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COVID-19 Update

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Los Angeles Mission College ASO President Briana Garnica shows off her graduation pride while helping to promote participation in the Los Angeles Community College District's upcoming virtual recognition ceremonies. The district will be hosting nine virtual ceremonies that will be streamed throughout the afternoon and evening on June 9 on each of the colleges' Facebook and YouTube accounts.



STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE/EXECUTIVE ORDERS/NEWS

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

The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee met today to [lay out details of a budget proposal](#) that would avoid trigger cuts included in [Gov. Newsom's May Revision](#). Lawmakers on both sides have [criticized the governor](#) for proposing billions in cuts to schools, health care and safety net programs, as well as his reliance on the federal government in his budget plan.

[San Francisco Mayor London Breen today announced new guidelines](#) for reopening the city and county. Social distancing and face coverings outside are still required, and telework is still highly recommended if possible.

[The House gave overwhelming bipartisan approval](#) today to legislation to modify a new "paycheck protection" program for businesses affected by the pandemic. The bill now goes to the Senate, where a vote is expected next week.

Despite businesses across the country reopening, another [2.1 million Americans applied for unemployment last week](#), bringing the total to around 41 million since mid-March. The new numbers come as the Trump administration says it will break precedent and [won't release formal economic projections](#) this summer that would forecast the extent of the economic downturn.

The United States on Wednesday passed the grim milestone of 100,000 deaths, a number that's difficult for many to process. In this article, [each ray of light is one life lost](#) to COVID-19 in our country.



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.



ONLINE INSTRUCTION/WEBINARS

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. Upcoming webinars include:

Online Health and Mental Health Resources for Students- Showcasing Wellness Central and Foundation for California Community Colleges Health and Wellness Websites

Friday, May 29 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Providing health and mental health services and resources to the California community college student population is more important than ever. Many colleges are transitioning to a fall 2020 remote format or hybrid format and are looking for ways to offer support services online. Wellness Central is a Canvas-based program that offers a wide variety of health information in one place in a familiar venue for our students. The tag line "your space at your pace" reflects the confidential and 24/7 availability features of this program. The California Community Colleges Health and Wellness website opening page promotes "Health. Mental Health. Wellness. Basic Needs." again all in one place. Both sites were created specifically for California community college students and both are free to all California community colleges. [Register at this link.](#)

California Ally Virtual Summit

Tuesday, June 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ally users from across the state will have the opportunity to talk about all things related to accessibility and learn from one another. Speakers will be covering a wide range of Ally use cases and personal experiences—from success stories on Ally adoption to how it's being woven into curricula. [Register at this link.](#)

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 today wrapped up a six-part webinar series to provide strategies for faculty and administrators to exercise agency on behalf of the most vulnerable students. Webinars were recorded and posted on the Vision Resource Center. You can also [find recordings and transcripts here](#).



STUDENT SUPPORTS

If any of your students are uninsured and need medical advice, about the coronavirus or otherwise, the Medi-Nurse line is available [1-877-409-9052](#).

We know students are looking for extra 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](tel: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](tel:1-800-273-8255). Or call or text the Victims of Crime Resource Center at [1-800-842-8467](tel: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

When could a [COVID-19 vaccine](#) be ready? Experts say the end of this year is the best case scenario.

[Fitness trackers could become sickness trackers](#): new research shows data from wearable devices like a Fitbit or Apple Watch can reveal coronavirus symptoms days before you even realize you're sick.

TIP OF THE DAY

If you have been financially affected by COVID-19, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits, paid family leave, disability insurance, eviction moratorium and more. [Find financial help and answers to some common questions on financial relief here.](#)

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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