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COVID-19 Update

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Southwestern College biology professor Dr. Shaunte Griffith-Jackson recorded this [video](#) at the conclusion of Classified Professionals Week on Friday, May 22.

Beginning on Monday, June 1, the COVID-19 Special Update will publish on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



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 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 opened his news conference with comments and a personal message on the death of George Floyd, acknowledging the public's anger and calling for society to do better. He transitioned to the COVID-19 pandemic and said many counties are ready to move into Phase 3, though it will be up to the counties to decide at what pace that happens. Gov. Newsom also noted that the state is making progress in testing, administering 50,000 tests a day.

[You can watch the full update here.](#)

The governor and First Partner Siebel Newsom this afternoon announced [new and expanded support for victims of domestic violence](#) amidst the pandemic.

Los Angeles County today [got the green light to reopen restaurants and salons](#), with more guidelines set to come next week.

San Mateo County today [revised its stay-at-home order](#) to allow retail stores to allow customers inside and allow places of worship to hold services.

Ventura County is [extending its stay-at-home order](#) while easing other restrictions.

President Trump today said the U.S. will [cut funding to the World Health Organization](#), saying it failed to adequately respond to the coronavirus.



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.

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley next week will participate in a webinar called **The Future of Work: The Education-to-Employment Pipeline**. CalMatters and the Milken Institute will host the virtual discussion about California's response, recovery in the wake of the pandemic and what the "Future of Work" means now to educators, employers,

college students and cities across the state. The webinar is Thursday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m. [Learn more and register at this link.](#)

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:

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](#).



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](#) 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

For black men, wearing a mask can be as dangerous as COVID-19. A UCLA professor [discusses the overlooked ways](#) that the pandemic is affecting black Americans

If you think you had the coronavirus back in December, you very likely didn't. [Health experts say the virus ignited in the U.S.](#) no earlier than mid-January.

TIP OF THE DAY

Free, confidential COVID-19 testing is available statewide in California. [Find a testing site near you.](#)

[More Tips of the Day](#)

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