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COVID-19 Update

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MiraCosta College will celebrate a [virtual commencement](#) on Friday, May 22. Superintendent/President Dr. Sunita Cooke said the school “... will virtually honor our students, their families, and communities for their accomplishments and share the joy of this moment through the beauty of technology.” Graduate Celia Ramirez will deliver this year’s commencement address. Congratulations to all graduates!



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

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

The governor this week was interviewed by NPR’s *All Things Considered*. During the interview, Newsom again called on the federal government to help states recover from the pandemic. [Listen to the full interview here](#).

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond today hosted a webinar for all California school districts to discuss what it will take for K-12 schools to reopen this fall. Ideas include a blend of in-person and online teaching, with more in-person instruction for younger students and distance learning for older students. [Listen to the webinar here](#).

More than [2.4 million people applied for unemployment benefits](#) last week, bringing the total number to 39 million since March. This week’s unemployment numbers were down from last week, which is a glimmer of good news, but experts say the [labor market is in rough shape](#).

Four senators on Wednesday [introduced a bill to create a \\$4,000 tax credit for workers](#) who lost their jobs due to the coronavirus pandemic to put toward skills training. If passed, the legislation would apply to training such as apprenticeships, certificates and two- and four-year programs.



SYSTEM GUIDANCE/NEWS

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.



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA GUIDANCE/NEWS

University of California President Janet Napolitano said this week “[every campus will be open and offering instruction](#)” this fall, but said she “anticipates that most, if not all of our campuses, will operate in some kind of hybrid mode.” California State University Chancellor Timothy White announced last week the CSU system is preparing for online-only instruction this fall.



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 sixth webinar is:

How to Express Care with a focus on Racial Equity

Thursday, May 28, 2020 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

This session is informed by common assumptions that racially minoritized students are deficient. Often times instructor's and administrators' responses imply that "racial equity" means to provide interventions that "fix students." This session will critically address how to provide authentic care to students with a focus on racial equity. [Register at this link.](#)



STUDENT SUPPORTS

If your students have been financially affected by COVID-19, they may qualify for California WIC. WIC provides healthy foods and other essential services to eligible families. Visit the [WIC website](#) for more information.

We know students are looking for support during this trying time. We have compiled a list of mental health support available to students and will continue to share them on a daily basis.

- If students have **Medi-Cal** and are in need of mental health services, they can call the number on their health plan membership card, or call their [local county mental health line](#). For help finding what services are covered, call the [Medi-Cal Managed Care and Mental Health Office of the Ombudsman](#) at [888-452-8609](#) Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- If you are concerned about a family in need of food or assistance, or you need resources yourself, call [211](#), contact your local non-profit [Family Resource Center](#), or apply for public benefits, which may include health care, cash aid, and food and nutrition assistance, through your county's [Social Services or Health and Human Services department](#).
- 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

[A new study released today reveals](#) black patients diagnosed with COVID-19 are nearly three times more likely to be hospitalized for treatment than non-Hispanic white patients also diagnosed with the disease. [Here's how one doctor believes we can bridge the gap.](#)

UC researchers and others warn [the inflammatory illness linked to COVID-19 is also affecting young adults](#), not just children.

Numbers may be our greatest defense in the fight against the coronavirus. Why [herd immunity is so important](#) in this battle.

We know our own campuses will look different this fall. Here are the [dramatic changes coming to college campuses](#) around the country.

TIP OF THE DAY

Since people across California are preparing more food from home than ever before, here are [40 quick lunch ideas](#) to give you some inspiration.

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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