to the coronavirus pandemic on [California's COVID-19 website](#).

The governor's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery today [sent a letter to congressional leaders](#) asking them to pass \$1 trillion in direct relief for state and local governments. The Task Force, convened last month, is co-chaired by Gov. Newsom's Chief of Staff Ann O'Leary and philanthropist, environmentalist and businessman Tom Steyer, to chart a path forward on recovery in the wake of COVID-19. [Read the full letter here](#).

[Sacramento County](#) has been given the go-ahead to move further into Stage 2 of California's [Resilience Roadmap](#).

The U.S. and Canada have agreed to [extend the border closure](#) for another 30 days.

Nearly 4 million [stimulus payments](#) will be sent to Americans on prepaid debit cards instead of as paper checks, the IRS and Treasury Department announced.

By tomorrow, all 50 states will have taken steps to reopen, just in time for Memorial Day. [Here's how California compares to other states](#).



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley this week presented the [State of the System report](#) to the Board of Governors. Among the highlights: California community colleges over the past two years have increased the number of students who earn college credentials by 20%, meeting one of six goals articulated in the system's [Vision for Success](#) ahead of schedule, and gaps between Latinx and white students in completion of transfer-level English and in attainment of Associate Degrees for Transfer have closed measurably. Colleges are making significant progress toward meeting the other goals as well. Data for the State of the System report was collected before the COVID-19 crisis, and Oakley said that despite deteriorating economic and budget conditions the system will continue to focus on ensuring that students from all backgrounds have the right opportunities and supports to succeed. [Read the full news release here.](#)

Chancellor Oakley spoke with Inside Higher Ed on how California community colleges are preparing for the fall, and how the system has become more flexible for students. [Listen to the podcast here.](#)

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.



ONLINE INSTRUCTION

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

Webinar 2: Advancing Competency-Based Education for California Community Colleges

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

Jan Young – 5C Member (ACCE), Glendale College Division Chair of Continuing Education

The webinar is Thursday, May 21 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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Webinar ID: 959 2633 3064

International numbers available [here](#).

If you missed **Webinar 1: Competency-based Education 101: What is it and how is it different from our current offerings?**, you can access the recording and slides in the [Vision Resource Center](#).

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.](#)



STUDENT SUPPORTS

May is Mental Health Matters Month and help is available to anyone in need. We have compiled a list of supports available for students and will continue to share them on a daily basis.

Resources, tools, and trainings regarding health, mental health, wellness, basic needs and more designed for California community college students, faculty and staff are available on the [California Community Colleges Health & Wellness website](#). Specific COVID-19 resources are available on the home page.

[Wellness Central](#) is a free online health and wellness resource that is available 24/7 in your space at your pace.

[Each Mind Matters](#) offers resources, tools and activation kits for mental health.

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 COURAGE to 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 threatens to deepen the [mental health care crisis](#).

TIP OF THE DAY

Blood plasma from recovered COVID-19 patients may be able to help sick people get better faster. If you have recovered from COVID-19, your donation could help—consider donating and [find a donation center](#).

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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